

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 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

Daniel P. Olpere

Andrea Coaxum

Steve Hillias

Joe Berardi

Dan Gilbert

Harold Stone

Carolyn Hanel

Nathan Fox

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Interim Police Chief:

Finance Director:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Interim Park and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

Scott Detweiler of Market Street expressed concern about the firing of a current police officer and the resignation of the Chief of Police.

HALLOWEEN PROCLAMATION-MAYOR HOLLENBACH

The Mayor proclaimed Halloween evening as Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

REPORT FROM PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for September 2013.

Fuel Re-Bid

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously rejected the bid for gasoline and diesel fuel due to indiscrepancies in the bid document.

Fire Police Assistance Quakertown Halloween Parade

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the request by Quakertown Borough to authorize fire police personnel to assist for traffic control duties for their annual Halloween parade which is scheduled for October 20, 2013.

Road Sign Changes to Market Street Railroad

The Committee reviewed a memo from Interim Chief Steve Hillias regarding the area of West Market Street at the railroad crossing to determine the suitability of adding stop signs or similar traffic control measures. Committee members agreed to place the matter on the October 21 Council meeting agenda.

2014 Road Plan

The Committee reviewed and accepted the 2014 roadway condition survey prepared by Borough Engineer Joe Nolan and Public Works Director Dan Gilbert and agreed to place it on the October Council meeting agenda.

Discuss Retail Bag Sales

The Committee discussed allowing businesses in the Borough to sell Borough trash bags at a marked-up price. Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously agreed to adhere to the written agreement that retailers must agree to sell the trash bags at the same costs that the Borough charges for the bags.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

The Electric Superintendent explained why the Borough needs to purchase breakers and relays for the substation and put a bid out for the equipment.

Budget Plan for Small Businesses

The Committee briefly discussed establishing a budget plan for small business electric customers. It was suggested that the Borough check with other municipalities to see if they offer budget billing for small businesses. It was agreed to discuss this matter at an upcoming Public Utility Committee meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Event Permit Application –“Yappy Hour”-Perkasie Dog Owners Group

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Dog Owners Group to reserve the Skate Park Pavilion for a “Yappy Hour” on Sunday, October 20, 2013.

Walk MS 2014-Event Permit Application

The Committee reviewed an Event Permit Application from the National MS Society requesting permission to hold the 2014 MS Walk in the Borough park facilities on April 27, 2014 with approximately 400 people attending.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Other Business

Barbara Krantz reminded Councilmembers to send her their evaluations of the Borough Manager.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rate Stabilization Fund Authorization

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the use of rate stabilization fund credits from the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust for the 2014 year.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

POTA Holiday Tree Lighting

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously authorized Perkasie Olde Towne Association to hold their annual tree lighting event on December 7, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Electric Superintendent Stone told Council that the hanging tree light bulbs in town center need to be replaced because they are not working. Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously agreed to buy new lights bulbs as needed for the string lights hanging in town center.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Rumbold of 502 South 8th Street stated he attended the Finance Committee meeting on September 28, 2013 and was disappointed with the attendance of Councilmembers. He was concerned about the alleged deficit spending.

PRESS FORUM

None at this time.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hollenbach that he had performed two weddings in the 3rd quarter and received \$200.00 total.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary