

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2012**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger  
Stephen Algeo  
Florence Frei  
Barbara Krantz  
Suzanne Kravitz  
Steve Pizzollo  
Jim Purcell  
Jim Ryder  
Justin Stottlar

Youth Councilor:

Amanda Brooks

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi (absent)

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich (absent)

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer  
Morning Call

Perkasie Borough President Matt Aigeldinger convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council Vice-President announced the Public Hearing was continued until the Council Committee meeting of July 2, 2012 regarding the Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Fair Housing Act. This would allow additional time to review a letter just received from the Bucks County Planning Commission on this topic.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Andrew Rumbold of 502 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street stated some pool members are concerned with how Menlo staff responded to a recent letter and are asking Council to address a number of issues.

President was Luther Chontofalksy of 270 Parkridge Drive who stated that nothing still

has been done about the stone throwing in his development. He thought that selling police services to Sellersville Borough was not in the best interest of the Borough.

Bill Delaney of 250 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street stated he thought that trimming trees at Callowhill Street would give drivers and better view. He further stated that Walnut Street at Constitution Avenue has a line of sight problem now with the new American Heritage Credit Union building.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Aigeldinger asked Council to wait for the full police report before making any comments on the recent Perkasio police shooting.

The Borough Manager was asked to set up times for Council to visit and review Menlo Aquatic's Center pool procedures, staffing at the Lazy River, and discuss using *Diamond Brite* on the pool to recoat the surface.

President Aigeldinger also congratulated the Pennridge High School Graduating Class of 2012.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the following Council meeting minutes: 1) Committees meeting from May 7, 2012 and June 4, 2012, 2) Special Public Utility Committee meeting of May 14, 2012, 3) Council meeting May 21, 2012.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor noted that it had been a sad and tragic week with the almost near drowning at the pool and the shooting in the Perkasio Police Department. He encouraged all to remember who the First Responders are in the Community and encourage people to volunteer in the community.

### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for May 2012.

### Budget Status

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for May 2012.

### Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

### Planning Commission Report

No current meetings.

Police Department

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the Police Chief's Administrative report for May 2012.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consideration of Making N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street One-Way

This matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Power Supply Plan

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved and adopted the Power Supply Master Plan prepared by GDS Associates Inc. dated May 14, 2012. This plan will guide Borough Officials and Power Supply Consultants in the procurement of electric power supply needs in the years to come.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Select Planning Consultant

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the firm of Bucks County Planning Commission to prepare the Perkasio Borough Comprehensive Development Plan with Transportation Initiatives in accordance with their proposal dated April 2012 and at a quoted price of \$55,195.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment Reconsideration

This matter was tabled pending review of a letter from the Bucks County Planning Commission.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Callowhill Street Bike Crossing

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to arrange for the installation of fixed signs and crossing enhancement along the bike path at Callowhill Street at an estimated cost of \$660.00. The Manager is also authorized to arrange for the removal of trees that form a sight line problem for motorists approaching the bike path in a westerly direction or any other direction.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Personnel and Policy Committee.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Purcell seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was not business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Steve Pizzollo addressed the issue of the pool rescue with Councilmembers. He stated that if the pool employees had acted inappropriately, Council would have had a roomful of people at this meeting. Suzanne Kravitz asked the age of the child involved and where the parents were at the time of the incident. Jim Purcell stated the lifeguards did their job.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut spoke regarding the Callowhill bike path stating that pedestrians and bicyclists also need to be responsible when traveling that segment of Callowhill Street.

Joe Loburak of 411 West Walnut Street had a question regarding his high water bills. It was suggested that he attend the next meeting of the Perkasio Regional Authority.

## **PRESS FORUM**

No questions from the press.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:47 President Aigeldinger adjourned the regular Council meeting to go into executive session. He further announced that the Council meeting would reconvene after ending of the executive session. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss possible litigation against the owner of the Curves franchise for non-payment of rent. Note: *Under Section 8(a)(4) of the Sunshine Law this would be an appropriate item for executive session "To consult with its attorney or other professional advisories regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues in which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed"*.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05PM.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council considered authorizing Borough staff to negotiate with a settlement with a Borough tenant prior to commencing litigation against

that tenant for back payment of rent. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Flo Frei who abstained due to a personal interest in the business. The motion was passed by an 8-0-1 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary