

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 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  
Joe Berardi  
Steve Hillias  
Dan Gilbert  
Harold Stone (absent)  
Carolyn Hanel  
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 Mayor Hollenbach convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach also gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance #964 to Allow Limited Parking on North Lane

The Solicitor opened the floor for comments to Ordinance #964, parking on North Lane. Present was Luther Chontofalsky who stated he agreed with the proposed ordinance.

Ordinance #965 Restricting Sump Pump Discharge

The floor was opened for public comment. Andrew Rumbold of 502 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street questioned how many homes would be affected by this ordinance.

Ordinance #966 Amending Brush, Grass, Plants and Weeds

The floor was opened for public comment. Daryl Bean of 707 Shadywood Drive stated he spent hours clearing out the bamboo on his property from a neighboring property.

Dan Burkart of 607 North Ridge Road who said he has been digging up bamboo for 10 years from his neighbor who doesn't maintain their property.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive said the Borough needs to follow its own ordinance pertaining to weeds. He said he trims Borough property in his development and that the Borough is 2 months behind on mowing.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:20 PM.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Andrew Rumbold of 502 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street stated the Press should take advantage of the agenda item "Press Forum" during the Council meetings. Mr. Rumbold also had questions on the Borough Manager's employment contract, the status of Secant Medical and his Right-to-Know request regarding the August 11, 2013 pool party.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive stated the "No Dogs Allowed" sign in Menlo Park is not enforced because he has seen people walking dogs through that park.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Council President was absent from the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Committee minutes of August 5, 2013 and September 3, 2013 and the Council minutes of August 19, 2013.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor encouraged the entire community to support the Perkasio Fire Company by either volunteering or by financial contributions.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

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

## Planning Commission Report

Planning Commissioner's reviewed the Borough's Comprehensive Plan for Future Land Use in detail. They also recommended approval of an amendment to Section 186-20.C(2) of the Zoning Ordinance revising the minimum side yard setback for single family detached dwelling in the R-2 zoning district.

## Police Report

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Public Works Director Dan Gilbert informed Councilmembers that the tree removal project scheduled in Menlo Park has been completed safely and ahead of schedule. The crews from the Public Works Department, Electric Department and J&J Arbor Care worked together to complete the project. Numerous trees were taken down and the wood is available to residents in the park.

### Consider Ordinance #964 to Allow Limited Parking on North Lane

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Ryder, Council approved Ordinance #964 amending Chapter 180 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough to provide for parking on a 100 foot section of North Lane.

### Consider Ordinance #965 to Restrict Sump Pump Discharge

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Frei, Council considered Ordinance #965 amending Chapter 158 of the Code of Ordinances to add a section pertaining to stormwater management and prohibiting the discharge of sump pumps directly to Borough streets. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the ordinance with the exception of Stottlar, who voted against it. Motion carried 7-1.

### Consider Fee Schedule Amendment to Add Sump Pump Connections Fees

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Ryder, Council considered Resolution 2013-19, amending the free schedule to add sump pump connection fees. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Stottlar and Algeo who voted against it. Motion carried 6-2.

### Consider Ordinance #966 to Amend Brush, Grass, Plants and Weeds

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #966, amending Chapter 65 of the Code of Ordinances which would amend the title to be Brush, Grass, Plants, and Weeds to prohibit the spreading of bamboo and other similar invasive species onto adjoining properties.

PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Supplemental Agreement

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Winter Services Supplemental Agreement with PennDOT for the upcoming winter season to provide for removal of snow and ice from selected state highways within the Borough by the Borough Public Works Department.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Pool Rental Policies

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the revised Menlo Aquatic Center Pool Rental Agreement with all the changes incorporated therein.

Approval of Church Picnic

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Victory Fellowship Church to reserve the Menlo Park Pavilion on September 29, 2013 from 11:00AM to dusk.

Approval of Crop Walk

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an Event Permit Application for the annual Pennridge Crop Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

Fire Police Assistance Healthy Hearts Fun Run September 22, 2013

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a request for fire police participation in the Healthy Hearts 5K Race on September 22, 2013 in Lenape Park.

Other Business

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Perkasio Fire Police Assistance to the Pennridge High School Homecoming Parade on October 25, 2013.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Barbara Krantz stated she would be passing out the Borough's Manager's evaluations forms in an upcoming packet. They should be filled out and returned to her.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

### Penn Foundation Request for Donation to Silent Auction

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously agreed to donate 4 daily pool passes for the 2014 season to Penn Foundation for a silent auction event.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

## CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Jim Ryder updated Council on items discussed at the last Constituent Outreach meeting which included POTA Car Show lighting, garden plots, consultant use, police notification of activities, dog permitted in Menlo Park, vandalism in the trolley tunnel, Police tip line, and new fire truck funding.

## QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

The Council President announced that the next meeting would be rescheduled.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Flo Frei reported that a Beef 'N Bear fundraiser, to offset medical expenses, had recently been held for Parks and Recreation volunteer board member Pat Kaempf who was injured in a scooter accident. The event was sponsored by Perkasio Pizza and Pasta, South Perkasio Hotel and JT Bankers.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive thanked the Public Works Committee and Public Works Director for working on a street sweeping schedule.

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street stated she thought the Perkasio Fire Company does a great job.

Andrew Rumbold of 502 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street asked why there was no report from the Quality of Life Task Force. He asked the fire company to demonstrate the need to purchase new fire company equipment.

PRESS FORUM

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary