

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 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 Justin Stottlar
Youth Councilor:	Ashlin Brooks (absent) 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 (absent)
Borough Solicitor:	Nate Fox
Borough Engineer:	Erik Garton
Press Representatives:	News Herald 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 HEARING

Perkasie Industrial Development Authority Financing-Lutheran Home of Telford

The public hearing was opened to receive comments on the Perkasie Industrial Development Authority approving the financing of capital improvements for the Lutheran Community at Telford. No comments were received. Upon motion by Stottlar, seconded by Aigeldinger, the hearing was unanimously closed.

Consider Resolution #2015-24, Perkasio Industrial Development Authority Financing-Lutheran Home of Telford

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2015-24 to approve the issuance by the Perkasio Borough Industrial Development Authority Board of its tax-exempt note for a facility located in Telford Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and authorizing the taking of all such acts not inconsistent with the proposed resolution. Further, appointing the Borough Council President as the applicable representative to sign the Certificate of Representation.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Andy Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street who thanked the Borough for placing road milling in the alley behind his house.

Warren Koehler of 250 West Market Street had questions regarding stormwater management regulations related to a permit to put an addition onto his residence.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee minutes of October 5, 2015.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the Council minutes of September 21, 2015.

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee minutes of September 26, 2015.

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee minutes of October 3, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach made a Proclamation for November to be a "No Shave" month which participants forgo shaving to raise awareness for men's health issues. The Proclamation was created to allow the Borough's Police Department Officers to grow neatly groomed facial hair during the month of November as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and Pennridge FISH.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Stottlar, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for September 2015.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for September 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 Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department's monthly report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider Advertising Draft Knox Box Ordinance No. 990

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor to advertise Ordinance No. 990 in the Daily Intelligencer for a public hearing on Monday, November 2, 2015 before the Perkasio Borough Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Discuss PennDOT Letter and Draft Emergency Maintenance Agreement

The Committee reviewed a letter from PennDOT and draft agreement regarding participation in a pothole patching program. The agreement would allow the municipality to repair potholes on state roads when PennDOT is not able to handle them in a reasonable amount of time with their own crew. The municipality can then invoice the state for all authorized work performed. Council members agreed with the concept and directed the Borough Manager to

respond to PennDOT stating interest in the program.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Consider AMP Member Agent Designation

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2015-25 authorizing the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with American Municipal Power, Inc. ("AMP") designating AMP as Agent for purposes related to provisions of economical and reliable power as required in the Masters Services Agreement ("MSA").

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Master Plan Study Contract Amendment

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the expanded scope of services for Simone Collins to create better connections that extend the Perkasio Greenway/Trail system outward to link with neighboring municipalities; as well as to improve internal Borough pedestrian and greenspace/habitats that better link neighborhoods inside the Boroughs to the Perkiomen greenway/trail corridor spine. This approval allows for a not-to-exceed figure of \$60,000 for the entire Master Site Plan Study, which is \$10,000 more than the original approval of Borough Council from the September 8, 2015 meeting.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Appointment to Park and Recreation Board

The floor was opened for nominations to the Park and Recreation Board. Flo Frei nominated Kevin Gardner which was seconded by Jim Purcell. Justin Stottlar nominated Scott Bomboy which was seconded by Jim Ryder. Upon roll call vote Councilmembers Krantz, Frei, Pizzollo, Purcell and Brooks voted for Kevin Gardner. Councilmembers Stottlar, Ryder Aigeldinger and Kravitz voted for Scott Bomboy. By a 5-4 vote, Kevin Gardner was appointed to the Parks and recreation Board for a 3 year unexpired term through 2016.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Request for Tuition Reimbursement

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the tuition reimbursement request from Jason Heft for 2016.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

Discussion of Ordinance #988, Residential Rental Inspections

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to advertise the revised Ordinance No. 988 entitled “Perkasie Borough Rental Property Inspection Code” in the Intelligencer newspaper for a public hearing at the November 2, 2015 Borough Council meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Krantz stated she attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough’s Fall conference and it was very informative.

Jim Purcell asked if staff could work with Mr. Koehler, who spoke during public forum, to provide him assistance with his stormwater management issue.

PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Rumbold of 502 S. 8th Street stated he disagrees with adopting a rental inspection ordinance. He suggested providing tenants with information on resources to help with issues related to the property they are renting.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00 PM, the Solicitor stated that Council was going into executive session to discuss a personnel item which is permitted under §708(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law which allows Executive Session: “To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to

adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure). The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any meeting involving the appointment or selection of any person to fill a vacancy in any elected office.” 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708(a)(1). The meeting would reopen.

MEETING RECONVENES

The meeting reopened at 8:20PM. Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a recommendation from the Chief of Police for the termination of a police officer, Badge #8, for violation of the Civil Service Code of Discipline and the Departmental Rules and Regulations effective immediately. Further, a motion to authorize the Chief of Police to begin the hiring process for a new Police Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary