

MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
APRIL 5, 2010

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Martin Gahman
Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo
Florence Frei
Richard Hendricks
Barbara Krantz (arrived 7:25 PM)
Chris Nicolosi (absent)

Jim Purcell

Maria Slowik

Youth Councilor:

Joe Gilbert

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Daniel P. Olpere

Assistant Manager:

Andrea Coaxum

Finance Director:

Shannon Drosnock

Police Chief:

Joe Gura

Parks and Recreation Director:

Josh Aniskevich

Borough Solicitor:

Ann Weiss

Press Representatives:

News Herald

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

Gina Decker, a representative of the Last Chance Ranch was present for an item on the agenda. She stated she would be available in the audience should Council have any questions for her.

REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commissioners reviewed the Allied Home Builders subdivision at their last meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Open Space Presentation

Dave Sebastian, a planner with the Bucks County Planning Commission was present to give Council an overview of Perkasie Borough's revised Open Space Plan. The Plan could open the Borough up for receiving up to \$253,000 in funds. A resolution will be prepared for Council's approval of the Open Space Plan.

Subdivision Ordinance Amendment-Plan Filings

The Committee reviewed an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to change the number and type of subdivision and land development plans to be filed with the Borough. The Committee agreed with the proposed revisions and agreed to put it on the April 19 Council agenda.

PBA Request for Fee Waiver

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Perkasio's Borough Authority requesting that the land development process be waived as well as the building permit fees at the Well #10 Arsenic Removal Facilities on Spring Lane. The Committee asked what the cost would be if Council should grant the request. Pending receipt of this information, the matter will be placed on the April 19 Council meeting agenda.

Plan Escrow-Fee Amendment

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Manager regarding subdivision and land development fees and escrows. He stated that in the category of subdivision and land development fees, the Borough does not have a line item charge to establish an escrow on a preliminary major subdivision. Committee members also reviewed comparisons with East and West Rockhill Township for their fee schedules and escrows showing Perkasio still being much lower than surrounding municipalities. The Manager made a recommendation to establish a \$5,000 escrow fee to be placed on the Borough's fee resolution. This matter will be placed on the April 19 Council meeting agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Trash and Recycling Fee Ordinance

The Committee reviewed a new trash and recycling fee ordinance as a first step toward implementing the new \$35.00 per year trash and recycling fees. Council as well as staff had some apprehension on how to collect it. Staff members considered a separate bill apart from the electric bill. Several Councilors thought it needed to be done a different way perhaps adding it to the tax bill. After lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed to put it on the April 19 Council agenda without a recommendation.

Fire Company Appliance Recycling

The Committee reviewed a request from Perkasio Fire Company President Roger Jones. The fire company is requesting permission for the fire company to start an appliance and scrap metal recycling program. Committee members were in favor of the program and agreed to put the matter on the April 19 Council meeting agenda. The Manager was asked to prepare a resolution supporting the fire company's efforts.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Other Business

Jim Purcell, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee gave an update on the outcome of the Special Public Utility meeting on March 29.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Video Cameras in the Park

This matter was tabled until the May Committee meeting pending receipt of additional information.

Request for Breakfast on the Bridge-Bucks County Covered Bridge Society

The Committee reviewed a request from the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society to hold their Third Annual Breakfast on the Bridge on the South Perkasio bridge in Lenape Park on May 15, 2010. Committee members concurred with the request and agreed to put the matter on the April 19 Council meeting agenda.

Last Chance Ranch-Dog Walk Fund Raiser

The Committee reviewed a Park Reservation form from Gina Decker asking permission to use the Lenape Park bike path for a Fall Dog Walk fundraiser on October 30, 2010 with approximately 100 people attending. Committee members agreed to consider the event and put the matter on the April 19 Council agenda.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Amendment

This matter was tabled until May pending receipt of additional information from PMRS.

Park and Recreation Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Matt Aigeldinger from the Parks and Recreation Board, there has been a vacancy for that position. The vacancy was advertised and one application was received from Nelson Hollenbach. Councilman Jim Purcell recommended that Mr. Hollenbach be appointed to that position and that the matter be placed on the April 19 Council agenda.

Memorial Proposal

The Committee reviewed a request from the Perkasio Borough Police Officer's Association to post a memorial for Ron Dietrich who lost his battle with cancer. Mr. Dietrich was a member of the Perkasio community as a crossing guard and fire police officer. The Police Officer's Association is requesting to erect a memorial plaque on North 7th Street in front of Guth Elementary School. The Committee as well as Council concurred with the request and agreed to prepare a resolution of support and put it on the April 19 Council agenda for approval.

Resolution #2010-6, Fire Police Events

The Committee reviewed Resolution #2010-6 authorizing the Perkasio Fire Police to assist in certain events for traffic and crowd control. It was requested that the Dublin Community Day on June 6 be added to the resolution for fire police assistance. The resolution will be placed on the April 19 Council agenda for approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution #2010-7-Tax Committee

The Committee reviewed and revised a Resolution #2010-7, from the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee which has been recently meeting to work out a plan for county wide tax collection. Adoption of this resolution is necessary to fund the on-going activities of the Committee. The resolution will be put on the April 19 Council Committee agenda.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Perkasie Pride Awards

The Committee discussed the idea of re-establishing the Perkasie Pride Awards and Council concurred. The Manager was asked to prepare a resolution re-arming the Perkasie Pride Awards and placed the matter on the April 19 Council meeting agenda.

Stainless Act 2 Sign Off

The Borough Manager announced that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection issued an Act 2 sign-off for the property located at 219 South Ninth Street in Perkasie meaning that the liability has been removed from this property and this it is considered that the previously existing environmental conditions have been mitigated to the extend possible.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the audience requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the Press.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary