

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2015**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Chuck Brooks
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Jim Ryder

Youth Councilors:

Justin Stottlar
Ashlin Brooks (absent)

Mayor:

Callie Thompson
John Hollenbach (absent)

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Finance Director:

Joe Berardi

Police Chief:

Steve Hillias

Public Works Director:

Dan Gilbert

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (absent)

Parks and Recreation Director:

Carolyn Hanel

Borough Solicitor:

Nate Fox

Press Representatives:

News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Flo Ann Frei gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive spoke concerning children playing in the streets within his development.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Jim Ryder announced that the Dunkin Donuts agenda item would not be discussed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Borough Council meeting minutes of May 4, 2015 and April 20, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor was absent from the meeting

Taxes Collected, Budget Status, Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the monthly reports for taxes collected, budget status and the engineer.

Planning Commission Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the Perkasio Planning Commission's monthly report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

Upon motion by Purcell seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department monthly report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Settlement Agreement Floyd G. Hersh Inc. vs. Perkasio Borough

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved a settlement agreement and mutual release of all claims with Meadowbrook Insurance Group on behalf of Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. to resolve the small claims court matter of Perkasio Borough v. Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. related to property damage occurring during work to replace Borough handicap ramps whereby Meadowbrook Insurance will pay the Borough \$6,000 to settle the matter in full.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2015-14, Approval of Willis and Sherry Moyer Living Trust Minor Subdivision

Present were representatives Attorney Ed Wild, Scott McMackin of Cowan Associates and Applicant Woody Moyer representing Willis and Sherry Moyer Living Trust. The applicant is seeking minor subdivision approval.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2015-14 approving the Willis and Sherry Moyer living trust preliminary/final land development plans.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Park Reservation Miley

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Emily Miley to reserve the skate park pavilion on July 18, 2015 from 9:00AM to 6:00PM.

Consider Park Reservation Romero

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Jose Romero to reserve the Menlo Park pavilion on May 25, 2015 from 11:00AM to 7:00PM.

Consider Event Permit Application-Rotary Ride for Families

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for Pennridge-Perkasie Rotary Club to use the parking area at the covered bridge in Lenape Park for a rest stop for a bike event August 2, 2015 from 8:00AM to 1:00PM.

Consider Park Reservation Cressman

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Kenneth Cressman to reserve the Menlo Park pavilion on June 20, 2015 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance-Dublin Borough

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Fire Police to assist Dublin Borough for the Bucks County Fireman's Parade on June 13, 2015.

Consider Two Part-Time Employees-Public Works Employees

Council members discussed a request to add two part-time employees to the Public Works Department. The Department has been using two temporary part-time employees since late last year because two permanent employees were out on medical leave. Public Works Director Dan Gilbert stated the part-time employees could work on the trash truck and recycling allowing the full-time staff time to work on projects such as the new salt shed installation, and

improvements to the storm sewer system, which would cost the Borough much more to contract out to private contractors.

Councilwoman Flo Frei asked for the justification for the additional expenditure and how much money the Borough would save by employees doing projects in-house.

The matter would be considered again once more information is gathered to answer questions brought up during discussion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Approval of Verizon Lease for Compound Expansion

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting on May 26, 2015, in support of Verizon Wireless' application for a compound expansion at 311 S. 9th Street and to authorize the Council President to sign the letter of authorization for Verizon Wireless to pursue zoning relief and other required permits, but no construction activity until all permits are obtained and a lease is executed, and the authorization to be revocable in sixty (60) days if a lease is not executed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

No business to come before this committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Flo Frei announced that the Borough was awarded First Place in the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs newsletter contest for 2015. The award will be on display at the Borough Office.

Chuck Brook recognized Perkasio Borough Youth Councilor Callie Thomson stating she was graduating from high school in June and thanked her for serving as a youth Councilor.

PUBLIC FORUM

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive advised Council that the seeds from the trees in his development are clogging the storm sewer system.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Coaxum', is written over a solid horizontal line.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary