

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Daniel P. Olpere
Assistant Manager:	Andrea Coaxum (absent)
Finance Director:	Joe Berardi (absent)
Interim Police Chief:	Steve Hillias
Public Works Director:	Dan Gilbert (absent)
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone (absent)
Parks and Recreation Director:	Carolyn Hanel
Borough Solicitor:	Nate Fox
Press Representatives:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer

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.

President Aigeldinger opened the meeting expressing sincere apologies to the neighboring properties near the pool, pool employees and the police department for the recent private pool party held at the Menlo Aquatic Center on August 11, 2013. He stated that staff and the Solicitor are working on reevaluating the rental policy for after-hour pool parties. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council authorized the Borough to bill the renter of the pool on August 11, 2013 to recover any damages or extra costs incurred due to this event.

Interim Police Chief Steve Hillias read a special press release detailing the status of his investigation into the party, revealing more details of the night's activities. He also made several recommendations for future rentals in the future.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kate Lane of 331 S. 3rd Street who lives one house from the Menlo Pool said she felt sorry for police officers and neighbors who had to endure the actions of the private pool party on August 11, 2013.

Rebecca Miletic of 254 N. 4th Street asked why the Borough allowed a pool party on a Sunday night stating the Borough broke its own rules. She thanked the police department and pool staff for a job well done.

Andy Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street stated it was unfortunate that Borough leadership let the August 11 pool party happen. He stated Borough leadership needs to resign and get leadership in that cares about the town.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

No other remarks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of July 15, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Despite the events of the recent August 11 private pool party at Menlo, the Mayor stated that the Borough Council cares about the community. He commended the Menlo pool staff and police department for doing an exemplary job in handling the situation. He stated we need to learn from this experience. Go back and look at policies and procedures. He also supported the recommendations made by Interim Police Chief Hillias.

He also noted that the past weekend, the Perkasio Olde Towne Association held its annual "Under the Stars" car show on Saturday, August 17. The event was well attended.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere explained the goal behind the August 14 Comprehensive Plan meeting which covered some of the many economic development ideas in the works for Perkasio. At the

top of the comprehensive plans wish list is a revitalized and rebuilt town center with multiple restaurants and shopping areas.

Police Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Approval of AFSCME Contract 2013-2015

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the agreement between Perkasio Borough and AFSCME District Council 88, AFL-CIO, regarding the Perkasio Borough Public Works Department and Electric Department.

Resolution #2013-18 Records Retention

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-18 which is a list of older Borough records that are approved for disposal per the requirements of the Municipal Records Manual.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Police Radio Purchase-Confirm Method of Payment

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously authorized the

purchase of a new police radio system in the amount of \$153,200, and to further authorize the signing of a promissory note with Bucks County for the amount of the purchase. The Finance Director is further authorized to pre-pay the Promissory Note for the full amount after the system is installed, tested and accepted by the County, which is expected in late 2014 or early 2015.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

President Aigeldinger announced that he was appointing Jim Ryder as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the upcoming budget season. He also mentioned that an email was received from Economic Development Director Steve Barth regarding an opportunity to retain a business in town. The \$20 million project will add 300 high-end jobs to the community over a five year period. With the consensus of Council, the Borough Manager was authorized to work with Steve Barth to talk to the company about their proposal.

Jim Purcell thanked the Electric Department for their help in providing electric for the Perkasio Olde Towne Under the Stars Car Show the past weekend.

The Borough Manager was directed to prepare a draft revised rental agreement for people who want to rent the Menlo Pool for private parties for the September committee meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Myers of Perkasio wanted to know who is accountable for the events that took place during a private pool party at the Menlo Aquatic Center on August 11.

Micah Lewis of 105 S. 3rd Street expressed concern that the pool was opened the next day at its normal time after a disorderly private pool party was held on the evening of August 11.

Susan Allebach of 15 Harvest Lane was present. She stated that her son was working as a lifeguard on the night of August 11 and was harassed verbally and thrown into the pool by party attendees. She was very disappointed that the lifeguards were not protected by the police. She felt the lifeguards were heroes.

Andy Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street stated that with every new story he hears about the pool party, he gets more disgusted.

Karen Yannaccone of 201 Strassburger Road whose son worked very hard the night of and the morning after the private pool party on August 11. She stated the community needs to

come together and support these kids.

Doug Price of 319 S. 3rd Street stated the kids that worked the pool party should not be scapegoats. He said that OSHA violations were made by having the pool staff clean up after the pool party without wearing the proper attire.

Allison Yannaccone, 201 Strassburger Road stated she worked at the pool the night of the private pool party. She said that residents were coming into the pool after the pool party event and yelling at pool staff. She felt the person that should be blamed is the person who held the party.

Kate Kroszner of 313 S. 5th Street suggested in the future that anyone that wants to have a private pool party should be a member of the pool or be sponsored by someone that is a member of the pool.

William Collich of 43 S. 3rd Street asked what kind of message we are sending to people in this town with the events that happened at the private pool party held August 11.

Lee Rush of Ridge Avenue said the pool party has affected him greatly. He asked to hear from Councilmembers about how the pool event affected them.

Phil Allebach of 15 Harvest Lane was present and stated he was a lifeguard at the pool the night of the pool party. He said none of the residents that talked this evening were there. He gave his account of the incidents that happened that night. He hopes Borough Council and the citizens of Perkasio realize the seriousness of the situation and prevent it from happening again.

Nick Karby, also a lifeguard at the pool who worked that night was present and gave his account of the events that happened.

The following Councilmembers gave their opinions and reactions to the pool incident.

Barbara Krantz recommended closing the pool the next day to get a professional cleaning crew in to clean and inspect the facility.

Jim Ryder stated he has kids that work at the pool. The Borough got scammed and we're going to fix it.

Jim Purcell stated renting out the pool facility was not about making money. He suggested future pool parties should be limited to 200 people. His apologies go out to the pool staff.

Flo Ann Frei commended the pool employees for keeping the event from escalating in to a major problem. She also suggested for future pool parties taking credit card information for security purposes and bringing private pool parties before Borough Council for approval.

Suzanne Kravitz commented on an event that happened earlier this year at the pool with a near drowning stating the parents should have been responsible.

Steve Pizzollo suggested anyone renting the pool in the future should be bonded. This pool party event gives the Borough an opportunity to learn from its mistakes.

Justin Stottlar thanked the police department for containing the crowd at the pool party. He apologized to the pool staff and any neighbors affected by the events of that evening. He wants to make sure something like this does not happen again.

Steve Algeo thanked pool staff and the police department. He reiterated Jim Purcell's remarks stating any pool party should be limited to 200 people. He said it was a tough situation and everyone did a great job.

Matt Aigeldinger apologized to pool staff and praised their efforts on a tough night.

PRESS FORUM

No questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary