

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING-BUDGET 2016  
SEPT 26, 2015  
620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Florence Frei Matt Aigeldinger Jim Purcell Jim Ryder
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Andrea L Coaxum
Finance Director:	Joe Berardi
Police Chief:	Steve Hillias

The Finance Committee meeting was opened at 9:00AM by Finance Committee Chairman Jim Ryder. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Mary Antczak asked if we were going to cover the Refuse Fund including costs and other changes. Jim Ryder replied that we would.

BUDGET

The Finance Director went through the overview of the 2016 Budget including revenue, spending, headcount and wage and benefit projections. Total spending is increasing by .2% (two-tenths of 1 percent). The Finance Director also went through an overview of the Public Works and Refuse Funds.

During the above presentation, Flo Frei asked about the status of the Delbar Property. Mayor Hollenbach indicated that the buyer should not incur any additional cost to purchase the property and encouraged Council to assist wherever needed. Matt Aigeldinger suggested that the responsibility for the 3% increase for salaries be up to the discretion of the Borough Manager. Matt Aigeldinger inquired about purchasing a motorized trolley for use in the Borough. Matt would like us to reserve money for a future purchase. Andrea Coaxum advised Council that Carolyn has been assigned the responsibility to obtain the information about the trolley in order to make an informed decision.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed Ordinance for Rental Inspections. Jim Ryder expressed his concern with costs for Code Inspection to be revenue neutral. The Mayor expressed his concern about the rental inspections becoming an overreach by the government and an intrusion upon renters.

Dan Gilbert reviewed Public Works and Refuse departments. Costs for disposal of waste and recycling are increasing and the credit provided to the Borough for recycled materials has been decreasing due to the softness in the market. The proposed increase in the annual trash fee of \$15.32 would make the annual fee \$27.32 was discussed. Jim Ryder and Flo Frei agreed that the increase should be \$18.00 which would make the annual fee \$30.00.

Joe Berardi reviewed the Pension costs and the funding levels for both the Non-Uniform plan and the Uniform plan. Flo asked about the method of distribution of the Excess Interest. This will be answered at the next meeting.

Joe Berardi reviewed the Police department expense highlights and the Police Capital spending. Police Chief Hillias reviewed the highlights of the Police Budget indicating that we reviewed the charges to Sellersville and the objective to contain costs as much as possible was accomplished.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

None

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak suggested to eliminate recycling and does not agree with the proposed \$30.00 annual trash fee. Andrea stated that the recycling program is mandated by the State and part of the cost is recovered from the Grant Program. Mary suggested the implementation of stickers or placards in cars to properly identify Perkasio residents. Mary asked about the progress on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street paving project, the installation of the drains and sidewalks. Dan Gilbert expressed that the work is progressing and that the State would pave 5<sup>th</sup> Street as soon as all of the drain and sidewalk work is completed.

#### PRESS FORUM

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

  
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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary