

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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

Youth Councilors:

Justin Stottlar
Ashlin Brooks (absent)

Mayor:

Callie Thompson

Borough Manager:

John Hollenbach

Police Chief:

Andrea Coaxum

Finance Director:

Steve Hillias

Public Works Director:

Joe Berardi

Electric Superintendent:

Dan Gilbert

Park and Recreation Director:

Harold Stone (absent)

Borough Solicitor:

Carolyn Hanel

Press Representatives:

Nathan Fox

News Herald

Daily Intelligencer

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

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Hollenbach administered the Oaths of Office to newly appointed Police Officers Ryan Richardson and Nicholas Costa. Chief Steve Hillias presented the Officers with their police badges.

PUBLIC HEARING-REZONING PERKASIE WOODS

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council opened the public hearing for the rezoning of proposed Perkasie Woods development on Constitution Avenue. Jim Ryder reported that no additional information has been provided at this time. Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell Council unanimously agreed to continue the hearing until the August 18, 2014 Council meeting. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously agreed to continue the public hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Jared Brinsmade of 811 W. Chestnut Street as well as several other neighbors of 8th Street. Mr. Brinsmade asked Council to declare an apartment building located at 42 S. 8th Street a public nuisance and provided a list of “reasonable demands” that he would like Council to institute including improvements to the building’s interior and exterior and background checks on tenants.

Present was A.J. Pirolli of 125 Sugarbush Drive who felt the development did not need sidewalks on the open space side of the street opposite where the homes were constructed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the disposal of two pieces of surplus equipment; 1) An attachment to the leaf vacuum machine; 2) Gas powered generator.

Consider Disposal of Tub Grinder

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved the disposal of the 1994 Haybuster HD 8 Tub Grinder serial number 24-1-49-0248.

5-Year Winter Service Agreement with PennDOT-Resolution #2014-21

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-21 executing an agreement with PennDOT to perform snow and ice clearance on various state roads within the Borough to include:

1. Market Street-Ridge Road to 7th Street
2. Callowhill Street- 5th Street to Borough line
3. Constitution Avenue-Borough line to Walnut Street
4. Main Street-Walnut Street to Callowhill Street
5. 5th Street-Market Street to Borough line
6. Tunnel Road-Route 563 to Borough line
7. Park Avenue-Route 563 to Borough line

Further, this agreement is during the winter seasons of 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2018-2019.

Consider Resolution #2014-22, Opposing the Expansion of Federal Control Under the Clean Water

Act

The Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's is urging borough officials to oppose a proposed rule change from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps' of Engineers that would clarify what waters are-and what waters are not-protected under the Federal Clean Water Act. Committee members reviewed a resolution opposing the expansion of Federal control under the Clean Water Act. Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-22 opposing the expansion of federal control under the Clean Water Act.

Request for Fire Police Assistance-Haycock Township

The Committee reviewed a letter from Haycock Township requesting Perkasio fire police assistance for the Steelman Triathlon's annual event on August 10, 2014. Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized Perkasio Fire Police to assist Haycock Township on August 10, 2014 for the Steelman Triathlon at Lake Nockamixon.

Other Business

Councilman Aigeldinger brought up the issue of the urgent need to repair the Bucks County bridge on Walnut Street at Constitution Avenue. He stated there was a substantial crack that has opened up on the pedestrian side of the bridge and also that there is a crack that goes across the road and three other ones. Borough Manager Coaxum reported that the Borough sent a letter to Bucks County Director of Operations about the condition of the bridge and how important it is that the bridge stay open for emergency services. Councilmembers stated they will reach out to local representatives and urged residents to do the same.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously agreed to dispose of a 2002 GMC Bucket Truck.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and agreed to approve the Code Enforcement's monthly report.

Request for Waiver-Sugarbush Sidewalk

Tim Woodrow, the engineer representing MJE Builders was present to ask for a waiver from installing sidewalks on the open space side of Sugarbush Drive, the opposite side where the homes

were constructed. It was the general consensus that the Punch List items should be completed first and then MJE Builders should return to Council to consider the waiver.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report.

Consider Request for Donation of Pool Passes-West Rockhill Township Septemberfest

The Committee reviewed a letter from West Rockhill Township requesting a donation for their annual Septemberfest. Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the donation of 4 daily pool passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the 2015 season to West Rockhill Township for their annual Septemberfest on September 28, 2014.

Other Business

Flo Frei announced the August 6, 2014 Park and Recreation Board meeting is cancelled. She also commended Carolyn Hanel, the Park and Recreation Director for a remarkable job at the Menlo Aquatic Center so far this year

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance #977, Non-Uniform Pension

The Committee reviewed a memo from Finance Director Joe Berardi requesting approval of an ordinance revising the Summary Plan Document Contract for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to meet the required deadline set by PMRS. It was agreed to put approval of the ordinance and Municipal Pension Plan document on the August 18, 2014 agenda for approval.

Other Business

The next meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the 2015 budget will be held on September 3, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the Borough Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Matt Aigeldinger announced the Perkasio Olde Towne Under the Stars Car show will be held on Saturday August 16, 2014 from 5:00 PM-9:30 PM. He also stated the "Bread Box" bakery on Market Street recently opened.

It was announced that Perkasio Fire Company would be holding a public meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM at 5th & Arch Street. The topic is whether to place a question on the November election ballot to increase the tax millage 1.00 mil for the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Fire Company.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 PM, Solicitor Fox announced Council was going into executive session to discuss two issues. The first issue involved a Borough contractor authorized to perform work on handicap ramps who damaged a resident's property and refused to pay for the damage. The second matter is related to Pemma Holdings, LLC and the Perkasio Borough Zoning Hearing Board. The meeting recessed.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 PM. Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to file a claim against Floyd Hersch Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 in Small Claims Court for damage caused to a resident's property.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before Borough Council and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary