

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Richard Hendricks
Barbara Krantz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik (absent)
Joe Gilbert
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Shannon Drosnock
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Harold Stone (absent)
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Borough Council Vice-President Rich Hendricks convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mr. Gahman gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Stan Stepnowski of 319 E. Market Street who had concerns about the borough considering using an outside trash company for waste disposal.

Judy Patton, 356 Kent Lane, stated she was in favor of using an outside trash company instead of holding her trash for a week to fill a borough bag.

Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive felt that Perkasie has a good trash system when the rules are enforced.

Susan Green of 624 East Walnut Street asked Council members to consider the financial constraints of residents at budget time. She also had questions regarding the "side letter" to the 2009 audit.

Scott Edgell of 408 Vine Street stated he thought the borough's trash system was the most inconvenient trash system he ever saw. He further noted in all the places he's ever lived, he's never seen a system where residents had to buy special bags.

Kelly Smola of 201 West Walnut Street stated she does not use the borough's trash system and disposes of her trash elsewhere. She would like to see a commercial hauler pick up trash.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

No recent meetings.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's Report for August 2010.

Jim Purcell stated that he would like to see a trash dumpster for yard waste disposal every weekend in the summer instead of once a month since it seems like a lot of people are using the service.

Presentation from Waste Management

The Borough had solicited bids from outside haulers to see how the costs compare to Borough collections. Waste Management was the low bidder. Representatives from Waste Management were present to give a presentation on the alternative to Perkasio's "Pay-As-You-Throw" trash program. In the presentation, Waste Management offered two cost options for borough residents to dispose of their trash using the 35 or 96 gallon toter. In addition to trash collection, Waste Management also provides same day curb side recycling, bulk items collected curbside weekly, recycling drop off center and yard and waste collection curbside monthly. In addition to trash services Waste Management also offers a Community Partnership program and community outreach for special events and charitable and clean up projects.

Discuss Outsourcing Trash

Borough Manager Olpere gave a service analysis on the borough's refuse and recycling program which included why Perkasio bid the service, the service provided, the options currently available, customer costs, ramifications of outsourcing and the changes to service if trash were outsourced. Several Councilmembers stated that they observed most households only putting out one bag per week as well as themselves. The presentation also showed the customer cost of purchasing approximately one borough bag weekly vs. Waste Management's monthly fee would be less expensive per year using the borough's trash system. A majority of Councilmembers were in favor of retaining the borough's trash and recycling disposal system. The matter will be placed on the September 20 Council agenda.

12th Street Dedication

This matter was tabled for discussion in executive session.

Soap Box Derby

The Committee discussed a request from Jim Pike representing Indian Valley Soap Box Derby Association to close 9th Street near the Police Department all day on October 9 and 10 for a soap box race. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously agreed to approve the request. It was requested that the Soap Box Derby Association contact the Police Department to review details of the event.

Upon motion by Nicolosi, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously authorized the Perkasio Fire Police to participate in traffic control for this event.

Authorization to Approve Pennridge Crop Walk

The Committee reviewed a letter from Nancy Lyons of the CROP Committee requesting permission to conduct the annual CROP walk for hunger on Borough streets and park paths on October 10 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM as well as using fire police as crossing guards. The Committee agreed to recommend approval of this event and placed the matter on the September 20 Council meeting agenda.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Utility Superintendent's Report for August 2010.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for August 2010.

Piper Group Sketch Plan

Mike Palmer of the Piper Group presented a sketch plan for a 10 acre property off Ridge Road known as Valley View properties. Mr. Palmer presented a sketch plan for a proposed plan to develop 34 townhouses and four twin homes. He stated the Piper Group is asking for an exemption from zoning restrictions that limit density in a cul-de-sac, cartway width, and building along steep slopes. The Committee was hesitant to give a recommendation for the plan as presented. There was no further action on this item.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

DOG Owners Group-Fundraising

Tom Bancroft, representing the Perkasio DOG Park Group outlined his plan to buy decorative bricks to be placed at the entrance of the dog park as a fundraiser. The group would also like permission to sell 2'x3' advertising space on the fence. The Committee meeting concurred with idea. No further action was necessary.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review Curfew Ordinance

This matter was tabled due to time limitations.

Resolution #2010-18, Record Disposition

The Committee reviewed a resolution for the disposal of municipal records following the procedures of the Municipal Records Act. It was agreed to place the resolution on the September 20 Council meeting agenda for approval.

Request for Fire Police Assistance-Pennridge Senior Center Fair

The Committee agreed to recommend approval of a request for Perkasio Fire Police to assist Silverdale Fire Police with traffic control for the Senior Fair and Forum at the Pennridge Senior Center, sponsored by First Savings Bank on October 14, 2010. The matter will be placed on the September 20 Council meeting agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Other Business

Mr. Gahman reminded Councilmembers of the upcoming Finance Committee on September 11, 2010 to discuss the 2011 budget.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chuck Raudenbush of Waste Management spoke again stating that the pricing that is being offered for trash collection is good for 5 years.

Amy McArthur of 511 Spring Court had questions regarding the expenses and revenues related to the Borough's trash collection program.

Luther Chontofalsky, 270 Parkridge Drive, spoke on the trash collection program and stated the costs for this service should be included in the taxes.

Tom Bancroft of 311 Market Street reported that he only uses one trash bag per week.

Judy Patton, Perkasio's Tax Collector, requested Council investigate an allegation against her.

Bill Swope of 141 Ridge Avenue asked the audience how many people put out one bag of trash out per week. The majority of people raised their hands.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hendricks announced Council was going into executive session to discuss litigation and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary