

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz (absent)
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Jim Ryder
Justin Stottlar
Amanda Brooks
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum (absent)
Joe Berardi
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone
Josh Aniskevich
Nate Fox
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive complained about leaf pick up and chipping after the storm and that a lot of stuff didn't seem right with him.

Mike Kracht said he was thankful to live in the Borough and thanked the Borough for their service. Mr. Kracht also asked to have some text amendment of a zoning ordinance to help his client develop 5th and Blooming Glen.

Ron Schulberger of 203 E. Walnut St. wanted to thank the Borough for the "bang up" job they did during the storm. Maybe open up the yard waste drop off more than on time a month.

Upper Bucks Healthy Community Youth Coalition

Lee Rush of 128 Ridge Ave gave a presentation on the Upper Bucks Healthy Community Healthy Youth Coalition. Mr. Rush works for a small non profit group called Just Community based out of St Luke's in Quakertown. The Coalition works with youth from Palisades, Quakertown and Pennridge school districts, and surveys them every 2 years about substance abuse. He stated that alcohol, tobacco and prescription drugs are the substances most abused by the youth in our area. He then spoke about the Prescription Drug Take Back Box which could be placed in the Police Department lobby and be available year round for people to drop off unwanted drugs.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Matt Aigeldinger said that with substance abuse in the community he would like to assist the community and form a Quality of Life Task Force. Matt asked Council to form a sub committee to work on this. A healthy community keeps drugs and vandalism out; he would like schools, churches and neighbors to become involved. Also congratulations to the Pennridge Rams Football team for making it to the quarter finals. Finally, Matt wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Council Committee meeting minutes from November 5, 2012.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Council meeting minutes from October 15, 2012.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Constituent Outreach Committee meeting minutes from September 11, 2012 and November 13, 2012.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Finance Committee meeting minutes from September 29, 2012 and October 20, 2012.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked Matt for putting forth the committee on Quality of Life. He then asked Council to support the concept of developing 5th and Blooming Glen and asked them to take a harder look at the opportunity. He then updated Council on the shooting incident this summer stating that he and council share the sadness which all of us feel for the families involved. When an incident like this happens certain processes take place, one of them is an investigation by the District Attorneys. The DA investigated the incident and no charges have been pressed against the officers and that the officers received psychological evaluation and passed all 3 levels and are fit for duty and was therefore put back on duty. The Chief began to put together a review of

polices and training that exist and take a look at how things could be improved. The process has been completed and we now have gone to a Chief from outside of our community to review everything and are waiting for him to get back with his input. He thanked everyone for their patience with this issue.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

No report at this time. But the surveys have been mailed out to Borough residents and businesses and the commission is looking forward to getting them back. Also, the Comprehensive Plan is moving forward; however, the commission would like better attendance from the community so encourage your neighbors to come out.

Police Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Police Chief's monthly report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Withdraw Bid Award for Trash Bags

Dan Olpere spoke and gave Council a brief update on the trash bag bid and asked Council to withdraw the bid with Franklin because they reneged on the bid. The salesman we were working with left the company and they had no record of our order. They did not return our template for our logo, and he recommended the Borough go with Fordian for the bags. The quantity purchased will be under the state bid limit.

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously withdrew the bid for trash bags.

Snow Removal Bids

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the bids for snow removal in the Borough. GTR Welding and Peter Jerrom Landscaping.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved to authorize the Borough Manager to commit to the purchase of short-term, mid-term, and long-term power supply in accordance with the attached Resolution #2012-14.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved requests from certain businesses in town to be able to connect to the public electric system for holiday and other special event lighting in accordance with the attached Resolution #2012-13.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Florence Frei nominated Chris Uncangco of 264 Parkridge Drive to the Park and Recreation board. He has been a resident for 13 years. Frei asked if anyone else was interested in the position. No one was interested.

Upon motion made by Frei and seconded by, Purcell to appoint Chris Uncangco to the Park and Recreation Board.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

None at this time.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuition Reimbursement Request – Jason Heft

Upon a motion by Krantz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously accepted to approve tuition reimbursement for Jason Heft for 2013.

Accept Resignation from Amanda Brooks.

It was with heavy hearts that a motion was made to accept the resignation of Amanda Brooks as Youth Councilor to Borough Council effective January 1, 2013. Amanda is working to get into college at Penn State to get a degree in Engineering. She is 9th in her Senior class at Pennridge High School. Council appreciates her involvement and wishes her the best of luck.

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, to accept the resignation of Amanda Brooks as youth councilor effective January 1, 2013.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Authorize Annual Contribution to the Pennridge Community Center

Upon a motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the annual contribution to The Pennridge Community Center.

Recommend 2013 Preliminary Budget

Upon a motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously recommended approval of the 2013 preliminary budget.

Authorize Solicitor to File Compliant and Confession of Judgment for Delinquent Tenant

The Borough's current tenant SPK Training is delinquent on their November rent and has announced through their attorney that they intend to vacate the premises. An action is request by Borough Council to authorize the solicitor to file a complaint and confession of judgment for this delinquent tenant which would force the immediate rent due until the end of the contract and allow the Borough to take immediate possession of the space.

Upon a motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the solicitor to file a complaint and confession of judgment against Sean Kling and David Grice for delinquent rent. Council member Barbara Krantz abstained from the vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Harry Tucker, a representative of Pennridge FISH, presented hand outs from Pennridge FISH and gave a brief run down of the services they provide for the residents of the Borough. FISH is 40 years young and needs a 5,000 square foot building to continue to provide services they help 1,600 individuals a month with clothing, food, and give out \$90,000 a year, for rent and utilities. When PRA moves next year, they might not have a place to go and are now in the process of looking for a building.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

None at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None at this time

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough solicitor Nate Fox announced that Council would be meeting in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Police Department. Under Section 8(1) an executive session can be held:

“To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure). The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any meeting involving the appointment or selection of any person to fill a vacancy in any elected office.”

The meeting would not be reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary