

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger  
Chuck Brooks  
Florence Frei  
Barbara Krantz (arrived 7:10PM)  
Suzanne Kravitz  
Steve Pizzollo  
Jim Purcell  
Jim Ryder (absent)  
Justin Stottlar (absent)  
Ashlin Brooks  
Callie Thompson (absent)  
John Hollenbach  
Andrea L. Coaxum (absent)  
Joe Berardi  
Steve Hillias  
Dan Gilbert  
Harold Stone  
Carolyn Hanel  
Nate Fox  
News Herald  
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Susan Green of 624 E. Walnut Street who said Council should reconsider buying the electric smart meters and reduce the residents electric rates instead.

Present was Erin Heydt of 402 Arch Street who was unhappy with the Borough's trash system and the additional \$12.00 annual charge.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

The President was absent from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the meeting minutes of August 18, 2014.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

No report.

### Taxes Collected

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

### Budget Status

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for August 2014.

### Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

### Planning Commission Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the Planning Commission report.

### Zoning Hearing Board Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the Zoning Hearing Board report.

### Police Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the August 2014 Police Report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Storm Water Presentation by Gilmore & Associates

Borough Engineer Eric Garton of Gilmore Associates was present at the meeting. He gave a brief presentation on the Borough's Stormwater Management Program as required by the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program.

#### Resident Presentation & Request-Benfield Mill Line of Sight

Bill Zadrovicz, who lives in Benfield Mills Condominiums at 624 East Walnut Street, was present to ask Council to help in removing a parking space on Walnut Street at the edge of the property's driveway, citing line-of-sight issues. Mr. Zadrovicz said that two accidents occurred in the past year, and that cars constantly speed down the road. As a traffic engineer himself, he presented Council with a sight distance report. Borough officials said that while Walnut Street is a state-owned road, they would attempt to contact PennDOT to see if a temporary no parking sign on one space adjacent to the driveway could be installed.

### Consider Refuse Collection Contract

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved a one-year extension on the Borough's contract with Waste Management to accept Perkasio Borough's municipal waste for a fee \$86.00 per ton.

### Fire Police Assistance Approval

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the Perkasio Fire Police to assist Hilltown Township for their Community Day event on October 11, 2014.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

#### Consider Resolution #2014-25-Electric Utility Operating Policy for Security Deposits and Service Disconnections

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously adopted Resolution #2014-24, amending and formally adopting an electric utility policy for security deposits and service disconnections to be effectively immediately.

The major changes that were made from the prior Policy are as follows:

- 1) Security deposits will be required from renters when the applicant opens the account. Currently the security was due 2 weeks after the account was opened.
- 2) Electric shutoffs will not be permitted between December 1 and March 31. Currently, the shutoff period was between November 1 and April 15.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

#### Resolution #2014-25-Request for Waiver of Sidewalk in the Sugarbush Development

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved sending the Sugarbush sidewalk waiver request to the Perkasio Borough Planning Commission for their review.

#### Herzstein Sketch Plan Presentation

Present was John Herzstein owner of 208 E. Ridge Avenue. Mr. Herzstein explained he has approval to convert the existing structure into three units. However, he would prefer removing the existing structure and building new. His new proposal is to continue with three units, and consists of one new single home taking access from Ridge Road and a twin taking access from Ridge Avenue.

Mr. Herzstein has been to the Zoning Hearing Board four times with different plans for the site. The Zoning Hearing Board approved three of those plans, but Borough Council at that time appealed two of those decisions and Mr. Herzstein lost on the appeals. The only Zoning Hearing Board approval that was not appealed was the three-unit conversion. One of his previous proposals, to construct back-to-back twins on the site, was not approved by the Zoning Hearing Board.

Before Mr. Herzstein makes application to the Zoning Hearing Board again he wanted to present his sketch plan to Borough Council to get feedback in advance of the application.

Council recommended sending the plan to the Zoning Hearing Board.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Trinity Lutheran Church Park Reservation

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Trinity Lutheran Church to reserve the Menlo Park pavilion for a social event on October 12, 2014 from, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Consider Purchase of Pool Covers

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the purchase of pool safety covers for the competition pool and the baby pool at a cost of \$29,175.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Resolution #2014-26, Fire Tax Increase Referendum

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2014-26 authorizing a fire services tax referendum in the November 2014 general election to add an additional 0.5 mills to the current 1.0 mills fire tax.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before Committee.

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

It was announced that the Constituent Outreach Committee met on September 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chuck Brooks announced the Quality of Life Task Force would be meeting along with the Perkasié Town Watch organization on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall.

Present was Randy Trauger of Penn Foundation who explained the services Penn Foundation offers to the community.

Chuck Brooks announced the “unveiling” of the new kiosk in Lenape constructed by Bob Lawson as his Eagle Scout project, will be Tuesday, September 23 at 4:30PM in the park.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor announced The Bread Box Bakery on Market Street is having its Grand Open-Ribbon Cutting on September 20, 2014.

Mayor Hollenbach also spoke in support of the increase in the fire tax millage.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss the Reutlinger land use appeal, PEMMA Holdings, and reAlliance land development and would not reopen the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary