

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

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Chuck Brooks
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Jim Ryder
Justin Stottlar (absent)
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.

APPOINT CONFLICT ENGINEER

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously appointed Peter Andersen from Andersen Engineering Associates, Inc. as the conflict engineer to represent the Borough in cases where conflict exists with the Borough's appointed engineer, Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

**PUBLIC HEARING-CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION-PEMMA HOLDING
(DUNKIN' DONUTS)**

A public hearing was held before Borough Council for a conditional use application for approval for a drive-thru associated with the proposed construction of a Dunkin' Donuts franchise at a property located at 1301 North 5th Street.

The people requesting party status were:

Ken and Ann Texter, 409 Blooming Glen Road, Perkasie
Bob & Cheryl Maiuro, 405 Blooming Glen Road, Perkasie
Ted Weber, 401 Blooming Glen Road, Perkasie

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-9 granting a conditional use for an accessory drive through use in accordance with Sections 186-128 and 186-18.D.(5) of the Perkasio Borough Zoning Ordinance for a facility at 1301 North 5th Street, Perkasio.

PUBLIC FORUM

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street, Perkasio stated she thought a local business should be running the concession stand at the Menlo Aquatic Center.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive asked why there was no enforcement of “no parking” signs during the removal of snow throughout the Borough.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes from February 10 and March 3, 2014 as well as the Council meeting minutes of February 17, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked the community for supporting the Perkasio Police Department Canine program.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

The Borough's new engineer, Erik Garton from Gilmore Associates was present to introduce himself to Borough Council. He would like to go over several items with Borough staff including the timing of the Park Avenue and Ridge Road traffic signal, grant opportunities and the Liberty Bell Trail project.

Planning Commission Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Planning Commission report for the month of February 2014.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Zoning Hearing report from their January meeting.

Police Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Police Report for the month of February 2014. Chief Hillias delivered an update on the fundraising efforts for Perkasio's police dog.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Concession Stand-Menlo Aquatic Center

Council discussed how they want to proceed with the management of the snack stand at the Menlo Aquatic Center. Council needs to decide if they would like to have the Park and Recreation Director move forward with once again managing the snack stand or do further due diligence with an outside concessionaire to try to seek an agreeable contract. Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council agreed to table the matter pending receipt of additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Bid #2014-2, Small Trash Bags

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved awarding bid #2014-2 small trash bags to the lowest responsible bidder Calico Industries for a price of \$0.135 per bag and a total cost \$4,050 for 30,000 bags.

Consider Bid #2014-3, Small Bags with Drawstring

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously rejected all bids received for bid #2014-3 small bags with drawstring.

Authorize Leaf Machine Engine Replacement

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the purchase of a replacement engine for the 1996 Old Dominion brush tow behind leaf vacuum at a Co-Stars price of \$12,098 from ODB Company.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Consider Authorizing GDS Associates to Acquire Pricing for 2016-2017 Power Supply Purchase

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized GDS Associates to seek indicative pricing for the remaining power needs for 2016-2017.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Review Sketch Plan-7th & Market Street

Councilmembers reviewed a Zoning Hearing Board application from reAlliance for the property at 7th & Market Street. The hearing is scheduled for March 24, 2014. The applicant is requesting an interpretation of law in reference to Section 186-83 that permits a continuation of a non-conforming use and a variance in reference to Section 186-20.J(5)(a) that requires 1.5 off street parking spaces for each residential unit. Councilmembers and the Mayor stated they would support the plan and attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Event Permit Application-Perkasie Fire Company Carnival

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the event permit application from the Perkasie Fire Company to hold their annual carnival June 24-28, 2014 from 6:00PM to 10:00PM.

Request for Donation from the Souderton Charter School Collaborative

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a request from the Souderton Charter School Collaborative for a donation of 4 daily pool passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2014 pool season for a silent auction event.

Request for Donation from Faith Christian Academy

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a request from Faith Christian Academy to donate 4 daily pool passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2014 season for a benefit auction.

Request to Hold Tsunami Karate Belt Ceremony

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved a park facility reservation for Tsunami Karate to hold a belt ceremony in the Menlo Park pavilion on July 27, 2014 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

Request to Hold Kick-a-Thon Tsunami Karate

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an event permit application from the owner of Tsunami Karate at 516 West Walnut Street to use the Borough parking lot next to the karate school for a benefit Kick-a-Thon on April 26, 2014 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

Donation Request from Penridge FISH

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a request from the Penridge FISH organization to donate 6 daily pool passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2014 pool season.

Consider Approval of Park Reservation D'Orazio Family Event

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the D'Orazio family to reserve the Menlo Park pavilion on April 27, 2014 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM.

Consider Two Event Permit Applications-Indian Valley Soap Box Derby

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously granted permission to the Indian Valley Soap Box Association to hold a race on 9th Street in Perkasio on May 17, 2014 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM and another soap box race on October 11 and 12 from 6:00AM to 4:00PM. Permission to close 9th Street near the police station is also approved. Flo Frei recommended the applicant be asked if it was possible to change the start time of 6:00AM to less early in the morning for the October event.

Consider Support of Application for PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Councilmembers reviewed a memo from Interim Park and Recreation Director Carolyn Hanel who found a grant opportunity that could fund the construction of a pedestrian bridge over 9th Street for the Liberty Bell Trail.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Borough investigating and applying for the TAP grant for the covered bridge for 9th Street.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Barbara Krantz announced there would be an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Aigeldinger reported that there are 2 new projects that were discussed at the meeting, the Dunkin' Donuts on 5th Street and the property at the corner of 7th & Market Street. He also stated he attend the last Perkasio Olde Towne Association meeting March 10, 2014.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Steve Pizzollo updated the Committee on the outcome of the last Constituent Outreach

Committee meeting which included discussing fireworks problems on residential properties, parking, and the Borough's Electric Department bucket truck. The meeting was held March 11, 2014 at Borough Hall.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chuck Brooks announced that next meeting of the Quality of Life Committee is scheduled for April 15, 2014 at 7:30PM at the Borough Hall.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Krantz stated she read an article in the paper about variable electric rates.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Nate Fox announced at 9:20PM that Council was going into executive session to discuss the discipline of a police officer and the hiring of an employee 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) and would be reopening the meeting.

MEETING RECONVENES

The meeting reconvened at 9:40PM.

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the suspension of badge #8 for 7 days as agreed upon, and in accordance with the progressive discipline code as provided in the Perkasié Borough Police Department duty manual for the failure to follow departmental general orders, written policies or directives.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously appointed Andrea Coaxum as the Borough Manager and a salary will be negotiated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary