

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 2011**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Stephen Algeo (arrived 7:10 PM)
Florence Frei
Martin Gahman (absent)
Barbara Krantz
Suzanne Kravitz
Chris Nicolosi
Jim Purcell
Maria Slowik
Joe Gilbert
John Hollenbach
Daniel P. Olpere
Joe Berardi
Joe Gura
Dan Gilbert
Josh Aniskevich
Ann Weiss
News Herald
Daily Intelligencer

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Police Chief:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Press Representatives:

Perkasie Borough Council President Matt Aigeldinger convened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Mayor Hollenbach presented a Certificate of Achievement to Girl Scout Lauren Kabatt for achieving her Girl Scout Gold Award.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Aigeldinger reminded all present about Election Day May 17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved the following meeting minutes: Special Meeting Perkasie Industrial Development Authority March 21, 2011, Borough Council March 21, 2011 and April 18, 2011, Council Committees April 4, 2011 and May 2, 2011.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor proclaimed the week of May 16, 2011 as National Public Works Week. He also reminded everyone that Perkasio Olde Towne would be holding its Springfest Event May 21, 2011.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Frei, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for April 2011.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for April 2011.

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

No current meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Small Trash Bag Bid Award

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously awarded bid #2011-4 for small trash bags to Fordian Packaging for \$.12233 per bag (or \$3,670 for 30,000 bags).

Resolution #2011-8, Handicapped Parking Request-617 Buttonwood Street

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-8 to allow a handicapped parking space to be delineated in front of 617 Buttonwood Street as per the recommendation of the police department.

Bucks County Consortium Stone and Asphalt Bid

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved a bid to Haines and Kibblehouse, Skunk Hollow Plant, for stone and asphalt for the prices quoted to the Bucks County Consortium.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Electric Bill Format

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Krantz, Council unanimously approved the staff recommendation on a revised electric bill format to include additional information for each customer.

Status Report-Future Energy Contracts

Garrett Cole of GDS Associates was hired by the Borough to provide consulting services in creating a master plan for purchasing power. Councilmembers reviewed the recommended options for future energy contracts which include the Energy Development Inc. (EDI) Landfill Gas Project and a contract with American Municipal Power (AMP) for the Fremont Energy Center. A special meeting of the Public Utility Committee will be held May 24, 2011 for Mr. Cole to provide a presentation of these projects.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

No business to come before the Planning and Zoning Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Pennridge Little League

Councilmembers reviewed a letter from the Borough engineer regarding driveway relocation at the Walnut Street baseball field per the Pennridge Little Leagues' request. It was agreed to invite the Little League representative Joe Suder to the June 6 Committee meeting to discuss the cost estimates and plan outlined by the engineer.

Blooming Glen Mennonite Church Request

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved the use of Kulp Park by the Blooming Glen Mennonite Church for an outdoor church service and baptism in the creek on Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Revised Fee Schedule Resolution #2011-7, Private Swimming Lessons

Upon motion by Kravitz, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2011-7 to increase fees for private swim lessons at the Menlo Aquatic Center.

Request for Park Use-Healthy Hearts Foundation

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved a request from the Healthy Hearts Foundation to use Lenape Park for an annual 5K Race on September 25, 2011.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Police Contract

This matter was tabled until the June 6, 2011 Committee pending receipt of additional information.

Labor Attorney

Manager Olpere reported that the Borough's current labor attorney, Scott Blissman has left his firm, Reed Smith and taken a position with Eckert Seamans. Council must decide whether to stay with Attorney Blissman or stay with his firm Reed Smith. Another law firm, Ballard Spahr, who provides labor advice, is also interested in obtaining the Borough's business. It was agreed to interview all 3 labor counselors at the June 6, 2011 Council Committees meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

Write-Off Policy for Past Due Accounts

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Nicolosi, Council unanimously approved a new "Accounts Receivable Policy" which includes handling of the bad debt for future years.

Upon motion by Frei, seconded by Kravitz, Council unanimously approved a motion to approve write-off of bad debt numerated on the attached summary in the amount of \$33,355.26 in debt deemed to be uncollectible. The staff is directed to continue pursuing collection if possible but may write-off the bad debt in 2010.

Resolution #2011-9, Refinance General Obligations Notes

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Slowik, Council unanimously approved the conversion of the 2006b Note to a fixed interest rate until 2018. The conversion will take place on September 25, 2012.

Upon motion by Krantz, seconded by Algeo, Council unanimously approved the conversion of the 2007 note to a fixed interest rate until 2020. The conversion will take place on June 25, 2012. Approval is given only in the event that interest rates will be the same or lower than the existing interest rates on both notes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Train Station-Status Report

The Borough Manager updated Council on responses from State Representative Paul Clymer and Senator McIlhinney as well as the Perkasio Industrial Development Authority regarding the status of funding available for the Perkasio Train Station on 7th Street owned by SEPTA. Councilman Purcell suggested that since there were no grants available for funding this project, the Borough should consider selling some Borough owned property.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Maria Slowik, Chairperson of the Personnel and Policy Committee stated she had received all the Borough Manager's performance evaluations from other Councilmembers and gave them to Council President Matt Aigeldinger.

Jim Purcell said he recently visited the yard waste area of the Recycling Center and both dumpsters were filled. He hoped the public's use of the facility would justify the Borough remaining open additional Saturdays.

Manager Olpere reported that the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority will be presenting a check to Perkasio Borough in the amount of \$134,395.14 for the return of remaining funds held in escrow for the environmental clean-up at the site of the new First Savings Bank of Perkasio on South 9th Street. The check will be presented May 23, 2011 at the First Savings Bank office at 4:00 PM on South 9th Street.

Barbara Krantz commented that she had visited the dog park over the past weekend and was glad to see it being used.

Suzanne Kravitz commended the Parks and Recreation Director for a job well done on the 2011 Perkasi Park and Recreation Guide.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the audience requested an opportunity to speak.

PRESS FORUM

There were no questions from the press.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Daniel P. Olpere
Borough Manager/Secretary