

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 6, 2013**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Matt Aigeldinger gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Fox stated that 5 Councilmembers were present which constitutes a quorum. Barbara Krantz, Flo Frei, and Steve Pizzollo were at a Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's conference which is an excused absence.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at this time.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting of Planning Commission will be to review the Comprehensive Plan on May 8, 2013

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Stream Bank Erosion-Spruce Street

Property owner Michael Trampe of 321 West Spruce Street was present to request assistance from the Borough Council regarding streambank erosion to the rear of his property. Borough Engineer Joe Nolan reported that to do the repair work the approximate cost would be \$19,000 to repair the retaining wall properly, a cost that includes getting permits from the state Department of Environmental Protection to address the streambank erosion. The homeowner stated he felt it was the Borough's responsibility to repair the streambank behind his property. The Borough Manager reported that the Borough had not been able to find in any records whether Perkasio, the original developer or a previous property owner had installed the failed retaining walls. Perkasio Councilmembers stated they did not want to set a precedent if they could not determine that the Borough had initially installed the retaining wall. Councilmembers agreed they could not see using taxpayer money to fix a private property. It was agreed to table the matter pending research of additional information.

Bid Award-Curb and Sidewalks

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the contract for concrete sidewalk, curbing, and handicapped ramp work to Ettore Ventresca and Sons, Inc. for a total cost of \$58,716.

Consortium Stone & Asphalt Bid

The Committee reviewed the results of the stone and asphalt bid that was received from the Bucks County Consortium. Committee members recommended awarding the bid to H&K Materials. The matter will be placed on the May 20, 2013 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Other Business

President Aigeldinger made reference to a memo received from Interim Chief Steve Hillias regarding a handicapped parking request on West Market Street.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved a request to designate a parking space for a person with a disability at 912 West Market Street, Perkasio.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Presentation of APPA Safety Award

Matt Aigeldinger presented the APPA Safety Award to the Borough Electric Superintendent Harold Stone and Lineman Shane Huey.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Appoint Code Enforcement Agency

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council made a motion to approve the appointment of Code Inspections, Inc. of Horsham, PA as the Borough's building inspection and code enforcement third party agency. This appointment is made in accordance with the terms of the latest proposal dated April 30, 2013.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Request from Pennridge FISH-Menlo Aquatic Center Pool Passes

The Committee reviewed a letter from Pennridge FISH requesting 4 free day passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center to be used in their fundraising efforts. The Committee concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the May 20, 2013 Council meeting agenda. Matt Aigeldinger, Jim Purcell and Jim Ryder noted that they would like to donate their free pool membership to Pennridge FISH.

Event Permit Application Rubber Duck Race in Lenape Park Creek

The Committee reviewed an Event Permit Application from the Pennridge Field Hockey Booster Club requesting permission to hold a rubber duck race in Lenape Park along the creek sometime in late August or September. Since it is unknown how many people will turnout for the event, Council agreed the matter should be placed on the May 20, 2013 agenda for approval.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Adopt New Version of Borough Employee Handbook-Resolution #2013-12

Due to the absence of a majority of the Personnel and Policy Committee at a PSAB conference, this matter was tabled until the May 20, 2013 Council meeting.

Re-adopt Non-Uniformed Employee Benefit Policy-Resolution #2013-13

Due to the absence of a majority of the Personnel and Policy Committee at a conference, this matter was tabled until the May 20, 2013 Council meeting.

Consider Agreement to Re-hire Employee (AFSCME)

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously agreed to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Perkasio Borough Council, AFSCME District Council 88, and Paul Alger, to allow the former employee to be rehired with the same number of vacation, personal, and sick days as he would have had at the end of 3 years, 10 months, and 2 days of seniority.

Noise Complaint-Consider Ordinance Amendment

The Committee reviewed a noise complaint from a resident of the Borough. The noise ordinance section deals with noise which is set by frequency and decibel levels for the emission of certain sounds within the Borough. This requires specialized equipment to do so (sound meter). The Committee agreed that the noise complaint is more disorderly conduct than something that could be measured at a decibel level. It was agreed to take no action on the request and to let the Police Department handle the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorize Fund Transfer

The Committee reviewed a memo from Finance Director Joe Berardi requesting to move partial Borough funds to American Heritage Credit Union and the remaining funds to First Savings Bank from First Niagara Bank. The interest rate at First Niagara was very low compared to American Heritage and First Savings Bank. Mr. Berardi explained the necessity to split the funds between the two banks due to the complexity of the collateral method that American Heritage offers. It was agreed to place the matter on the May 20, 2013 Council meeting agenda for approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Award

The Committee reviewed a nomination form for the Perkasie Pride Award for a property located at 112 North 9th Street. No other nominations were received. It was agreed to place the matter on the May 20, 2013 agenda for consideration.

Other Business

President Aigeldinger reported that he attended a meeting of Perkasie Olde Towne regarding its Springfest event on May 18, 2013. He also reported a meeting he had with Economic Development Steven Barth updating the Committee on current projects. Mr. Barth is working with First Savings bank on a low interest loan pool program and Secant Medical to keep them from moving out of the Borough.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Constituent Outreach Committee is scheduled for May 14, 2013 at 7:00PM.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

The Committee was looking to schedule a meeting sometime at the end of May or beginning of June.

OTHER BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Steve Algeo stated he overlooked the agenda item Code Enforcement Officers Report under the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for April 2013.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive addressed Council with a problem of residents not following the rules on recycling, leaf pick-up and refuse collection.

Rebecca Miletic of 254 North 4th Street spoke concerning the drug problem in Perkasio and urged Council to go forward with the Quality of Life Task Force to help address the issue.

Andy Rumbold of S. 8th Street stated he still had difficulty hearing the meeting due to the Borough's sound system. He expressed appreciation for the optimistic report from the Economic Development Director

PRESS FORUM

No questions were received from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary