

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (absent)

Stephen Algeo

Florence Frei

Barbara Krantz

Suzanne Kravitz

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Justin Stottlar

John Hollenbach

Daniel P. Olpere

Andrea Coaxum (absent)

Joe Berardi

Steve Hillias

Dan Gilbert (absent)

Harold Stone (absent)

Josh Aniskevich

Nate Fox

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Interim 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.

PUBLIC HEARING-ZONING ORDINANCE 963

Maureen Wheatley of the Bucks County Planning Commission and Rich Hendricks, and Chairman of the Perkasie Borough Planning Commission reviewed and explained the history of the multi-year project to update and revise the Perkasie Borough Zoning Ordinance.

There were no public comments from the audience.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee minutes of February 4, 2013.

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of January 22, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported that he had been approached by a production company interviewed him to possibly choose Perkasio Borough for a TV show focusing on best places to live, work and play in North America. However, he noted after two interviews, he was told the borough would need to front a production fee of \$24,800 for the show. Manager Olpere stated he sent the President of Perkasio Olde Towne Joe Ferry and public information officer for the Pennridge School District as well as Stephen Barth, Perkasio's economic development director, the details of the production in order to get their opinion on whether there might be stakeholders interested in paying for the production costs.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for January 2013.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for January 2013.

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

None

Police Report

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Interim Chief's police report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

East Lake Power Project

The Committee reviewed a possible opportunity recommended by our electric consultant Garrett Cole, to purchase a share of a natural electric gas generating facility called the Eastlake Peaking Project. The project is situated in Northwest Ohio where there is a lot of demand and limited generation supply. The project is being financed, by AMP, for 25 years. After reviewing all the information carefully, the Borough Manager asked if Council was willing to have the consultant perform a study of the project in the amount of approximately \$4,000-\$5,000. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Ryder, Algeo, Krantz, Pizzollo and Stottlar voted against the study. Councilmembers Purcell, Frei, and Kravitz voted in favor of it. By a 5-3 vote, it was agreed not to pursue the project.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Updated Zoning Ordinance #963

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #963

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Commercial Activities in Park System Ordinance #962

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #962 amending Chapter 124 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinance pertaining to commercial activities within the public park system and to restrict the sale of articles and the offering of commercial services without the consent of Borough Council.

Pennridge Community Day Request to Reserve Lenape Park

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Community Day to hold its annual event in Lenape Park on Sunday, July 7, 2013 with a raindate of Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Approval of Event Permit Application-Memorial Walk and Butterfly Release

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved a request from the Compassionate Friends-Quakertown Chapter on June 8, 2013 to reserve the skate park pavilion and use the walking trails throughout the park starting at the twin bridges from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM for a butterfly release. Further, the organization would like to reserve June 9, 2013 as a raindate.

Request for Donation-MOMS Club of Harleysville-South

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved donating 4 daily Menlo Aquatic Center guest passes for the 2013 pool season to the “MOMS Club of Harleysville South” for a charity raffle.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuition Reimbursement

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the tuition reimbursement request of Public Works employee Chris Nicol to be able to attend a small engine repair class at the Upper Bucks County Technical School.

Consideration Adoption of Updated APPA Safety Manual (15th edition)-Resolution #2013-2

Upon motion by Krantz seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution 2013-2 to readopt the APPA Safety Manual, 15th Edition.

Approve Resolution #2013-3, Fire Police Events

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-3 authorizing the Perkasio Fire Police to assist for special events and times of emergencies.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Sale of Used Police Vehicles

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to arrange for the sale of two used police vehicles, two 2006 Crown Victoria's to be sold on MUNCIBID to the highest bidder.

Request for Donation for Pennridge Community Day

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. for a donation to the annual Pennridge Community Day event on July 7, 2013 in the amount of \$500.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None at time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rebecca Militec of 254 North 4th Street thanked Interim Chief Steve Hillias for the information on updated training the police officers are receiving regarding mental illness.

Amy Ness of 512 Spring Court provided Councilmembers information she obtained off the internet regarding the East Lake Power Project which took her two hours to obtain.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Matt Aigeldinger announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss labor negotiations and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary