

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2013**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger  
Stephen Algeo  
Florence Frei  
Barbara Krantz  
Suzanne Kravitz (absent)  
Steve Pizzollo  
Jim Purcell  
Jim Ryder  
Justin Stottlar  
John Hollenbach  
Daniel P. Olpere  
Andrea Coaxum  
Joe Berardi  
Steve Hillias  
Dan Gilbert  
Harold Stone  
Carolyn Hanel  
Nate Fox  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Interim Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council President Matt Aigeldinger convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SWEAR IN CHIEF OF POLICE AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

Mayor Hollenbach administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Chief Steven Hillias.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an ordinance to reduce electric rates by 1% and ordinance fixing the tax rate for 2014. No comments were received. Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz the public hearing was adjourned at 7:07 PM

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Council President Aigeldinger wished the residents of Perkasie, the Mayor and Council a healthy and prosperous New Year. He encouraged all present to patronize local businesses.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2013.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated the Perkasio Olde Towne Christmas Tree Lighting held on December 7, 2013 was another successful event.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

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

### Engineer's Report

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

### Planning Commission Report

Manager Olpere stated the Perkasio Planning Commission held a public hearing to hear comments regarding the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Consider Salt Bid

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously awarded the bid for the sodium chloride (rock salt) to International Salt Company through the Co-Stars program for the 2013-2014 winter season at a price of \$49.35 per ton.

#### Consider 2013 Recycling Performance Grant Preparation Contract

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized an agreement for Hough Associates to collect the 2013 residential and commercial recycling data and prepare the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 904 Recycling Grant Application for Perkasio Borough.

#### Consider Snow Removal Bids for 2014

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously awarded a bid to GTR Welding and Peter Jerrom Landscapes for street snow plowing and Town Center business district snow

removal for the 2014-2014 winter season.

#### Consider Trash Disposal Bids for 2014

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously awarded a bid for disposal of solid waste to Waste Management of Pennsylvania Inc. for a base price of \$78 per ton in 2014.

#### Consider Extensions of Recycling Contracts for 2014

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council approved the following motions:

Motion to approve the contract extension for commingled material picked up at the recycling center by Rapid Recycling for the year 2014 at a price of \$35.00 per ton, (based on market prices) plus \$150.00 per haul and with no charge for rental of the dumpster.

Motion to extend the contract extension for commingled curbside collection of recyclables to Blue Mountain Recycling for the year 2014 for a revenue share price of 40% of the excess over \$88.25 per ton average commodity revenue.

Motion to approve a contract extension for paper dropped off at the recycling center hauled away by the contractor to Newman and Company for a price based on the official board market yellow sheet monthly publication, number 6 newspaper, New York listing, high posting, less \$20.00 per ton with a floor price of \$20.00 per ton plus \$120 per pull for the year 2014.

Motion to approve a contract extension for the curbside collection of paper delivered by the contractor with Newman & Company at a price determined by the official board market yellow sheet monthly publication, #6 newspaper, New York listing, high posting, less \$20.00 per ton with a floor price of \$20.00 per ton for the year 2014.

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

##### Consider Ordinance to Reduce Electric Rates

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #969 to amend Chapter 85 of the Code of Ordinances to lower electric rates by 1%.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

#### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

At 7:17 PM, Solicitor Fox announced Council was going into executive session to discuss an employment issue which is permitted under §708(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law which allows 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 (relating to administrative law and procedure). The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any meeting involving the appointment or selection of any person to fill a vacancy in any elected office.” 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708(a)(1). The executive session ended at 7:45PM.

The Council meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM

Resolution #2013-20, Establish 2014 Council Meeting Dates

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-20 to establish meeting dates for the Borough Council for 2014.

Resolution #2013-21, Wage and Salary Schedule

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-21, as amended, to establish the wage schedule for Perkasio Borough employees for fiscal year 2014.

Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions

This item was tabled until the January 6, 2014 Council Committee meeting.

Resolution #2013-22, Non-Uniform Pension Contribution

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-22 to waive the non-uniform pension plan contribution for 2014.

Consider Tuition Reimbursement for Anthony Maschi

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a tuition reimbursement request for Anthony Maschi to attend a concrete paver installer course at a price of \$350.00. Reimbursement would be for 80% of the costs in accordance with the conditions in the AFSCME contract.

Consider Police Contract for 2014-2016

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the contract between Perkasio Borough and the Perkasio Borough Police Officers Association for the years 2014 to 2016.

Consider Manager Retirement Agreement

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved the Retirement Agreement between Daniel P. Olpere and Perkasio Borough to be effective at the end of 2013.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2013 Audit-Styer Associates

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Styer's Associates for auditing services for the 2013 fiscal year at a price of \$12,385.

Resolution #2013-23, Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-23 to establish a new consolidated fee schedule for the year 2014.

Tax Ordinance #968

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #968 setting the tax rate for the year 2014 at 5.75 mills.

Resolution #2013-24, Adoption of Final Budget

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2013-24 to adopt the 2014 budget for all funds.

Authorize Annual Contribution to Pennridge Community Center

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the annual contribution to the Pennridge Senior Center.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Other Business

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously appointed Steven Hillias as the Chief of Police for Perkasio Borough and to approve a four year employment contract between Steve Hillias and Perkasio Borough.

Chief Hillias was present and asked Council's permission to purchase updated patrol rifles for the police department. He reported that he received 3 price quotes, with the lowest quote from Gunner's Armory in the amount of \$1,050 per rifle. The other two price quotes were from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$1,271 complete, and one from Officer's Store in the amount of \$1,450 complete.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the purchase of 5 service rifles from Gunner's Armory in the amount of \$1,050 per firearm. Gunner's Armory is owned by Perkasio Police Officer Darrin Baughman.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before this Committee.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business to come before this Committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before this Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street was present. She stated she thought the Perkasio Olde Towne Association tree lighting was a wonderful event. She further suggested Perkasio Borough should ask for a donation from Sellersville Borough.

**PRESS FORUM**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Mayor thanked Manager Dan Olpere for his years of service and wished him a well-deserved retirement.

Matt Aigeldinger presented a plaque to Borough Council member Steve Algeo for his 4 years of service on the Borough Council and the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Daniel P. Olpere  
Borough Manager/Secretary