

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2014**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (absent)

Chuck Brooks

Florence Frei

Barbara Krantz (absent)

Suzanne Kravitz

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Justin Stottlar

Youth Councilors:

Ashlin Brooks

Callie Thompson

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Police Chief:

Steve Hillias

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Parks and Recreation Director:

Carolyn Hanel

Borough Solicitor:

Nate Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

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

Andy Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street was present stating how the electric rates continue to remain a burden for residents and businesses. He suggested if the Borough does not plan to hire an Assistant Borough Manager, that the Borough could possibly reduce the electric rates by an additional 1%.

Allan Edwards of 419 S. 6th Street was present questioning why the audible fire sirens were turned off. He would like it turned back on so people can be cautious of emergency vehicles.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATION

Girl Scout Troop #21076 gave a presentation of the results of an energy audit of Borough Hall as a requirement for the girls to earn their “Get Moving Journey Badge”.

2013 AUDIT PRESENTATION

Greg Ede and Ron Ely of Styer Associates presented the audit of the Borough’s financial records for the year 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the Council minutes of April 17, 2014 and the amended Council Committee minutes of May 5, 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported the Memorial Day Parade will be held May 26, 2014 in Perkasio.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Council unanimously accepted the budget status report as presented for April 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 as presented.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council unanimously accepted the Zoning Hearing Board report as presented.

Police Report

The Chief reviewed his monthly report for April 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Award of Bid 2014-4-Concrete Replacement

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously awarded the contract for the 2014 concrete replacement project to Ettore Ventresca & Sons, Inc. for the base bid and the alternate for \$32,720.00.

Consider Award of Bid #2014-5-Road Program

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously awarded the contract for the 2014 road program to Blooming Glen Contractors for the base bid, alternate #1 and alternate #2 for the total contract price of \$197,465.85.

Consider Herbicide Application Quote

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council considered awarding the proposal of applying herbicide to control weeds along the curb lines to DBI Services of Hazelton, PA in the amount of \$2,608.00. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Justin Stottlar who voted against it. Motion carried 6-1.

Chuck Brooks asked if the borough street sweeping could be done in-house if the proper equipment were purchased. He asked the Public Works Committee to look into it.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Utility Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Planning and Zoning Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Request from Pennridge Field Hockey Booster Club

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for the Pennridge Field Hockey Booster Club to hold a rubber duck race at Lenape Park in the East Branch Perkiomen Creek on September 6, 2014 from 11:00AM to 12:00PM.

Consider Lease Agreement for Menlo Aquatic Center Snack Stand

Borough Manager Coaxum shared Barbara Krantz's (who was absent) concerns related to the lease agreement for Perkasio Pizza and Pasta for the concession stand.

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Menlo Aquatic Center lease for concession stand with Perkasio Pizza and Pasta for the 2014 pool season as described in the lease agreement. The lease amount for the season will be paid by Perkasio Pizza and Pasta for a total of \$2,000.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Personnel and Policy Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Awards

It was noted that nominations for the Perkasie Pride Awards will be accepted through May 28, 2014. Awarding of the Pride Awards will be on the June 2, 2014 Council meeting agenda.

POTA Façade Grant (\$5,000)

Solicitor Fox reviewed his memo regarding Council's recommendation to explore the possibility of a \$5,000 grant program for façade improvements in the downtown area. He explained the Borough cannot directly fund such economic development efforts. The Borough Code provides specific limitations on how Council may allocate funds with P.S. § 46202. The Solicitor suggested obtaining façade improvement grants through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Justin Stottlar reviewed the outcome of the Constituent Outreach Committee on May 13, 2014.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chuck Brooks announced a community forum of the Borough's Quality of Life Committee partnered with the Penn Foundation to hold a program called "Heroin: In Your Backyard" to address the growing concern surrounding heroin/prescription drug abuse among teens and young adults. This forum will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Perkasie Fire House. Brooks asked all Councilmembers to attend. The public is welcome to attend.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Rumbold, 502 S. 8th Street asked if the residents would receive notification when herbicide would be applied to the curblines.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nate Fox announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation for Pemma Holding vs. Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board which is allowed under Section 708(a)(4) and a personnel issue which is allowed under Section 708(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law which allows executive session and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary