

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2010**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
Joe Gilbert
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Andrea Coaxum
Joe Berardi
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
Joe Nolan
News Herald

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Press Representatives:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Present was Tom Bancroft of 311 West Market Street who was present representing the Perkasie DOG Park. He updated the Committee stating final plans for approval should be ready in January. The Borough Manager stated he along with the Borough engineer and the Parks and Recreation Director would meet with Tom to discuss the flooding in that area.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commissioners discussed the rezoning of a property at 5th & Arch Streets.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Ken Murphy-215 Race Street

The Committee reviewed a memo regarding on-going issues regarding Ken Murphy at 215 Race Street and his neighbors. Mr. Murphy was present and asked whether the Borough would take dedication of Race Street and ownership of the alley behind his home. He also discussed issues about water run off and the installation of storm drains. The manager and engineer proposed a solution to the run-off from 3rd Street which would involve adding C-type storm sewer inlets. This can be done along with the road resurfacing in the spring.

Authorize Disposal of Recycling Trailer

The Public Works Department no longer has use for an old recycling trailer since recycling is now comingled. Since the trailer is valued at more than \$200, Council approval is needed to either sell it by bid or take it to auction. The Committee agreed to recommend arrangements be made to discard this piece of equipment and placed the matter on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

No Parking-Market Street

This matter was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Councilman Purcell asked that the neighboring properties within the block of Market and Third be notified that a no parking ordinance would be discussed at the January 3, 2011 Council meeting.

Transportation Grant Application

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Borough Manager regarding an opportunity for an Automated Red Light Enforcement Transportation Grant through PennDOT. The Borough submitted a grant application to install a traffic light-pre-emption device for emergency vehicles traveling along Ridge Road. Committee members recommend ratification of the grant application and placed the matter on the December 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 November 2010.

Mutual Aid Agreement-Electric

The Committee reviewed an Electric Mutual Aid Agreement between Quakertown and Perkasio Borough for additional or back up service if necessary to assist each others municipality if needed in an emergency. It was agreed to put the agreement on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

MS Walk Approval

The Committee reviewed a request from the Multiple Sclerosis Society requesting approval to hold its annual MS Walk on April 17, 2011. It was agreed to place the matter on the December 20 Council agenda for approval.

Pennridge Little League Snack Bar Alterations

The Committee reviewed a request from the Pennridge Little League asking to move the existing snack stand from its present location, behind home plate, to the garage area located in the new building. The Little League is also requesting assistance from the Borough's electric department in the upgrade of the electric for the new snack stand. It was agreed to place the matter on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

Indian Valley Soap Box Association

The Borough received a request from the Indian Valley Soap Box Association requesting permission to hold another Soap Box Derby Spring Rally in May 2011 and again in October 2011. It was mentioned that the rally and Perkasio Olde Towne's May events could be held on the same day. It was agreed to place the matter on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolution #2010-22, 2011 Council Meeting Dates

The Committee reviewed a resolution that would establish all the official Council meeting dates for the year, taking into account holidays, and other conflicting dates. The Committee agreed to place the resolution on the December 20 Council agenda.

Resolution #2010-23, Wage and Salary Schedule 2011

The Committee reviewed Resolution #2010-23 setting the 2011 wage schedule for Borough employees. It was agreed to put the resolution on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

Appointment to Boards and Commissions

The Committee reviewed a list of names to appointments to boards and commissions. It was agreed to put those appointments on the December 20 Council agenda. Jim Purcell asked if all appointments could be made at once and if an incumbent is not interested in reappointment, they could then resign.

Resolution #2010-24, Reduce Pension Contribution for 2010 Non-Uniformed Employees

The Committee reviewed a resolution for the non-uniformed employees to allow a reduction of pension contributions. The Committee agreed to put the resolution on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

Approve Pierce Library Lease Extension

The Borough received a request from the Pierce Library Association the lease for the facilities in

Menlo Park. The lease, originally for a 25-year term, ends June 30, 2012. The Library wants to exercise its option to extend the lease through to June 30, 2027 and wants to prepay the rent for the balance of the term. The Committee agreed to put the matter on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

Perkasie Borough Authority Article of Incorporation

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Manager of Perkasie Borough Authority (PBA) regarding amendments to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation. A resolution approving the amendments from the Authority's Board was approved November 23, 2010. It was agreed to place the matter on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution #2010-25, Fee Schedule Changes

The Committee reviewed two items related to changes in the annual fee schedule. The first was a recommendation, from the Electric Superintendent Harold Stone, recommending increasing the fees for installing new electric service and street lights in a new subdivision. The second amendment would be to increase the third party fee schedule in order to cover the Boroughs overhead costs. The Committee agreed to place the fee schedule resolution, with amendments, on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

Resolution #2010-26, Adoptions of Final Budget

The Committee reviewed a resolution recommending adoption of the final 2011 budget. Several questions were raised regarding why such a large percentage of the police's budget goes towards wages and benefits. The Borough Manager was asked to prepare an analysis of the police department's budget over the last 5 years for comparison.

The resolution will be put on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

Ordinance #948, Establishing Tax Rate for 2011

The Committee reviewed and agreed to place Ordinance #948, establishing the tax rate at 5.75% for 2011 on the December 20 Council agenda.

Consider 2010 Audit Proposal

The Committee reviewed a proposal from Styer Associates to conduct the 2010 audit for a price of \$11,065. The 2009 price was \$10,815.

The Committee also reviewed a proposal for a partial audit through November 2010 to verify the records and accounts of the Borough due to the change in the Treasurer. The fee for this audit will not exceed \$1,200. It was agreed to place both these proposals on the December 20 Council meeting agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Chris Nicolosi reported that the Perkasie Olde Towne Association Tree Lighting ceremony over the past weekend was a very successful event.

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Delaney of 250 North 3rd Street was present to thank Council for installing a 4-way stop sign at 3rd & Market Street. He asked Council when 3rd and Vine Streets are repaved to look into installing storm drains since there are none.

Present was Luther Chontofalsky of 270 Parkridge Drive who asked that the straw from next years Soap Box Derby be cleaned up so as to not clog-up the drains. He suggested using the leaf vacuum to clean up the straw.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the Press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Daniel Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary