

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2013**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Interim Police Chief:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Park and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 PM for consideration of ordinance #961 which would increase the tax collector compensation and associated fees in ordinance form.

Andy Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street encouraged Council to approve the tax collector compensation ordinance stating that tax collector Judy Patton does a good job.

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously agreed to close the hearing.

MEETING CONVENES

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the Committee meeting at 7:05PM. Mr. Aigeldinger gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Manager reported that at the January 23 Planning Commission meeting the commissioners discussed a lot line change for the Bader property on 5th Street. He stated the next meeting will be held February 13, 2013 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for January 2013.

Resolution #2013-1, Designation of Agent for Hurricane Sandy

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-1 designating Finance Director Joe Berardi as Agent of the Borough for disaster relief assistance for Hurricane Sandy.

Penny Lane Access Area

Manager Olpere explained an on-going open space access problem in the Highland Woods subdivision) that has developed over the years which has now reached a point where the Borough needs to pursue a solution.

Committee members reviewed a memo from the Manger explaining the situation and offering a remedy of contacting the property owners that are involved in the access problem and inviting them to the next Committee meeting.

Consider Sump Pump Discharge Ordinance

The Committee revisited a sump pump discharge ordinance discussed about a year ago to better regulate sump pumps and roof drains. They also reviewed a memo from the Manager explaining the purpose of the ordinance. It was suggested that the Borough Engineer attend the next Committee meeting to see what other municipalities are doing in this situation.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for January 2013.

East Lake Power Project

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager concerning a possible

additional power supply source for future needs through AMP (American Municipal Power, Inc.) called the “Eastlake Peaking Project”. The Committee agreed to recommend authorizing the power supply consultant to review this project for suitability for the Borough’s use. The Manager was asked to find out how many similar projects may also be available to review this year. The item will be placed on the February 19 Council agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer’s monthly report for January 2013.

Bader Property-Request for Waiver of Lane Development

The Committee reviewed a request from Richard and Robert Bader attempting to make a lot line change on a property on North 5th Street so the rear portion can be sold. At the Perkasio Planning Commission meeting on January 23, 2013, the Planning Commission heard the presentation of the applicant and voted to recommend approval to the Borough Council and further recommend a waiver of the land development process so that the plan could stand as approved as a lot line adjustment. It was agreed to wait until the official waiver request was received from the applicant.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Commercial Activities in Park System Ordinance #962

A public hearing was held earlier in the meeting. The Committee reviewed an ordinance regarding commercial activities within the public park system and restricting the sale of articles and the offering of commercial services without the consent of Borough Council. It was agreed to place this ordinance on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

Pennridge Community Day Request to Reserve Lenape Park

Committee members reviewed a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. requesting permission to hold the annual event on July 7, 2013 with a raindate of July 14, 2013. This matter will be placed on the February 19 Council voting meeting.

Approval of Event Permit Application-Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release

The Committee members reviewed a request from Compassionate Friends-Quakertown Chapter to reserve and utilize the Skate Park Pavilion and walking trail for a Memorial Walk and butterfly release on June 8, 2013 with a raindate of June 9, 2013. This matter will be placed on the February 19 Council meeting.

Request for Donation-MOMS Club of Harleysville-South

The Committee reviewed a request from the “MOMS Club of Harleysville-South” organization requesting daily guest passes for the 2013 pool season for an annual banquet charity dinner raffle. It was agreed to place the item on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuition Reimbursement

The Committee reviewed a memo concerning tuition reimbursement for employee Chris Nicol to attend Small Engine Repair Class at the Upper Bucks County Technical School. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

Consider Adoption of Updated APPA Safety Manual (15th Edition)-Resolution #2013-2

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Public Works Superintendent Harold Stone concerning his recommendation to adopt the latest edition of the APPA Safety Manual. The Committee agreed to recommend approving a resolution re-adopting the APPA Safety Manual #14 at the February 19 Council meeting.

Appointment of Police Chief Selection

President Aigeldinger announced the members for the Police Chief Selection Committee who will assist the Recruiting Consultant during the process:

Matt Aigeldinger
Barbara Krantz
Jim Purcell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sales of Used Police Vehicles

The Manager reported that there were 2 old police vehicles that are ready to be sold. The Committee reviewed a report on the condition of those cars from Acting Chief Steve Hillias. The Committee agreed to recommend selling the cars on-line through MUNICIPALIBID. The matter will be placed on the February 19 Council meeting agenda.

Increase Tax Collector's Compensation Ordinance #961

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #961 amending Chapter 46 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to the commission and fees of the real estate tax collector.

Request for Donation for Pennridge Community Day

The Committee reviewed a letter from Tom Skiffington, President of Pennridge Community Day, Inc. requesting a contribution for the event which will be held July 7, 2013. \$500.00 has been set aside in the 2013 budget for this donation. It was agreed to place this matter on the February 19, 2013 Council agenda for approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to discuss for this Committee.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The last meeting of the Constituent Outreach Committee was held January 8, 2013. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for March 12, 2013.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

President Aigeldinger updated Council on the Quality of Life Task Force Committee meeting that was held January 28, 2013.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary