

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

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| Council Member:                | Matt Aigeldinger (absent)<br>Chuck Brooks<br>Florence Frei<br>Barbara Krantz<br>Suzanne Kravitz<br>Steve Pizzollo (absent)<br>Jim Purcell<br>Jim Ryder<br>Justin Stottlar |
| Youth Councilor:               | Ashlin Brooks<br>Jakob Aigeldinger (absent)   |
| Mayor:                         | John Hollenbach   |
| Borough Manager:               | Andrea L. Coaxum  |
| Finance Director:              | Joe Berardi   |
| Police Chief:                  | Steve Hillias   |
| Public Works Director:         | Dan Gilbert (absent)  |
| Electric Superintendent:       | Harold Stone (absent)   |
| Parks and Recreation Director: | Carolyn Hanel   |
| Borough Solicitor:             | Nate Fox  |
| Borough Engineer:              | Doug Rossino  |
| Press Representatives:         | News Herald<br>Daily Intelligencer  |

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Present was Michelle Lanzetta of 341 East Walnut Street who spoke about the problems in the neighborhood with patrons frequenting the Free Will Brewery on Walnut Street and the impact it is having on her and neighboring properties.

Joe Torpey, owner of 408 Arch Street was present to speak in opposition to the proposed rental inspection ordinance.

Lynn Super of 350 East Walnut Street was present to speak regarding the patrons of Free Will Brewery intruding on her property.

Chad Strothers owner of 118 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street said he disagreed with the rental inspection ordinance asking why it focused on just rental properties.

Andy Laessig, Superintendent of Covered Bridge Apartments on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, explained that the complex has a rental inspection process when apartments are turned over.

Present was Tom Gilles of 517 Waltham Lane, who owns several properties in Perkasio, Lansdale, and Bethlehem, stated other municipalities where he owns properties have rental inspection policies.

Local realtor Tom Skiffington owner of 701 West Market Street expressed opposition to the inspection ordinance as well, saying similar actions in other municipalities have not affected the change the boroughs would like to see.

Lance Deckman owner of 156 South Main Street asked what the statistics were to back up warranting a rental inspection ordinance.

Jamie Ridge of Suburban Realtor Alliance said the rental inspection ordinance puts a burden on the good landlords.

Chris Nicolosi of 429 South Ridge Road asked for statistics before the rental inspection ordinance is considered.

Stephanie Radcliffe of 114 East Walnut Street was concerned with the fee imposed for the proposed rental inspection ordinance.

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street, speaking on behalf of her landlord, Beatrice Waite, stated the rental inspection ordinance would be a burden to her since she is elderly and cannot drive.

Ralph Oswald of 20 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street asked why the rental inspection ordinance did not apply to homeowners and only landlords.

Richard Aichele who owns a duplex on 4<sup>th</sup> Street suggested amending the building code ordinance to allow for interior inspections if an exterior safety issue is reported.

Local realtor Andy Moyer questioned whether a rental inspection ordinance was necessary if only a handful of complaints have been received.

Jim Ryder thanked everyone for their comments. Justin Stottlar said he would like to see more definitive information on the number of complaints received regarding rental properties.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council minutes of August 17, 2015, the Special Finance Committee minutes of September 2, 2015 and the Committee minutes of September 8, 2015.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

No report.

Taxes Collected and Budget Status

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected and budget status for August 2015.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion of Ordinance #988 Residential Rental Inspections

**NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2015-22, Country Ridge Plan Amendment

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2015-22 approving an amendment to the final plan of Hallmark Homes Group, Inc. for the Country Ridge Subdivision previously approved by Resolution #2015-18 and authorizing the Borough Council President, and Manager's execution of all required easements, agreements, and documents required for final plan recording and land development upon satisfactory staff review and completion of same.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Event Permit Application-Perkasie Fire Company Open House

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Fire Company's event permit application for the Perkasie Fire Company to hold a Fire Prevention Open House on October 8, 2015 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM and to close Arch Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street for apparatus display.

Consider Event Permit Application-Pennridge High School Homecoming Parade

This matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Consider Park Reservation-Kerschner/Perea

Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Jennifer Kerschner and Justin Perea to reserve the Lenape twin bridges on August 4, 2016 from 12:30PM to 3:00PM for a wedding.

Consider Event Permit Application-Perkasie Lions Club

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for the Perkasie Lions Club to hold their annual chicken barbeque in Menlo Park on September 11, 2016 from 7:00AM to 3:00PM.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2015-21, Refinance 2006 Loan, Series C

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously authorized the refinancing of \$423,000 of the principal on general obligation notes, 2006 series. The interest rate will be fixed until maturity with a 7 year option to reset the interest rate at no cost after September 25, 2022.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Potential Knox Box Ordinance

Perkasie Fire Chief Dave Worthington was present to suggest an ordinance requiring new construction on commercial properties, building with multiple dwellings units and building with alarms or fire suppression system be equipped with a "Knox Box". He explained the Knox Box is a vault that opens by a master key carried by the fire department and contains the keys to a property for use in responding to an alarm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Mary Antczak, 718 Shadywood Drive. Ms. Antczak commented on the rental inspection ordinance stating it was an invasion of people's private property.

PRESS FORUM

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

  
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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary