

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2012**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Barbara Krantz
Florence Frei
Jim Purcell
Jim Ryder
Justin Stottlar
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Berardi
Harold Stone
Josh Aniskevich
Joe Gura

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Electric Superintendent

Park and Recreation Director

Police Chief

The Finance Committee meeting was opened at 9:00AM by Finance Committee Member and Council President Matt Aigeldinger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no comments.

INTRODUCTION

Finance Director Joe Berardi presented an overview of the changes that were made to the draft budget from the first Finance Committee meeting September 29 2012.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Chief Gura presented an overview of his line item budget some of the Council members questioned some of the items within the budget. Florence Frei had questions concerning vehicles and sale of vehicles. Barbara Krantz asked whether additional training was included in the budget. The Chief said that it was. Barbara Krantz asked whether old computers could be used in the cars. The Chief stated they were specially designed for the cars and other computers could not be used. A question arose about the telephone system. It was noted that a new carrier is already in place for the Borough and \$500 a month saving is expected from this point going forward. There are no additional monies earmarked for new phone hardware. Jim Purcell asked about traffic safety items. The Chief explained the need for new speed detection devices

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Joe Berardi reviewed a Power Point presentation regarding the highlights of the Electric Fund. Manager Dan Olpere then explained the long range facilities plan that was completed this year and noted that two of the items are included in the budget, the overload tie circuit and \$10,000 towards a substation security system. Superintendent Harold Stone addressed Council concerning manpower issues for the coming year, and requested that one of the part time employees be made full time. It was noted that money has already been included in the budget for this purpose.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Joe Berardi presented a power point presentation for the Menlo Aquatic Fund highlighting major changes to the budget from 2012. Council members questioned whether the remaining borrowed funds could be utilized in the future years to install Diamond Brite coating to the competition and leisure pools. There was some discussion on membership and membership categories and the need to do some additional marketing.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Lastly, Joe Berardi gave a power point presentation on the remaining funds in Administration, Executive Administration and Finance categories in the General Fund.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antzcak of 718 Shadywood Drive, expressed concern about weeds she has seen growing in the gutters along some of our streets. She noted that Liquid Fuels money could be utilized to take care of these weeds and to seals all the cracks against the curbs. Council members requested that the Public Works Director be contacted concerning possible contracting out for possible spraying of weeds and sealing curbs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20AM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary