

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Eadie Burke
James Boyer
Nickole Collins
Ray Conville
Bill Delaney
Joan Handy
Richard Hendricks (arrived 7:05pm)
Harry McGonigal
Randy Walck
J. Robert Hunsicker
Dr. Robert Romancheck
Joe Gura
Phil Ivins
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Morning Call
Daily Intelligencer
Bucks County Herald

Mayor:

Interim Borough Manager:

Police Chief:

Public Facilities Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Jim Boyer convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Handy gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She also requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Jim Moyer, Perkasie's local historian who passed away recently.

Vice-Chairman Boyer recognized Daniel Olpere in the audience, Perkasie's Borough Manager who had been out on a medical leave of absence for some time. Mr. Boyer stated Mr. Olpere would be returning to work shortly.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who had concerns about parking problems and the narrow streets in his development.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

Rich Hendricks reported that at the last Perkasie Planning Commission the Zavitsanos and Glen Enterprises subdivisions were discussed.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for September 2007.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before this committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for September 2007.

Zavitsanos Subdivision-Discuss Driveway Width

Present was Scott McMacken from Cowan Associates representing the Zavitsanos subdivision on Ridge Road at Park Avenue. Mr. McMacken requested a waiver from Section 164-20.C the 34 foot driveway width requirement. PennDOT is requiring the cartway width from the new Market Street extension be reduced to 28 feet in the area of the intersection to prevent vehicles from forming two exit lanes. He also requested the cartway radii at the entrance to be uncurbed. The applicant requested this waiver from the ordinance to meet PennDOT requirements. It was noted that the Perkasio Planning Commission discussed this waiver at their last meeting and recommended approval of it. Committee members concurred with the request and agreed to place the matter on the October 15 Council agenda.

Approval of POTA Holiday Event

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Perkasio Olde Towne Association (POTA) requesting approval to hold their annual holiday events. It was suggested that the President of POTA get together with Phil Ivins, the Borough's Public Facilities Director to discuss street closings. The Mayor asked that the route of the horse and buggy rides be changed to Penn Alley. It was the consensus of the Committee to place the matter on the Council agenda for approval on October 15.

Review Stormwater Management Ordinance Update

The Committee reviewed changes to the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance for both the Tohickon Creek and East Branch Perkiomen Creek Watersheds. The Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection (DEP) had requested the ordinance be amended. The Borough Engineer provided an ordinance with the recommended changes. The Committee reviewed the ordinance and agreed to place it on the October 15 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Ordinance to Amend Pension Benefits for Police Officers

The Committee, as well as the Solicitor, reviewed an ordinance prepared by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System amending the pension benefits for police officers per the Perkasio Police Officer's Arbitration Agreement. The Committee agreed to place the ordinance on the October 15 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Other Business

Harry McGonigal updated Council on the skatepark renovations. He stated the Public Works Department had started moving the skatepark equipment to its new location out of the gated area. Mr. McGonigal asked that the Skate Park Regulation Resolution #2004-10 be rescinded as well as the skatepark rules changed. Several questions were asked and answered about safety, vandalism, unmonitored skating, and police patrol in the area.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for September 2007.

Revisions to Resolution #2004-10, Skate Park Regulations

With the concurrence of the Committee earlier in the meeting, the Solicitor was asked to prepare a resolution rescinding Resolution #2004-10 establishing skate park operation policies.

Re-Advertise for Youth Councilor Position

The Committee was asked whether Council was again interested in seeking applications for students to serve on Borough Council as youth councilors. The Committee concurred with this suggestion and asked that High School Juniors and Seniors be asked to apply. Letters would be sent to neighboring schools where Perkasio students are enrolled.

Ordinances Establishing an Office of Emergency Management and an Ordinance Establishing Emergency Service Cost Reimbursement Procedures

Steve Reichman, Perkasio's Emergency Management Coordinator was present to review and recommend two ordinances; 1) Establish an "Office of Emergency Management" by Borough Council and 2) Establish emergency service cost reimbursement procedures to recover costs incurred by any emergency service or related

support agency that has provided emergency response to the Borough of Perkasio. The costs would be charged to the person or entity that caused the increased hazard to Borough residents and need for a higher level of emergency response.

Committee members agreed to recommend approval of both ordinances and agreed to put them on the October 15 Council agenda.

Other Business

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Finance Director Heather Van Horn updating the employee work rules regarding changes in health and dental insurance. The Committee agreed with the changes and placed the matter on the October 15 Council agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Establish Date for Special Finance Committee Meeting

Chairman Harry McGonigal stated he was waiting for additional information before setting a date for the first special meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the 2008 budget. He stated he would contact the Finance Director to set up the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Economic Development.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Environmental Committee.

CABLE/BROADBAND COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before Cable/Broadband Committee.

HEALTH CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was no new business to come before this Committee.

PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boyer announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss personnel and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Dr. Robert Romancheck
Interim Borough Manager/Secretary