

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 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:

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Interim Police Chief:

Steve Hillias

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Interim Park and Recreation Director:

Carolyn Hanel

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Delaney of 250 North 3rd Street voiced concerns about aquatic safety in public pools.

Sandy Delaney of 250 North 3rd Street stated there is a drug problem in Perkasie.

Andrew Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street said it was time to put personal issues aside. He told Council the copy of the audio recording of August 19, 2013 meeting that he requested was cut off after 42 minutes. He asked what the Borough was trying to cover up.

Lisa Gahman, a Sellersville resident had questions about the gun shots near her home stating she could have been killed. She asked for an apology from the person responsible.

Rebecca Miletic of 254 North 5th Street stated the Borough Manager and Council President have downplayed the August 11 pool episode. She said there is a lack of leadership in the Borough.

She demanded the resignation of certain Borough officials.

Mary Antczak of 718 Shadywood Drive stated she read the Interim Police Chief report and supported every recommendation he made. She suggested that a guest list of future private pool parties be registered at least 2 weeks prior to the event, that a “head count” should be taken and that someone who has “real authority” should be staffing these kind of events.

Public forum was stopped for a moment to allow for the Interim Police Chief to comment on several issues raised during public forum and to allow the Borough Solicitor to go over the revised pool agreement. Several Councilmembers raised questions and made suggestions regarding the revised pool rental agreement. It was agreed to place the pool rental policy on the September 16 Council agenda for consideration.

Kate Lane of 331 South 3rd Street said that the Park and Recreation booklet states the pool is not rented out on Sundays.

Mary Antczak requested the Interim Police Chief to address the issue of drug and alcohol use at the pool party August 11.

Perkasie Fire Company Capital Plan

Fire Company representatives did a formal presentation of the fire company’s updated 2013 long-range financial plan.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

The Committee reviewed a memo from Public Works Director Dan Gilbert requesting approval of disposing of a 1971 Tonco 22 foot construction trailer. It was the consensus of Councilmembers to approve this request.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Consider Rate Study for Electric

The Committee discussed the need to do a professional third party study in anticipation of lowering all electric rates in the next two years. The proposed study would help develop a budget plan to help residents and businesses pay their electric bills.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

Report not available.

Consider Zoning Amendment to Correct Side Yard Setback in R-2 Zone

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a motion to set a hearing dated of October 21, 2013 for an amendment to the zoning ordinance to change the side yard setback in an R-2 zone from 15 feet to 10 feet as it was originally. The Manager is authorized to advertise the hearing and seek official comment from the Borough and County Planning Commission.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Other Business

The Committee reviewed a request from Virgil Mobley to hold a church picnic at the Menlo Park Pavilion for approximately 50-70 people on September 29. Flo Frei asked what the name of the church is and where were they from. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the September 16 agenda.

The Committee reviewed an Event Permit Application for the annual Penridge CROP Walk to be held October 13, 2013 attended by approximately 200 people. The Committee agreed to place the matter on the September 16 agenda for Council approval.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Penn Foundation Request for Donation to Silent Auction

The Committee reviewed a letter from Penn Foundation requesting Menlo Aquatic Center pool passes for a silent auction event on October 22, 2013. It was agreed to place the matter on the September 16 Council meeting agenda.

Finance Committee members were reminded that a 2014 budget meeting will be held on September 28, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consider Extension of Lease for 6 Months for Fitness that Fits

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the extension of the lease for Perkasio Borough tenant Fitness that Fits for another 6 months.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Committee was reminded of a Constituent Outreach Committee meeting scheduled for September 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

The Committee was reminded of a Quality of Life Committee meeting scheduled for September 24, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky, 270 Parkridge Drive stated he raised his hand to speak during public forum at the August 19 Council meeting but was not recognized.

Present was Sam Kriva of Sellersville and a junior in High School. He said the public is blaming Council for the August 11 pool event when they should be blaming the person who filled out the rental agreement.

Lee Ann Czerwonka of 624 E. Walnut Street stated there was a lack of leadership in the Borough. The Borough should stop spending money and give it back to the residents.

Bill Delaney of 250 N. 3rd Street commended the police department on their action during the August 11 pool party event.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary