

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Interim Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street spoke concerning the costs associated with renovating the Perkasie train station and turning it into a community center.

Robert Dalby of 915 West Market Street spoke concerning the parking at the former Draper building at 9<sup>th</sup> and Market Street which is being converted into apartments.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive voiced concerns regarding the clean-up of snow from several storms throughout the entire town.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Ryder thanked the Public Works, the Electric Department and the Perkasie Regional Authority for all their help during several winter snow storms over the past couple weeks.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the January 20, 2014 Council meeting minutes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor also commended the Public Works and Electric crews for all their help during several recent snowstorms. The Mayor also encouraged anyone who is interested in volunteering their time, that the Meals on Wheels program is looking for volunteers

### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for January 2014.

### Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for January 2014.

### Engineer's Report

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

### Planning Commission Report

The Solicitor updated Council on the happenings at the last Perkasio Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission heard from Bruce Costa of Tsunami Karate who is looking into purchasing the parcel at 501 Constitution Avenue. The parcel would need to be rezoned in order for him to use it as a karate studio. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning of the parcel to a C-2 use.

The Solicitor explained that Council will need to hold a public hearing after the Bucks County Planning Commission reviews the re-zoning request at their March 5, 2014 meeting. Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council agreed to hold a public hearing on April 3, 2014 to discuss the rezoning of 501 Constitution Avenue for Tsunami Karate.

### Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report. The February 24, 2014 Zoning Hearing Board meeting was rescheduled for March 4, 2014.

### Police Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the Police Department's monthly report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Award Large Trash Bags Bid #2014-1

Upon motion Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously awarded the large trash bags bid #2014-1 to Central Poly for Year 1--20,000 bags for a total price of \$4,840 and Year 2- 20,000 bags for a total price of \$5,280. For Year 1—for 100,000 bags the total price would be \$23,800. For Year 2-100,000 bags the total price would be \$25,900.

#### Engineer RFP

Councilmembers reviewed a chart created to compare the hourly fees for the each engineering firm that submitted a request for proposal for a new Borough engineer.

Pizzollo nominated Gilmore Associates, which was seconded by Purcell. Stottlar nominated Boucher and James. There was no second. Ryder nominated CKS Engineers. There was no second. By a 6-1 vote, with Stottlar voting NO, Gilmore Associates of New Britain was appointed as the new Borough Engineer.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

None.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

#### Resolution #2014-1, Adopting Perkasio Borough Comprehensive Plan

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-1 adopting the revised Borough Comprehensive Plan.

#### Presentation of Sketch Plan for Dunkin Donuts

Eric Tice of Gilmore Associates presented sketch plans for Pemma Holdings LLC for a Dunkin Donuts at the corner of Blooming Glen Road and 5<sup>th</sup> Street where Tri-Valley Primary Care used to be. The applicant Manoj Patel, Pemma Holdings LLC, has filed an application for zoning relief from the Zoning Hearing Board which will meet on March 4, 2014 at 7:30PM at the Borough Office. Council concurred with the concept plan.

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

#### Resolution #2014-5, Adopt Revised 2014 Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-5 adopting the revised 2014 Fee Schedule with amended fees for the Menlo Aquatics Center as recommended by the Park and Recreation Board.

### Pennridge Community Day Request to Reserve Lenape Park

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Community Day to hold its annual event in Lenape Park on Sunday, July 6, 2014 with a raindate of Sunday, July 13, 2014.

### Consider Approval of Main Street Mile Run

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the annual Perkasio Main Street Mile run to take place on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 8:00AM to 11:00AM.

### Approval of Park Facility Reservation-(Schlosser Family)

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a park facility reservation form for a family event at Menlo Park Pavilion on August 2, 2014 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM.

### Approval of Park Facility Reservation—(Biehn Family)

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved a park facility reservation form for a family event at Menlo Park Pavilion on June 29, 2014 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM.

## PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### Resolution #2014-6, Approve Fire Police Events 2014

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-6 authorizing the Perkasio Fire Company to assist for special events and times of emergencies.

### Resolution #2014-7, Authorize Fire Police Officers

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-7 authorizing the Borough of Perkasio to appoint fire police to regulate traffic and keep crowds under control.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

### Request for Donation from Pennridge Community Day

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Community Day Inc. for a donation to the annual Pennridge Community Day event on July 6, 2014 in the amount of \$500.00.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Aigeldinger announced that he attended the reorganization and first meeting of the year for the Perkasio Olde Towne Association. Joe Ferry was elected as the 2014 POTA President.

## CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Justin Stottlar reported that the Constituent Outreach Committee met on February 11, 2014. Some of the issues discussed were the snow removal from several recent snow storms and the Fire Department's request for an increase in funding. He further suggested the Borough alternate between picking up recycling one week and yard waste the other week.

A resident had concerns about businesses using the recycling center since they do not pay the \$12.00 annual refuse fee or use the Borough's trash system

## QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chuck Brooks announced the next Quality of Life meeting will be held March 10, 2014 at 7:00PM at the Borough Hall.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jim Purcell reported that due to several recent snowstorms in a short amount of time, the Borough is running low on salt. Public Works Director Dan Gilbert had told him that it would benefit the Borough if it had a bigger facility to store it. The Public Works Director was asked to look into the cost of getting a bigger shed and report back to Council.

Matt Aigeldinger thanked the Interim Borough Manager Andrea Coaxum for providing a digital Council packet.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive questioned why the "No Dogs Allowed" sign was removed from Menlo Park. He also was concerned with people in his neighborhood setting off fireworks stating it was a dangerous situation.

## PRESS FORUM

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Solicitor Fox announced Borough Council would be going into an Executive Session to discuss personnel, 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).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

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Andrea Coaxum  
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary