

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 21, 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

Ashlin Brooks

Callie Thompson

John Hollenbach

Andrea L. Coaxum

Joe Berardi

Steve Hillias

Dan Gilbert

Harold Stone

Carolyn Hanel

Nate Fox

Erik Garton

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

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 HEARING-ORDINANCE #973-ROADWAY TRENCHING

Solicitor Fox explained the purpose of the public hearing was to consider an ordinance requiring milling and overlaying of roadways for trench cuts. There were no questions from Council or the public on this matter.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously agreed to close the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING-CDBG FUNDING

Borough Manager Coaxum explained the purpose of the public hearing was an opportunity express comments about the grant funding that the Borough is seeking. There were no questions from Council or the public on this matter.

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously agreed to close the hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Jim Ryder turned the meeting over to Mayor Hollenbach. The Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to the two newly appointed youth councilors, Ashlin Brooks and Callie Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Public Hearing and Special Council meeting minutes of April 3, 2014 as well as the Committee minutes of April 7, 2014 and Council minutes of March 17, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor announced the Pennridge Little League Parade will be held Saturday, April 27, 2014 in Lenape Park.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

Council unanimously accepted the Planning Commission Report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the Zoning Hearing Board monthly report. The next Zoning Hearing Board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2014.

Police Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ordinance #973, Roadway Trenching

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #973, Roadway Trenching, amending Section 160.43B(6) of the Code of Ordinances requiring milling and overlaying of roadways to a depth of 1 ½ inches for trench cuts into any roadway within the Borough of Perkasio.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Bucks County Planning Commission-Participate in Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-11, agreeing to participate in the planning process of the Bucks County Mitigation Plan update.

Hallmark Homes Concept-9th Street and Park Avenue

Borough Council heard from representatives of Hallmark Homes regarding concept plans for land developments on a 29 acre parcel on South Main Street, known as the Kratz property, as well as development of the 7.75 acres for the Church of the Nazarene property on Ninth Street and Park Avenue. Giovanna Raffaelli, general counsel for Hallmark, said the developments would follow a national cluster trend that provides smaller lots while allowing for more open space.

In a separate report, Steve Barth, the Borough's Community and Economic Development Director updated Council on his other projects for the borough including finding a potential new tenant for the Secant Medical property which will soon be vacant. He also addressed resident's concern about parking in the Borough as new businesses and homes that are being built.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Park Reservation-Perkasie Lions Club

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Menlo Park reservation for the Perkasio Lion Club Annual Barbeque event on September 7, 2014.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Borough Manager's Employment Contract

At 8:00PM, Solicitor Fox announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss the Borough Manager's employment contract which is permitted under §708(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law.

At 8:10 PM the meeting was re-opened. Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Borough Manager Andrea Coaxum's employment agreement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Resolution 2014-12, CDBG Grant Application

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-12 authorizing application to the Bucks County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and designating contact person.

Perkasie Pride Awards

Councilmembers reviewed 2 applications received for the Perkasie Pride Award. It was agreed to extend the deadline to receive additional applications.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Constituent Outreach Committee will be held Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall building.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Quality of Life meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30PM at the Borough Hall building.

Matt Aigeldinger announced that a meeting of the Quality of Life Committee would be held at the Perkasie Fire House on June 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM for a Penn Foundation Panel discussion on drug abuse.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Flo Frei announced that a professional stunt bike show would be held at the Skate Park at Lenape Park on Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 12:00PM-4:00PM.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approval of the written decision for the conditional use application for an accessory drive-through for the Pemma Holdings, LLC for the premises located at 5th and Blooming Glen Road, Perkasio. All Councilmembers voted yes with the exception of Justin Stottlar who abstained. Motion carried 8-1.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Scott Bombay of the Perkasio Park Association. Mr. Bombay raised concerns regarding the Borough's proposal to run the Liberty Bell trail through the Perkasio Park.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary