

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 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:	Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager:	Andrea Coaxum
Assistant Manager:	Joe Berardi
Finance Director:	Steve Hillias
Interim Police Chief:	Dan Gilbert
Public Works Director:	Harold Stone
Electric Superintendent:	Carolyn Hanel
Parks and Recreation Director:	Nate Fox
Borough Solicitor:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer
Press Representatives:	

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 announced an executive session/workshop meeting was held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 to interview Police Chief candidates. Under Section 8 of the Sunshine Law, the reason for holding the executive session must be announced either immediately prior or subsequent to the executive session.

**PUBLIC HEARING-ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Borough Manager Olpere explained the purpose of the public hearing was to change an inadvertent mistake that was made with the adoption of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance back in February 2013. The amendment is to change the sideyard setback in an R2 zone from the 15' requirement back to the original 10' requirement. The floor was then opened for public comment. No comments made. The hearing adjourned at 7:05 PM.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive asked why the police are not enforcing the “No Dogs Allowed” signs in Menlo Park.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Aigeldinger thanked Borough Council members for their extra time spent at budget meetings and Police Chief interview meetings.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Committee meeting minutes of September 3 and October 7, 2013, Council minutes of September 16, 2013, Finance Committee minutes of September 28, 2013, and Public Utility Committee October 15, 2013.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor encouraged all Councilmembers to support the Perkasio Fire Company by attending their fundraising events.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

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

### Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission met on October 9, 2013 and reviewed the final second draft of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jim Purcell addressed questions made during public forum regarding dogs allowed in Menlo Park. Interim Chief Hillias stated he could not find any ordinance to back up the signs that are posted in Menlo.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

#### **Road Sign Changes to Market Street Railroad Crossing**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Interim Chief of Police and Public Works Director regarding the road side markings for 7<sup>th</sup> and Market Street and to authorize the Public Works Director to erect an offside road sign (W2-7R) to be installed on Market Street at the approach to the railroad crossing along with a 20 MPH advisory speed plaque (W13-1T) conditioned upon PennDOT approval.

#### **2014 Road Plan**

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Borough roadway condition survey for 2014.

### **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE**

#### **Award Bid Substation Breakers**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved the award of 7 Siemens brand 15 KV amp circuit breakers from Rumsey Electric Company for \$16,450 each or \$115,150 total and secondly to award a bid for 7ABB brand substation relays from Westco Distributors for \$25,591 and relay and substation computer integration from Westco Distributors for \$10,054 for a grand total of \$150,785.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

#### **Approve Ordinance #967, Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #967 amending Chapter 186 of the Code of Ordinances of Perkasio Borough revising the minimum side yard setback for single family detached dwellings in the R2 zoning district from 15' to 10'.

### **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Event Permit Application-Walk MS 2014**

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to hold a walk event on April 27, 2014 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Lenape Park.

### **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

#### **Tuition Reimbursement-Jason Heft**

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the tuition reimbursement request from Jason Heft for 2014.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

#### CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Jim Ryder suggested a new system for structuring constituent outreach committee meetings. He proposed having a set topic for discussion at the meeting to motivate residents to attend.

#### QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Steve Pizzollo requested that the Borough look for a new borough engineer as a way to save the Borough money. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a motion to send out a request for proposals for a new borough engineer as well as a labor attorney.

Jim Ryder asked whether thatch was considered grass clippings that would be picked up for trash collection. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the Borough would not accept it.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

None.

#### PRESS FORUM

None.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Matt Aigeldinger announced that Council was going into executive session and would not reopen the meeting. Solicitor Nate Fox stated the purpose of the executive session was to discuss 3 items. The first is to discuss civil litigation related to the Menlo Pool incident which is permitted under Section 708(A)(4) of the Sunshine Law allowing Council to consult with its attorney or other professional advisers regarding information or strategy connected with litigation. Second, to discuss the Police Chief hiring permitted under Section 708(A)(1) of the

Sunshine Law allows Council to discuss in executive session any matter regarding employment, appointment, or termination of an employee or other employment matters. Third, to discuss a personnel matter within the Borough permitted in executive session under the Sunshine Law Section 708(A)(1) which allows Council to discuss any employment matters.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary