

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2013**

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 John Hollenbach
Mayor:	Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager:	Andrea Coaxum (absent)
Assistant Manager:	Joe Berardi
Finance Director:	Steve Hillias
Interim Police Chief:	Dan Gilbert (absent)
Public Works Director:	Harold Stone (absent)
Electric Superintendent:	Josh Aniskevich
Parks and Recreation Director:	Nate Fox
Borough Solicitor:	News Herald
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

Joe Suder, President of the Pennridge Little League thanked the Borough's Electric Department for all their help in renovating the Little League's snack stand. Mr. Suder additionally requested permission to install more sturdy permanent batting cages in place of the temporary ones at the Little League field on Walnut Street.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive expressed opposition regarding the proposed amendment to the electric security deposit policy.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Aigeldinger thanked Jim Purcell for running a productive Public Utility Committee meeting on March 11, 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of February 19, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach reported to Council that he had canceled his second interview with the TV producer of "Today in America." The show had reached out to Hollenbach to see if Perkasio wanted to be featured as a good place to live, work and play in North America. It would cost \$24,800 in production fees to be featured on the show. Hollenbach said, after talking to different stakeholders, businesses and Perkasio Olde Towne Association that Council felt it does not have the means to effectively fund the effort. "So, that is off the table as of the present," the Mayor said.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for February 2013.

Engineer's Report

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

Perkasio Planning Commission Report

At the March 13 Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan meeting, the members discussed the Stormwater Management Plan. The next meeting will be April 10, 2013.

Police Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2013-10 to Authorize Traffic Signal Plan Amendment

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-10 to authorize a traffic signal application for an amended traffic signal permit for Park Avenue and Ridge Road to allow for an emergency vehicle pre-exemption device to be installed.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Security Deposit Waiver-Resolution #2013-4

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council considered Resolution #2013-4, to allow the Borough to waive security deposits for renters who have received signed authorizations from their landlords to allow the waiver. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Steve Algeo who voted against it. Motion carried 8-1.

Consider Authorization for Engineering Study-Eastlake Project

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council considered authorizing GDS Associates to review the feasibility study, beneficial use analysis and other pertinent information regarding the proposed Eastlake Power Peaking Electric Generation Project, for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Borough Council on whether this project may be beneficial to add to the Borough's power portfolio. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Stottlar who voted against it. Motion carried 8-1.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Approval of Outdoor Church Worship Service in Kulp Park

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Blooming Glen Mennonite Church to hold an outdoor church worship service and baptism in the creek on Sunday, June 16, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 1:00PM at Kulp Memorial Park.

Approval of Event Permit Application-Tsunami Karate Belt Ceremony

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved an Event Permit Application from Tsunami Karate to hold a belt ceremony in Menlo Park on July 28, 2013 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Approval of Event Permit Application-Tsunami Karate Kick-a-Thon

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an Event Permit Application from Tsunami Karate for a Kick-a-Thon July 28, 2013 benefitting childhood cancer to be held at 516 West Walnut Street and to approve no parking on the street in front of the building and no parking in the municipal lot next to the building.

Approval of Springfest Event

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Old Towne Association annual Springfest event to be held on May 18, 2013.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Approve Emergency Preparedness Plan Resolution 2013-6

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously adopted Resolution #2013-6 approving the latest 2013 version of the Borough's Emergency Preparedness Plan. This is a re-adoption of the previous plan. Councilmembers thanked Steve Reichman, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator for updating the Emergency Plan and for a job well done.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Amend Fee Resolution #2013-8, Menlo Aquatic Center Program Pricing

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously amended the Borough Fee Schedule to include new prices for additional programs at the Menlo Aquatic Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before this committee.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Committee noted a request to build a crosswalk from Stonycrest drive to the bike path crossing Walnut Street. It was agreed to place the matter on the April Committee agenda.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Flo Frei referred to a letter received from the MOMS Club of Harleysville South thanking the Borough for the donation of 4 Menlo Aquatic Center daily passes for their Annual Charity Banquet and Raffle. To show their appreciation for the donation, they agreed to provide three months of free advertising in their monthly newsletter as well as highlight Borough events.

Flo Frei also thanked the Park and Recreation Director for putting the Annual Pool Survey together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:37 PM, the Solicitor announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss a police personnel matter and would be reopening the meeting thereafter. Councilmembers went into the vault meeting room to hold the executive session.

The public portion of the Borough Council meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM.

Consider Resolution #2013-9 to Reinstate

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-9 to approve the reinstatement of a former police officer Badge #8 to the Officer's former rank of patrol officer. Solicitor Fox then read Resolution #2013-9 in its entirety.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive made reference to how his public comments were addressed at the March 12, 2013 Constituent Outreach Committee meeting.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary