

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2016**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Matt Aigeldinger Chuck Brooks Rich Brummett (absent) Florence Frei Barbara Krantz Suzanne Kravitz Steve Pizzollo Jim Purcell Jim Ryder
Youth Councilor:	Jakob Aigeldinger (absent)
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
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:	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 Justin Stottlar, President of the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce who thanked the Borough for its support for the Celtic Fest held March 12, 2016.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously opened the public hearing. Solicitor Fox explained the purpose of the hearing was to amend the Borough's stormwater ordinance so that the Borough is compliant with regulations including the NPDES General Permit, PAG-13 requirements, as well as State requirements associated with the ongoing MS4 Program. The floor was opened for comments from the public for which there was none. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously closed the hearing.

Consider Ordinance #995, Stormwater Management

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #995 enacting a comprehensive amendment to Chapter 158 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances regarding stormwater management as published in the Intelligencer on February 29, 2016 and March 7, 2016.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee minutes of February 1, 2016 and March 7, 2016 and Council minutes of January 18, 2016.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce for running the Pennridge St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celtic Festival along with Sellersville and Perkasio Borough. It was well attended. He further announced that the Pennridge Little League Parade will be held on April 16, 2016 and the Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for January and February 2016.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for January and February 2016.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's January and February 2016 monthly report.

Planning Commission Report and Zoning Hearing Board Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board report.

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Police Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department January and February 2016 monthly report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Discuss Placement of Playground Equipment

Park and Rec Director Carolyn Hanel discussed the deteriorating condition of the playground equipment in Kulp Park and the Spruce Street tot lot. The cost to replace all the equipment is \$64,503. The Parks and Recreation Board recommended these improvements. Borough Council agreed with the recommendation and agreed to place approval of the purchase on the April 4 Council agenda. The funds will be reimbursed to the Capital Fund from the fees-in-lieu fund as they are received.

Consider Park Reservation for Guth Elementary

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a park reservation request from Guth Elementary School to reserve the Menlo Pavilions on June 9 and June 10, 2016 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM for a field trip.

Consider Park Reservation for St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved a park reservation request from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church to reserve the Menlo Pavilion on May 22, 2016 from 11:30AM to 2:30PM for a Sunday School picnic.

Consider Park Reservation for Nahrie Adams

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a park reservation request for Nahrie Adams to reserve the Menlo Park pavilion on April 30, 2016 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM for a birthday party.

## PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

### Discuss Amended 2016 Refuse Fund Budget

Finance Director Joe Berardi reviewed the results of the trash collection survey regarding the option of a toter program vs. the existing bag program for curbside pickup. A total of 1,509 households responded. 1,061 residents indicated that they would like to continue using the bag program, 443 residents were interested in signing up for the new toter program. Another 144 users was added to the toter program for the Perkasio Wood development, bringing the potential toter users to 587. Matt Aigeldinger was concerned that residents using the toters in lieu of Borough bags would generate more trash and less recycling.

Joe Berardi recommended possible changes to the 2016 approved budget in order to provide the toter option to Borough residents. The matter will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

### Consider Request from Pennridge FISH Organization

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved a request from Pennridge Fish Organization for the donation of 4 daily admission passes to the Menlo Aquatic Center for a fundraising event.

### Consider Tuition Reimbursement Request

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the tuition reimbursement request from employee Fred Schutte not to exceed \$1,800 per year in accordance with the terms of the AFSCME Contract, Article 30.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Steve Barth highlighted on-going economic development projects in the Borough including the sale of the Delbar property on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, progress of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Market Street sites, and development of the Pennridge Airport Business Park.

Councilman Matthew Aigeldinger suggested to Council that the borough consider becoming a broadband high speed internet service provider to residences and to attract new businesses and industry by using fiber optics.

## QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

No business to come before the committee.

## PUBLIC FORUM

Debbie Funk of 707 Shadywood Drive suggested searching the internet for “Fiber Optic” to get a better understanding of how it would revolutionize the telecommunication industry.

## PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Solicitor Fox announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation regarding Constitution Square LLC vs. Perkasio Borough Zoning Hearing Board, Bucks County Docket #2016-01417 and would reopen the meeting thereafter. The meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.

## **MEETING RECONVENES**

The meeting reconvened at 8:17 PM. Solicitor Fox announced that Council also discussed an employment matter in executive session and no action was taken.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor to intervene on Perkasio Borough’s behalf in the matter of Constitution Square LLC vs. Perkasio Borough Zoning Hearing Board, Bucks County Docket #2016-01417.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.



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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary