

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Chuck Brooks
Rich Brummett
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz (absent)
Suzanne Kravitz
Steve Pizzollo

Youth Councilor:

Jim Purcell

Jim Ryder

Mayor:

Jakob Aigeldinger

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

Events Coordinator:

Linda Reid

Borough Solicitor:

Nate Fox

Press Representatives:

Bucks County Reporter

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

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

PRESENTATION-TOUR OF HONOR (FORMERLY HONOR FLIGHT)

The Recorder of Deeds of Bucks County Joseph Szafran presented Perkasie Borough and the Perkasie Fire Company with a Certificate of Appreciation for its continued participation in the Tour of Honor project.

POLICE COMMENDATION AWARD OFFICER BRUN

Mayor Hollenbach presented a police commendation to Officer Tom Brun and his K-9 partner Revo for their valuable service to the community in locating a missing West Rockhill Township resident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of April 4, 2016 and March 21, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach thanked Borough Council and the community for standing behind the K-9 unit program. He also encouraged community members to come out and support the Perkasio Town Watch program which meets at the Perkasio Borough Hall the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for March 2016.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report March 2016.

Planning Commission Report

No report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the monthly Zoning Hearing Board report.

Police Report

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department monthly report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Exotic Bark Beetle and Borer Survey

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the PA Department of Agriculture to conduct an exotic bark beetle and borer survey in Lenape Park.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Consider Authorizing GDS Associates to Acquire Indicative Pricing for Spring Power Supply Purchase

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized GDS Associates to seek indicative pricing for 1.9 MW 7x24 annual block for 2020, as recommended in the power supply master plan, long-term block 2.8 MW 5x16 & 1.0MW 7x24 for 2021-2024, 2.5 MW winter season 7x24 block for 2019, and fixed load shape for remaining need in 2018.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Discuss Perkasio Farmers Market Location

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved a road closure for the purpose of holding the Perkasio Farmer's Market on South 7th Street from Chestnut Street to Market Street every Saturday morning from 8:00AM to noon from June through October.

Consider Perkasio Farmers Market Policy

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council considered approving the proposed Perkasio Farmer's Market rules and policy document. All Council members present voted yes to the motion. Matt Aigeldinger voted no. Motion carried 7-1.

Consider SNAP Benefits at Perkasio Farmers Market

Council considered offering SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Benefits, (formerly known as food stamps) at the Perkasio Farmers Market, which is a federal nutrition program where families can buy healthy food. Parks and Recreation Director Carolyn Hanel highlighted the benefits and concerns of the program. The matter would be discussed at a future meeting pending receipt of additional information.

Consider Resolution #2016-12, Transportation and Community Development Initiative Grant-Liberty Bell Trail

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2016-12 authorizing participation in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant program.

Consider Park Reservation-Walton Farm First Graders

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the Walton Farm First Graders to reserve the Menlo Park pavilion on May 6, 2016 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

Consider Request for Dion Strong Benefit

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved to donate 4 daily admission tickets for the 2016 season to the Menlo Aquatic Center for the Dion Strong Beef and Beer Benefit on May 21, 2016.

Introduce Master Plan; Open for Public Comment

Council reviewed several proposed sketches for the Menlo, Lenape and Lake Lenape Parks as well as plans for a new bandshell, fishing area and trail by the Covered Bridge. The floor was opened for public comment for which there was none. The Parks and Recreation Director announced the last meeting for the Master Site Plan Committee will be held on May 24, 2016 beginning at 7:00PM in the Council meeting room.

Consider Approval of Event Permit Application –Arch Street

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved an event permit application to hold a birthday party on Arch Street alley between 8th and 9th Street from 12:00 to 4:00PM on April 23, 2016.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Accept Resignation from Perkasio Regional Authority Board Member

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Ben Rainear from the Perkasio Regional Authority Board.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Support of Pennridge Community Center Grant Application

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Aging in support of the Pennridge Community Center's application for a Senior Center grant.

Consider Donation from Perkasio Industrial Development Authority to Pennridge Community Center

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the acceptance of a \$5,000 donation from the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority, and the disbursement of the same \$5,000 as a donation to the Pennridge Community Center to help the center replace their current kitchen equipment to better suit their growing needs.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider On-Line Bill Pay Master Service Agreement and Proposal

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously agreed to accept the proposal from Paymentus dated March 30, 2016 including the Paymentus solution components, as accepted, pricing, and general terms and assumptions; and secondly to accept the Master Services Agreement by and between Paymentus Corporation and the Borough of Perkasio to provide services under the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement including electronic bill payment services, authorizing the signature of the Borough Council President on the documents as required.

Consider Resolution #2016-13, Approving Finance Director to Sign Documents Related to January 2016 Jonas Snow Storm

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2016-13, for the January 2016 Jonas snowstorm by the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing Joseph Berardi, Finance Director, to execute all required forms and documents on behalf of Perkasio Borough for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance as described in the resolution.

Consider Resolution #2016-14, Supporting an Amendment to the State's Sterling Act

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2016-14, requesting an amendment to the Sterling Act to require that up to one percent of Philadelphia wage tax paid by non-residents of Philadelphia be remitted to the municipality in which the taxpayer resides.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

Chucks Brooks highlighted on-going economic development projects in the Borough including development of the Pennridge Airport Business Park, progress of the 7th and Market Street properties as well as the property next to Borough Hall at 606 West Chestnut Street and a meeting with SEPTA about the future of the train station on 7th Street.

QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak of 718 Shadywood Drive reported that a Borough truck had damaged a tree on her property.

Amy Nees of Spring Court reported that the curbs in her development have been damaged also by the Borough when plowing snow this winter.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary