

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 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 (absent)

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**

Luther Chontofalsky, 270 Parkridge Drive continued his pursuit of the police enforcing the signs at Menlo Park concerning dogs running at large.

**REPORT FROM PERKASIE PLANNING COMMISSION**

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is set to meet on November 13, 2013 to review the Comprehensive Plan.

**TSUNAMI KARATE REQUEST FOR ZONING CHANGE**

Bruce Costa owner of Tsunami Karate was present requesting that Borough Council consider a zoning text amendment to allow his type of business to locate in the I-1 Industrial Zone.

Mr. Costa gave a brief overview of the services Tsunami Karate has been offering to families in and around Perkasio.

After the presentation, Jim Purcell asked Council if they wanted to make a change to the zoning ordinance to allow this use. It was the consensus of Council to do so. The Solicitor was asked to do the necessary work to change the ordinance and placed the item on the November 18 Council agenda.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Approve Park Facility Reservation-Wedding

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved a Park Facility Reservation form for a wedding and dress rehearsal in the area of the Twin Bridges of Lenape Park with approximately 150 people attending on July 26 and 27, 2014.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### Review of Superintendent's Report

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

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

### Event Permit Application-Good Time Motorvators

The Committee reviewed and agreed to recommend approval of an Event Permit Application for the Good Time Motorvators to hold their annual car show in the Skate Park Pavilion area on May 25, 2013 with approximately 250 people attending.

### Other Business

Flo Frei announced that the Borough is planning to have a Hat and Mitten Christmas Tree in the lobby of the Borough Hall from November 29 through December 23, 2013. Proceeds will benefit Penridge FISH.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

### Other Business

Barbara Krantz reminded Councilmembers to hand in their evaluations of the Borough Manager.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Renew Professional Services Agreement-IT Consultant

Members of the Committee agreed to put this matter on the agenda for a vote by Borough Council at the November 18 meeting.

### 2014 Preliminary Budget Synopsis

Councilman Jim Ryder gave a brief synopsis of the 2014 budget. He noted there was a change in the health care contract for non-uniformed employees. It was recommended that the Borough purchase an ATV for the Police Department.

Councilperson Flo Frei suggested charging a once a year flat fee for trash disposal and reducing the price of the trash bags to increase revenue.

Jim Purcell announced that a special budget meeting would be held on November 11, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

### Health Care Contract for Non-Uniform Employees

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a new health care contract for non-uniformed, non-union employees to begin January 1, 2014. The new contract will be the same as the current contract for all non-uniformed union employees, including co-pays, deductibles, co-insurances and all other coverages with no “opt-out” option.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### Report of Economic Development Director

Economic Development Director Steve Barth gave an update on the status of economic development including an overview of the development of town center, a new Comprehensive Plan, historic guidelines, collaborative relationship with Sellersville Borough, key properties, strategic partnerships and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter goals.

### Approve 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Goals

Committee members agreed to recommend at the November 18, 2013 Council meeting, payment of the second installment of the POTA contribution for economic development in the amount of \$10,000

## **CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Jim Purcell announced that the Special Council budget meeting scheduled for November 11, 2013 will also include a meeting of the Constituent Outreach Committee.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

No business to come before the Committee.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Andy Rumbold, 502 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, stated he was glad the Borough had budgeted money for the sound system in the Council meeting room.

## **PRESS FORUM**

None at this time.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:50 PM, Solicitor Nate Fox announced Council was going into executive session to discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to administrative law and procedure). The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any meeting involving the appointment or selection of any person to fill a vacancy in any elected office and expected to reconvene. The meeting adjourned to the vault meeting room

At 8:25 PM the meeting reconvened.

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously appointed Steve Hillias Police Chief contingent upon a short background check.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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Daniel Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary