

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2013**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (present via phone)
Stephen Algeo (arrived 7:07 PM)
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz (arrived 7:15 PM)
Suzanne Kravitz
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Jim Ryder
Justin Stottlar
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Berardi
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone (absent)
Josh Aniskevich
Nate Fox
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

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 Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt Aigeldinger joined the meeting by telephone at the beginning of the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive was disappointed that the meeting date was changed for this meeting from January 21, 2013 to January 22, 2013 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

Rebecca Militec of 254 North 4th Street thanked Chief Joe Gura for his years of service and retirement. She further congratulated the Interim Police Chief Steve Hillias. She asked Council to consider hiring an individual outside current employees.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the meeting minutes for January 7, 2013 and December 17, 2012 by a 7-0 vote. Krantz, and Algeo were not present at this point of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

None at this time.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for December 2012 by a 7-0 vote. Krantz, and Algeo were not present at this point of the meeting.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for December 2012 by an 8-0 vote. Krantz was not present at this point of the meeting.

Engineer's Report

None.

Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere reported at the last Perkasio Planning Commission meeting the Bader lot line change was discussed.

Police Report

Present Plaque to Chief Gura

Mayor Hollenbach from Perkasio Borough and Mayor Hufnagle of Sellersville Borough presented Chief Joe Gura with a plaque to express appreciation for the Chief's 32 years of service to the Borough since 1980. Chief Gura will be retiring January 31, 2013.

Oath of Office for Acting Police Chief Steve Hillias

Sgt. Hillias has been, by action of Borough Council, Steve Hillias, by action of the Borough Council, has been appointed as the acting (Interim) Chief of Police to be effective February 1, 2013. Mayors Hollenbach gave the Oath of Office to Sgt. Hillias for his new Interim Police Chief position.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Hough Associates to Perform 2013 Recycling Data-DEP Grant Preparation

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Aigeldinger, by a 9-0 vote, Council unanimously approved the agreement between Hough Associates and Perkasio Borough to collect 2012 residential and commercial recycling data and to prepare the PA/DEP 904 Recycling Grant Application on behalf of the Borough.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, by a 9-0 vote, Council unanimously approved the municipal commitment form for Bucks County which would obligate the Borough to commit to paying its proportional share of household hazardous waste disposal cost of \$1,165.86 per year for the years 2013 through 2016. It is further noted that the price may drop if the overall costs to the program are lower than expected.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

ABH Builders-Report on Meeting

This matter has been resolved during a meeting with the builder and concerned neighbors. We can report publicly that there was an amicable settlement and that the builder has agreed not to put a full third floor on the property.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Discuss Selection of Executive Search Firm

Council discussed hiring an executive search firm to help perform the search for a new permanent Chief of Police. Council reviewed a Comparison of Executive Search Options for selection of New Chief of Police for Perkasio Borough.

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Stottlar, Council considered hiring Safe City Solutions for the search for a new Chief of Police. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Stottlar, Pizzollo, Frei, Krantz, Aigeldinger, and Purcell voted in favor of hiring Safe City with all options. Councilmembers Kravitz, Ryder, and Algeo voted against it. Motion carried 6-3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented by an 8-0 vote.

Aigeldinger did not vote on the issue due to a bad phone connection.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Renewal of Lease for Third Floor Tenants "Fitness that Fits"

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a lease extension for another six months, from April 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 at the same monthly rate of \$1,200 per month.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Justin Stottlar brought up the issue of the deteriorating retaining wall, outlined in a memo from Public Works Director Dan Gilbert and Manager Olpere, in front of the police station. Since this is a job that is too big for the Public Works Department to do, Council agreed to hire Contemporary Gardens to do this work in the amount of \$9,700. In addition, they agreed to accept half of the money in 2013 (since it was not specifically budgeted) and one half in 2014. In addition, they agreed to appropriately trim all the shrubbery in this area and add new shrubbery to fill in the gaps. It was agreed that capital reserves would fund the 2013 portion of the project, and that the 2014 balance would be specifically budgeted for in 2014.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rebecca Militec, 254 North 4th Street stated Council could have waited until the next meeting to vote on a selection committee for a new Police Chief to compare what different companies are available to perform these services.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary