

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2017**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks

Aaron Clark

Florence Frei (absent)

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

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. He announced that long time Council member Florence Frei had passed away the day before and would be sorely missed. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Randy Swope of Trinity Lutheran Church, 19 S. 5th Street asked Council if it had considered his request to offer non-profit agencies a discounted electric rate compared to being charged a business rate.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of February 20, 2017 and March 6, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach commented on how much he respected former Council member Florence Frei and her commitment to the community.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for February 2017.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for February 2017.

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

Council reviewed the Perkasio Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 22, 2017.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Submitting MS4 Grant Application

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Landowners Agreement and authorized the Borough Manager to sign all documents necessary for the grant submission.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Aaron Clark announced that there is a vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board if anyone from the public would be interested in applying. He also announced the Borough would be holding a trail clean-up day on April 8, 2017 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM in Lenape Park.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Borough Council Vacancy

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously agreed to advertise the Council vacancy in the second ward held by formerly held by Florence Frei.

Analysis of Borough Overtime

Council members reviewed the overtime analysis memo prepared by the Borough Manager in their packet. It was agreed additional time was needed to review the detailed information for discussion at a future Council meeting.

Consider Hiring of Replacement Entry Level Police Officers

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously authorized the Chief of Police to begin the process of hiring a police officer as outlined in the Perkasio Borough Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations to fill the open entry level police officer position.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

Jim Ryder reviewed a memo from Chief Hillias requesting permission to dispose of old used police radio equipment. There being no objection by Council members, upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the sale of the surplus radio equipment to All Season Distribution in the amount of \$610.00.

Authorization to Pay Bills

The payment of the bills was inadvertently overlooked. They will be considered at the April 3 Council meeting for approval.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE

No business to come before the Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary