

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Matt Aigeldinger Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks Aaron Clark Florence Frei (absent) Suzanne Kravitz (absent) Steve Pizzollo Jim Purcell Jim Ryder
Youth Councilor:	Jakob Aigeldinger (absent)
Mayor:	John Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Police Chief:	Steve Hillias
Finance Director:	Joe Berardi
Public Works Director:	Dan Gilbert
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone
Park and Recreation Director:	Carolyn Hanel
Borough Solicitor:	Nathan Fox
Borough Engineer:	Doug Rossino
Press Representatives:	News Herald Daily Intelligencer

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

**PRESENTATION BY BOY SCOUTS-INVITATION TO 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

Several boy scouts from Boy Scout Troop #1 of Sellersville were present to invite Council members to the 100th anniversary celebration ceremony at the Boy Scout Cabin in Lenape Park in Sellersville on June 3, 2017 that begins at 9AM.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #1000-Sign Regulations

A public hearing was held to receive comments on Ordinance #1000 to amend the Perkasie Borough Code Section 186-75D(6) pertaining to signage regulations for directional signage, temporary signage for new developments, parallel wall signs and projecting signs. There were no

questions from the public. Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, the public hearing was unanimously closed.

A public hearing was held to receive comments on Ordinance #1002 which would increase the tax collector fees. No comments from the public were received. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously closed the hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION-PROPOSED DOWNTOWN PARKING

Jim Ryder opened the floor for public input on the proposal to change the parking regulations in the down town center area.

Jim Dwyer of Emerald Carpet said since the buildings went up at the corner of 7th and Market Street his foot traffic has gone down 20%. He hears every day from his customers that there is no place to park.

Cindy Johnson of Miss Cindy's School of Dance also said the additional buildings at the corner of 7th and Market Street have created parking issues for her customers with small children.

Jill Strickland owner of Frox Boutique said stronger enforcement of time limits were needed.

A 6th Street resident stated she can no longer park in front of her home because the people going to the businesses are now parking in the spaces that are used by residents.

Mike McDevitt owner of Perkasio Olde Towne Tavern said he has never seen the two hour parking rules enforced.

Nick Prosseda of Modern Male Barber Shop also said the two-hour parking rules are not regularly enforced.

Business owners who spoke during the meeting made it clear that parking regulations and enforcement need to be addressed. No vote on the issue was taken. The Solicitor will prepare an ordinance to discuss at a future meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for January 2017.

Presentation by Perkasio Dog Owners Group

Linda Robertson and Kitty Myers were present representing the Perkasio Dog Owners

Group whose organization would like to transfer its remaining funds to the Borough of Perkasio in the amount of \$10,716.06. The members of the Perkasio Dog Owners Group dedicated countless hours raising money through fundraising events and merchandise sales, along with community donations in order to build and maintain the Perkasio Dog Park.

Considering Awarding Pool Bid #2017-1

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously awarded bid #2017-1 for the Menlo Aquatics Center leisure swimming pool resurfacing to the lowest responsible bidder, All State Technology, Inc. for the base bid amount of \$122,300 plus all alternates except alternate #3.

Consider Grasse Elementary Fundraising Request

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved a donation of four daily passes for the 2017 season to the Menlo Aquatics Center to Grasse Elementary School for their 14th Annual Bingo night event.

Consider Event Permit Application-Good Time Motorvators Car Show

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Good Time Motorvators to reserve the skate park pavilion to hold their annual car show on May 28, 2017 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for January 2017.

Discuss Draft Tree Trimming Ordinance #1003

Committee members reviewed a proposed ordinance which will amend the tree portion of the Borough code for keeping trees away from electric wires as well as seeking permission to trim trees that interfere with the Borough electric infrastructure, traffic control devices and requires dead or diseased trees be removed by the owner of the property. After brief discussion, Council members agreed that amendments were needed to the draft ordinance. The ordinance would be placed on the February 20 Council agenda for further discussion.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for January 2017.

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's Wholesale Power Cost Summary report for December 2016 provided by GDS Associates

Consider Demand Response Request-Landis Supermarket

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to approve EnerNoc's request on behalf of Landis Supermarkets to participate in the 2017/2018 PJM Demand Response Capacity Program.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for January 2017.

Consider Ordinance #1000, Amending Sign Regulations

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1000, amending 186-75.D(6), 186-78.A(20), 186-79.D, 186-80.A, and 186-80.E of the Perkasie Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to signage.

Consider Resolution #2017-3, Assignment of Hallmark Homes Group to CalAtlantic Group, Inc.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2017-3, approving the assignment of final approval of the Hallmark Homes Group, Inc., land development plan for the Hidden Meadows Subdivision (Kratz Tract) from Hallmark Homes, Group, Inc., to CalAtlantic Group, Inc.

Discuss Potential Rezoning of Train Station Property

Upon motion by Bomboy, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager and Solicitor to prepare an ordinance and official map change to rezone the train station and freight station property to C-2, and send the draft ordinance to the Perkasie Planning Commission and Bucks County Planning Commission for review..

Discuss Draft Adaptive Reuse Zoning Overlay

Committee members reviewed a proposed draft zoning ordinance amendment creating an Adaptive Reuse Overlay District. This ordinance would create another tool for the abandoned and/or underutilized commercial and industrial buildings to be repurposed through a conditional use process before Borough Council. Council members concurred with the concept and agreed to forward the matter to the Perkasie Planning Commission for review.

Discuss Sample Wireless Communication Facility Ordinance

Committee member reviewed a sample wireless communication facilities ordinance to

install mini-towers in various municipalities because they do not require the company to purchase or lease land for larger installations. It was agreed to forward the matter to the Perkasio Planning Commission for comments.

Discuss Draft Sober and Communal Living Ordinance

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager and Solicitor to prepare an ordinance on sober living environment and communal living facility, and to advertise a public hearing at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Discuss Proposed Revisions to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the revised Rules and Regulations for the Perkasio Borough Civil Service Commission as provided to be effective February 6, 2017.

Consider Agreement between Grand View Health and Perkasio Borough Police Department for Dispense Naloxone

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved authorizing the Chief of Police to execute a one-year agreement between Grandview Health and Perkasio Borough Police Department for dispensing Naloxone.

Consider Menlo Aquatic Center 2017 Staff Management

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Ryder, Council considered approving the hiring of the 2017 Menlo Aquatic Management staff as recommended by the Borough Manager and Park and Recreation Director. All Council members voted in favor of the motion except for Matt Aigeldinger who abstained. Motion carried 6-1.

Consider Resolution #2017-5, Records Disposition

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2017-5, granting approval to dispose of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Act.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance #1002, Increase in Tax Collector Fees

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance 1002, amending Chapter 46 of the Perkasio Borough Code or Ordinances pertaining to the Commission of the Tax Collector.

Consider Resolution #2017-6, Landlord Waiver for Perkasio Firemen's Relief Association

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved

Resolution #2017-6 approving the execution of a landlord's release in favor of Quakertown National Bank relative to a loan provided to the Perkasio Firemen's Relief Association, Inc.

Discuss Resolution #2017-7, Amending the 2017 Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2017-8 approving an amended 2017 fee schedule adding a trash certification fee, an electric utility certification fee, and adding a fee for the installation of inlet boxes to capture illegal sump pump discharges into Borough streets.

OTHER BUSINESS

Borough Manager Coaxum announced that the Borough will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant for handicap compliant access into the Borough Hall building. A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed use of funds will be held at the Perkasio Borough Council meeting on February 20, 2017 beginning at 7:00 PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors January 2017 report.

Consider Resolution #2017-9, Economic Development Director Agreement

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2017-9 creating an economic development partnership for the revitalization of Perkasio between the Borough and Stephen Barth of Barth Consulting Group, and authorizing the Borough Council President and Borough Manager to execute the agreement.

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Borough Council was going into executive session to discuss an employment issue which is permitted under Section 708(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law

to discuss any matter involving an appointment, termination of employment, or terms and conditions of employment for an employee. The meeting would not reopen thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary