

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Youth Councilors:

Ashlin Brooks (absent)
Callie Thompson (absent)

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Police Chief:

Steve Hillias

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Park and Recreation Director:

Carolyn Hanel

Borough Solicitor:

Nathan Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Purcell convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Jim Ryder complimented the Quality of Life Task Force and the Penn Foundation for the “Heroin in Your Backyard” panel discussion and forum that was held on Tuesday, June 3. President Ryder noted that the unanimous response of those who attended was very positive and the large turnout was evidence of the community’s concern.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments for the public forum.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for May 2014.

Consider Bid #2014-6 Handicap Ramps

The Borough recently solicited bids for the installation of ADA ramps under the 2014 CDBG grant program. Five bids were received. The two low bids were incomplete relative to the required components of the bid response. Upon the recommendation of the Borough Solicitor and the Borough Engineers, all the bids were rejected. The project will be re-bid.

On motion by Barbara Krantz, seconded by Steve Pizzollo the Council unanimously voted to reject the Bid #2014-06 as submitted.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for May 2014.

Presentation of Electric Department Safety Award

The Borough's Electric Department has earned the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2013. More than 285 utilities entered the annual Safety Awards, which is the highest number of entrants in the history of the program. Entrants were placed in categories according to the number of worker hours and ranked on their incidence rate for 2013. The incidence rate is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2013, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Electric Superintendent Harold Stone, Fred Schutte, Paul Alger, Shane Huey, Casey Kilgos were in attendance to receive the award and the compliments of Council.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's report for May 2014.

Consider the Rezoning of Constitution Square, Parcel #33-010-145

Thomas Calhoun and James Moulton of Moulton Builders were present and reviewed their plans to develop the parcel identified as Constitution Square. The rezoning of this property is noted in the Borough's new Comprehensive Plan. The parcel is currently split zoned, with a small portion being C-2, the road frontage zoned R-2, and the back majority being R-1B. Correspondence from the Borough's Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission recommend that the parcel be rezoned either R-2 or R-1B.

On motion by Steve Pizzollo, seconded by Flo Ann Frei and Barbara Krantz, Council voted to authorize staff to submit a review request to the Bucks County Planning Commission and Perkasie Borough Planning Commission to consider the re-zoning of tax parcel #33-010-145 to R-1B. The motion passed 7-1 with Suzanne Kravitz casting the nay vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report. Council President Jim Ryder asked about the status of the Menlo Aquatic Center. Carolyn Hanel replied that great weekend weather has resulted in strong attendance. She also noted that the pool patrons seem pleased with the new management and operations of the concession stand and that the proprietor (Perkasie Pizza & Pasta) was pleased with the weekend attendance.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to present to Council

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No business to present to Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Award(s)

Council reviewed the seven (7) nominations submitted for 2014.

On motion by Matt Aigeldinger, seconded by Steve Pizzollo, three properties were chosen for recognition:

120 North 6th Street

737 South 9th Street

130 North 6th Street

Mr. Aigeldinger also announced that the Perkasie Olde Towne Farmer's Market will return on Saturday June 21 at 7th & Market Street.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business to present to Council.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Matt Aigeldinger reported that over 200 people attended "Heroin: In Your Backyard" panel discussion held on June 3 in cooperation with the Penn Foundation. Mr. Aigeldinger thanked staff and the Perkasie Fire Company for the preparations and coordination and complimented Chief Hillias on his presentation. A follow-up meeting is being planned in cooperation with the Pennridge School District and the Penn Foundation.

Resolution 2014-17 Supporting Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs and Good Samaritan Legislation

On motion by Barbara Krantz, seconded by Jim Purcell, Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2014-17 in support of a strong state prescription drug monitoring program, the expanded use of prescription drop boxes for citizens to properly dispose of unused medications; enactment of "Good Samaritan" legislation to help save the lives of those who overdose; and expanded

distribution of lifesaving Naloxone to emergency personnel and medical professionals.

OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Fire Police Assistance-Haycock Triathlon

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved fire police assistance to the Haycock Fire Company for the Haycock Triathlon.

Approval of Fire Police Assistance-Pennridge High School Transportation Department

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved fire police assistance to the Pennridge School District on June 12, 2014 to assist school buses through the intersection of 5th Street and Route 313 on their way to their high school graduation ceremony.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dan Garges, owner of the Tidal Wave Car Wash at 25 South 9th Street addressed Council on the recent increase in water and sewer rates. Mr. Garges opined that combined with the prior increase in electric rates, his business has been hit particularly hard. Jim Purcell thanked Mr. Garges for his remarks and suggested he speak with the Perkasio Regional Authority regarding the water and sewer rates.

PRESS FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:45PM Solicitor Fox announced Council was going into executive session to discuss potential litigation regarding Pemma Holdings LLC planned appeal of the Perkasio Zoning Hearing Board's decision and to discuss a personnel issue which is allowed under section 708(a)(1) and would reopen the meeting thereafter.

MEETING RECONVENES

At 8:12 PM, the meeting was reconvened.

On motion by Steve Pizzollo, seconded by Jim Ryder, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor to intervene on behalf of the Borough in the Pemma Holdings, LLC appeal of the Perkasio ZHB decision.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Andrea Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary