

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2014**

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  
Andrea Coaxum  
Steve Hillias  
Joe Berardi  
Dan Gilbert  
Harold Stone (absent)  
Carolyn Hanel  
Nathan Fox  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

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 7:15 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Joe Suder of the Pennridge Little League was present to inform Council that the Pennridge Little League would be hosting the 2014 Pennsylvania State age 10 and under Tournament July 22-28, 2014 at the Little League field on Walnut Street. Mr. Suder asked if the bridge that crosses the brook in front of the field could be repaired.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Recognition of Scout Services Project

Mayor Hollenbach and Public Works Director Dan Gilbert presented Certificates of Appreciation to Josh Cook, Tim Faux, Mark Faux, Patrick Conway, Peter Batschelet and Patrick

Batschelet, in recognition of the significant contributions of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 for the work done on Perkasio Borough's Twin Bridges in Lenape Park.

#### Refuse and Recycling Survey Discussion

Committee members reviewed a proposed Refuse and Recycling Survey for distribution to the Perkasio residents in February. Flo Frei recommended including the history of how Perkasio began its recycling program and the awards it received. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with releasing the survey to the residents.

#### Engineer-RFP Discussion

The Committee reviewed the responses to the RFP for a new municipal engineering firm. President Ryder asked that staff prepare an evaluation of the proposals for review at the January 20, 2014 Council meeting.

#### Other Business

Matt Aigeldinger asked Public Works Director Dan Gilbert to assess the condition of the Lenape Park for the Pennridge Little League's State Tournament in July and to recommend any improvements that should be made prior to the event.

### **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### Review of Superintendent's Report

Report not available.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

#### Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

#### Authorize Solicitor to Advertise Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Ryder, Council stated the third draft of the Comprehensive Plan was sent to adjacent municipalities, the school district and County to review on December 16, 2013. Per the PA Municipalities Planning Code, Council cannot adopt the plan until after 45 days from this postmark date. Council can conduct their Public Hearing for the adoption of the plan after January 29, 2014. Therefore, Council unanimously authorized the solicitor to advertise the public hearing for the February 3 agenda.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

#### Consider Obtaining Request for Proposals-Menlo Aquatic Center Snack Stand

Committee members reviewed a draft request for proposals to lease and operate the concession stand at the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2014 season. It was agreed to place the matter on the January 20, 2014 Council meeting agenda.

## **PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

#### One 5-Year term through 2018-Perkasie Regional Authority Board

Matt Aigeldinger nominated Ben Rainear to the Perkasie Regional Authority Board which was seconded by Purcell. Ben Rainear was unanimously appointed to the Perkasie Regional Authority Board for a 5 year term through 2018.

#### One 1-Year unexpired term through 2014-Civil Service Commission

Chuck Brooks nominated Bill Beno to the Civil Service Commission which was seconded by Jim Purcell. Flo Frei nominated Barry Heckensweiler which was seconded by Justin Stottlar. Councilmembers Matt Aigeldinger, Chuck Brooks, Barbara Krantz, Jim Purcell, Steve Pizzollo, and Jim Ryder voted for Bill Beno. Bill Beno was appointed to the Civil Service Commission for a 1 year unexpired term through 2014.

#### Two 4-Year terms through 2017-Perkasie Planning Commission

Jim Purcell nominated Nelson Hollenbach and John Cornelius to the Perkasie Planning Commission which was seconded by Justin Stottlar. Nelson Hollenbach and John Cornelius were unanimously appointed to the Perkasie Planning Commission for a 4 year term through 2017.

#### One 5-Year term through 2018-Zoning Hearing Board

Jim Ryder nominated John Yannaccone to the Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board which was seconded by Jim Purcell. John Yannaccone was unanimously appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term through 2018.

#### One 3-Year term through 2016-Zoning Hearing Board Jr. Alternate

Matt Aigeldinger nominated John Wilcox to the Perkasie Zoning Hearing as the junior delegate which was seconded by Jim Purcell. John Wilcox was unanimously appointed as the junior alternate to the Perkasie Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term through 2016.

#### Two-5-Year terms through 2018-Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority

Jim Purcell nominated Bob Wasson and Steve Algeo to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority which was seconded by Steve Pizzollo. Bob Wasson and Steve Algeo were unanimously appointed to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority for a 5 year term through 2018.

#### One 1-Year term through 2015-Vacancy Board

Matt Aigeldinger nominated Rich Hendricks to the Vacancy Board which was seconded by Jim Purcell. Rich Hendricks was unanimously appointed to the Vacancy Board for a 1 year term through January 2015.

Two 5-Year terms through 2018-Perkasie Industrial Development Authority Board

Jim Purcell nominated Charles Baum and Dave Caro to the Perkasie Industrial Development Authority Board which was seconded by Jim Ryder. Flo Frei nominated Neil Fosbenner. There was no second. Council appointed Charles Baum and Dave Caro to the Perkasie Industrial Development Authority Board for a 5 year term through 2018.

Two 3-Year terms through 2016-Parks and Recreation

Jim Ryder nominated Chris Uncangco and Brian Turner to the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Jim Purcell. Chris Uncangco and Brian Turner were unanimously appointed to the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board for a 3 year term through 2016.

One 3-Year term through 2016-Parks and Recreation Elder Delegate

Jim Ryder nominated Nelson Hollenbach as the elder delegate to the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board which was seconded by Jim Purcell. Nelson Hollenbach was unanimously appointed to the Perkasie Parks and Recreation Board as the elder delegate for a 3 year term through 2016.

Five Vacancies to Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals

Jim Purcell nominated Dave Worthington, Ray Weidner, J.R. Hunsberger, Bob Winn and Keith Heil to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals which was seconded by Chuck Brooks. Council unanimously agreed to make the following appointments to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals:

Dave Worthington five year term through 2018  
Ray Weidner four year term through 2017  
J.R. Hunsberger three year term through 2016  
Robert Winn two year term through 2015  
Keith Heil one year term through 2014.

One Vacancy to Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

Jim Purcell nominated Keith Heil to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals which was seconded by Chuck Brooks. Keith Heil was unanimously appointed to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals for an indefinite term.

Consider Authorization to Hire Police Officer

The Committee reviewed a memo from Police Chief Hillias requesting to hire an entry level police officer position to make a full staff again. Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized Chief Hillias to start the procedure of hiring a new police officer.

Chief Hillias also delivered an update on the department's quest to get a police dog.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No business to come before the Committee.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Matt Aigeldinger stated that he was approached by co-owner Dominic Capece of Free Will Brewery regarding moving the business to the second floor of the building to expand it. Mr. Aigeldinger stated that the owners would incur a significant cost if required to get the architectural stamp which is required to obtain a use and occupancy permit even though the owners are not altering the structural integrity of the building. Mr. Aigeldinger made a motion to waive the architectural drawing requirements in order for Free Will Brewery to get the use and occupancy permit to start construction which was seconded by Jim Purcell.

Matt Aigeldinger talked about the Borough encouraging more business in town. He proposes that the Borough take a look at permit fees and roll them back 50 percent for the next 12 to 24 months. Staff will look at the existing permits and fees and determine whether that is feasible.

Matt Aigeldinger also asked the Solicitor along with Economic Development Director to get involved with the Shelly property and a potential developer to see if the Borough can assist in some way to help move the project along.

## **CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

No business at this time.

## **QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE**

Chuck Brooks, Chairman of the Quality of Life Committee stated he looks forward to serving on the Committee and re-evaluating where the Committee stands. He would like to see more public participation.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Justin Stottlar asked if there were any plans to improve the sound system in the meeting room. It was noted it is a budgeted item and was being looked into.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Andy Rumbold of 502 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street said it was great to see Council heading in a different direction.

## **PRESS FORUM**

None at this time.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Council held an Executive Session which is permitted under §708(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law which allows Executive Sessions to discuss personnel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

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Andrea Coaxum  
Interim Borough Manager