

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 17, 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

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (absent)

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich (absent)

Borough Solicitor:

Nate Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer

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**

Ms. Susan Green, 624 E. Walnut St., asked why Steven Barth was hired without showing any plans for Perkasie.

Mr. Andy Rumbold, 502 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on his meeting with Steve Algeo, Dan Olpere and Joe Berardi. The comments related to the 2013 preliminary budget and the 2013 health care benefits provided to the Borough employees.

Tom Craven, 412 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, was here to voice his concerns about the Zoning Hearing Board's decision to grant three variances to ABH Builders for their proposed house at 408 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Donna Craven, 412 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked Council for listening to her issue in regard to ABH Builders and reminded Council about each of the three variances granted by the Zoning Hearing Board.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Council President Matt Aigeldinger wished Council and the community a Merry Christmas and to take time to enjoy your family.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the minutes for the Council and Committee meetings of December 3, 2012, November 19, 2012 and November 12, 2012.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

#### Mayor's Report

The Mayor let everyone know that a letter of review from Chief Kelly in regards to the June shooting would be available after the meeting and he echoed Council President Aigeldinger's wish for a Merry Christmas.

#### Taxes Collected

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

#### Budget Status

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

#### Engineer's Report

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

#### Planning Commission Report

None

#### Police Report

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Jim Purcell stated that his to his knowledge Perkasio Olde Towne had not hired Steve Barth. He stated further that POTA was still raising funds for the potential economic development position.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

None

### **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE**

Dan Olpere briefed Council about the recent power supply purchases for 2016 and 2017. He anticipates that in 2016 the wholesale purchase of power will drop by 2 million dollars for the Borough. Councilmembers Purcell and Aigeldinger thanked Mr. Olpere for his hard work on this matter.

### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Florence Frei thanked Josh Aniskevich and the Skate Park Committee for the good job on the Skate Park Grand Re-Opening. She also thanked the Public Works Department and Electric Company for the work they did on the Park as well.

### **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

Upon motion by Kravitz and seconded by Purcell, Resolution 2012-15 establishing all meeting days for 2013 was accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Krantz and seconded by Pizzollo, Resolution 2012-16 establishing the wage and salary schedule for 2013 was accepted. The motion passed 8 -1 with Councilman Stottlar voting no.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### **4 THREE YEAR TERMS TO PERKASIE BOROUGH PARK AND RECREATION BOARD THRU 2015**

Suzanne Kravitz nominated Barbara Hollenbach, Harold Brummett, Mary McKay and Betty Jarrett to the Park and Recreation Board which was seconded by Florence Frei. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **1 ONE YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM THRU 2013 TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

Jim Purcell nominated Nelson Hollenbach to the Park and Recreation Board which was seconded by Krantz. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **1 FOUR YEAR TERM TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION THRU 2016**

Suzanne Kravitz nominated Brian Black to the Civil Service Commission which was seconded by Barbara Krantz. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **1 FOUR YEAR TERM TO THE PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION THRU 2016**

Steve Pizzollo nominated Richard Packard to the Perkasio Planning Commission, which was seconded by Jim Purcell. The motion passed unanimously.

## 1 FIVE YEAR TERM TO THE PERKASIE ZONING HEARING BOARD THRU 2017

Steve Pizzollo nominated David Barndt to the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board, which was seconded by Jim Purcell. The motion passed unanimously.

### Resolution 2012 -19

Upon motion by Purcell and seconded by Pizzollo, Resolution 2012-19 establishing the Non Uniform Pension Contribution for 2013 was accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

### Informational Technology Contract

Upon motion by Frei and seconded by Purcell, the 2013 Informational Technology (IT) service contract with Kiesel's Computer Services was approved. The motion passed unanimously.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

### Resolution 2012- 17

Upon motion by Purcell and seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the 2013 Consolidated Fee Schedule.

### Ordinance #960

Upon motion by Pizzollo and seconded by Ryder, Council approved Ordinance #960 establishing the Real Estate Tax Rate for 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

### Resolution 2012-18

Upon motion by Purcell and seconded by Pizzollo, Council approved the 2013 Final Budget. The motion passed 8-1 with Councilmember Stottlar voting no. After the roll call vote was taken Councilman Matt Aigeldinger questioned Councilman Stottlar on his no vote. Saying that there had been plenty of opportunity for discussion and questions before the budget came to final approval and that he should have participated more in the Saturday meetings.

### Appointment of Auditor for 2013

Upon motion by Purcell and seconded by Krantz, Council approved Styers Associates for Auditor for the coming year to perform the 2012 audit. The motion passed unanimously.

### Distribution of Pension Plan Interest

Upon motion by Kravitz and seconded by Pizzollo, Council approved the distribution of interest into the three accounts: the municipal account, the members account, and the retirees account. The

motion passed unanimously. The Manager and Solicitor recommended the fees be established by ordinance.

#### Increase in Tax Collectors Fees

Upon motion by Pizzollo and seconded by Purcell, Council tabled this issue until the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Manager and Solicitor recommended that the fees be established by ordinance.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Borough Solicitor Nate Fox briefly explained to the audience how the appeal process works for the Borough, or any other person who requested party status at the meeting, to appeal a decision of the Zoning Hearing Board.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

None.

#### CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

None.

#### QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

Council President Matt Aigeldinger announced that Councilmember Justin Stottlar had turned down his appointment to the Quality of Life Task Force. Jim Purcell volunteered to be on the task force in his place.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Council President Matt Aigeldinger asked Council to approve giving all Borough employees a \$25.00 gift card as a holiday bonus for all of their hard work during 2012. On a motion by Purcell and seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the motion.

Council President Matt Aigeldinger thanked youth Councilmember Amanda Brooks for her service to the Borough. He wished her well in her future.

Borough Manager Dan Olpere stated that the Drug Drop-Off Box has been ordered and when the other parties involved have paid their portion of the bill, the box will be shipped.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Rebecca Miletic, 254 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, stated she was disappointed with Council for dipping into the reserve to give pay raises to the staff and made some comments related to the preliminary budget.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive, stated that the Borough Manager was doing a good job of checking the microphones prior to the meetings, but then complained about the microphones being left open when people were done speaking.

## PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Matt Aigeldinger 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:

*(1) “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.”*

*(2) To hold information, strategy and negotiation sessions related to the negotiation or arbitration of a collective bargaining agreement or, in the absence of a collective bargaining unit, related to labor relations and arbitration.*

The meeting would be reconvened.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary