

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 7, 2014**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Chuck Brooks
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Steve Pizzollo (absent)

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Justin Stottlar

Youth Councilors:

Ashlin Brooks (absent)

Callie Thompson

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 (absent)

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 organizers of the annual Pennridge Community Day on a great event.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Jared Brinsmade, 811 W. Chestnut Street read from a letter provided to Council regarding a property at 8th and West Chestnut, formerly known as the Trio Inn Hotel. Mr. Brinsmade's concerns focused on property maintenance issues as well as the behavior of the residents living at that property. Council thanked Mr. Brinsmade and referred the matter to the appropriate Borough departments and staff for follow-up.
- Andrew Moyer and Adam Purfeerst, the current and former owners of 109 North 6th Street were present to question the Zoning Hearing Board decision granting relief to the owner of 529 Arch Street, which is adjacent to 109 N. 6th. Vice-Chairman Purcell advised that this matter was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Presentation of Trash and Recycling Survey Results

Andrea Coaxum, Borough Manager and Dan Gilbert, Public Works Director, provided a brief power point presentation summarizing the results of the recent survey of residents regarding trash and recycling services in the Borough. Ms. Coaxum noted that staff is not prepared to make any recommendations based on the results of the survey at this time, but hopes to have that information for the budget discussions this fall.

Mr. Purcell noted that the Borough Council is planning a special meeting focusing on trash and recyclable collection in the fall.

Consider Bid #2014-7 Handicap Ramps

The Borough recently solicited bids for the installation of ADA ramps under the 2014 CDBG grant program. Bids were opened June 30, 2014. Two bids were received.

ON MOTION BY MATTHEW AIGELDINGER, SECONDED BY BARBARA KRANTZ, THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE AWARDED BID 2014-7, CDBG FUNDED HANDICAP RAMPS, TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, RONALD BARTHOLOMEW CONCRETE & EXCAVATION CO., INC. FOR A CONTRACT PRICE OF \$141,859.50.

Consider Perkasio Lions Club Request to Place Collection Box

Council directed staff to coordinate with the Lions Club regarding the placement of a collection box for old eye glasses.

Consider Extending Municipal Yard Waste Contract

ON MOTION BY JIM RYDER, SECONDED BY FLO ANN FREI, THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO EXTEND THE BOROUGH'S CONTRACT WITH J.P. MASCARO FOR THE RENTAL OF A 40-YARD DUMPSTER, HAULING AND PROPERTY RECYCLING OF YARD WASTE MATERIAL FOR THE FOLLOWING COSTS" \$120.00/MONTH FOR DUMPSTER RENTAL; \$195.00 PER TRIP FOR WASTE HAULING, AND \$60.00 PER TON FOR DISPOSAL FROM JUNE 1, 2014 TO MAY 31, 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Power Purchase

Andrea Coaxum announced that the final power supply purchase for 2016 and 2017 was made on June 23, 2014 at \$55.90 MWh. This purchase accounts for all of the Borough's remaining needs during those years which are about 20% of the total requirement.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Status of Cluster Ordinance Discussions

Andrea Coaxum reported that she is waiting for recommendations from the Bucks County Planning Commission to modify the Borough's cluster zoning ordinance. She also noted that she is contacting other municipalities for copies of their respective ordinances to compare to Perkasio's. The Council expressed frustration regarding the amount of time the County Planning Commission is taking to perform their review. Solicitor Nate Fox suggested that he would draft an ordinance and submit that to the County Planning Commission. Representatives of Hallmark Homes were present to discuss their pending proposals for residential land developments that would benefit from their suggested changes to the Cluster Ordinance. The representatives from Hallmark Homes expressed concern that they are running out of time to obtain the necessary approvals and move ahead with their project(s).

Upcoming Planning Commission Meetings

Jim Purcell announced that the Borough Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 9 to discuss the amended final land development plan for the American House at 7th and Market and the rezoning petition affecting the former Perkasio Industries site.

Reutlinger Zoning Hearing Board Decision

The former owner (Andrew Moyer) and current owner (Adam Purfeerst) of 109 North 6th Street expressed their concern regarding the recent decision of the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) granting a special exception to the owner of 529 Arch Street, which is immediately adjacent to 109 North 6th Street. Mr. Moyer advised that neither he nor Mr. Purfeerst received any written notice of the ZHB hearing and consequently did not attend to express their opposition and concerns.

ON MOTION BY BARBARA KRANTZ, SECONDED BY FLO ANN FREI, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY DIRECTED THE SOLICITOR TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF BOROUGH COUNCIL WITH THE INTENT TO REMAND THE MATTER BACK TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD TO ALLOW FOR PROPER NOTIFICATION OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS PRIOR TO ANY HEARING.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Review of Director's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for June, 2014.

Approval of Park Reservation for Weidman Family

ON MOTION BY FLO ANN FREI, SECONDED BY JUSTIN STOTTLAR, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE REQUEST BY THE WEIDMAN FAMILY TO USE THE MENLO PARK PAVILION ON JULY 12, 2014 FROM 1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM.

Consider Request for POTA Car Show

ON MOTION BY MATTHEW AIGELDINGER, SECONDED BY BARBARA KRANTZ, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION OF THE PERKASIE OLDE TOWNE ASSOCIATION (POTA) FOR THEIR ANNUAL UNDER THE STARTS CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014 FROM 3:00-9:30 PM, WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2014 FROM 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Resolution 2014-19, Revised Salary Schedule

ON MOTION BY JIM RYDER, SECONDED BY FLO ANN FREI, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RESOLUTION 2014-19 AMENDING THE 2014 SALARY SCHEDULE.

Conditional Offer of Employment: Police Officer

ON MOTION BY JUSTIN STOTTLAR, SECONDED BY JIM RYDER, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO EXTEND AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO RYAN RICHARDSON CONDITIONAL UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER BY THE CANDIDATE AND THE CANDIDATE'S SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AND PASSING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH EXAMS BY THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AS REQUIRED BY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW. THIS OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY EXPIRE IF ANY OF THE CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT MET.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Advertise Draft Ordinance Amendment to include DROP Program in the Police Pension Plan

ON MOTION BY BARBARA KRANTZ, SECONDED BY JUSTIN STOTTLAR, THE BOROUGH COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A DRAFT ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOROUGH'S POLICE PENSION PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA LAW TO MEET CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to present to Council.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

No business to present to Council. The Chairman of that Committee, Justin Stottlar, announced that their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to present to Council. The Chairman of that Committee, Chuck Brooks, announced that their next meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2014 beginning at 7:00 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was brought before Council

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Andrea Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary