

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPT 03, 2014  
620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Matt Aigeldinger Flo Frei Suzanne Kravitz Steve Pizzollo Jim Purcell Jim Ryder Justin Stottlar
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Andrea L Coaxum
Finance Director:	Joe Berardi
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
Park & Recreation Director:	Carolyn Hanel
Public Works Director:	Dan Gilbert

The Finance Committee meeting was opened at 5:00PM by Finance Committee Chairman Jim Ryder. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

BUDGET 2015-REVIEW-The Finance Director went through the changes that were made since the last Budget meeting that was held 07/28/14. The major points of discussion were as follows:

FIRE TAX-The Fire Tax is reflected at the same rate of 1.0 mil as 2014. This topic will be discussed at future Council meetings.

ELECTRIC RATES-Will be discussed in depth at future meetings. Matt Aigeldinger suggested that we decrease our electric rates in the range of 3%-4% and reduce the excess balance in the General Fund.

POOL MEMBERSHIP RATES-Will remain at 2014 levels.

POLICE COVERAGE-Revenue will decline in 2015 due to the Penridge football games being held in East Rockh8ll. The expenses will decrease by the same amount.

CHARGE TO SELLERSVILLE FOR POLIC ECOVERAGE-Due to the large cost of the radios we are proposing to spread the charge to Sellersville over 5 years if approved by Council.

POOL FUND-Reduced revenue and expenses to reflect the outsourcing of the concession stand to a third party.

CAPITAL SPENDING-Reduction of \$995,500 from 07/28 by prioritizing the various expenditures. The Pool covers were discussed and Council expressed the desire to purchase them in 2014. Carolyn Hanel will put together a quote to complete that project to present to Council for approval.

FUND BALANCES-Reviewed all of the projected year-end 2015 balances. We discussed reducing the amount, over target, which is in the General Fund by decreasing electric rates.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Mary Antczak asked if we have purchased any excess military equipment for use by our Police Dept. Chief Hillias said that the only surplus things that we have purchased are the plastic cuffs that are used when restraining a perpetrator. Mary Antczak thought that the lower costs for purchasing the equipment could benefit the Borough.

Mary also expressed her concern with the roads in the Borough and primarily 5<sup>th</sup> St. Andrea Coaxum said that we have had numerous conversations with PENNDOT to repair the large holes and that those conversations will continue. Also, that Fifth St is a state road and PENNDOT is responsible for the repair.

Resident Andy Rumbold expressed his desire to have the electric rates reduced in 2015 in order to benefit the residents that helped create the surplus in the General Fund.

PRESS FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary