

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present.

Council members present were: David Jones, Charles Persch, Thomas Curtin, Melinda Keen and Kenneth Knickerbocker. Virginia Miller arrived at 7:15 pm. Also present were Mayor, John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, L. James Thomas, Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan, Solicitor John Carnes and Police Chief, Brian Sheller

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After adding a discussion regarding news releases, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PERSON

- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-01 - A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Approving an Elector of the Borough to Fill the Vacancy on Borough Council Created by the Resignation of Sheri Melton was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.
- Borough Secretary Wendy Keegan swore in Kathleen Rick as council person to fill the position created by the resignation of Sheri Melton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the December, 2008 Treasurer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Thomas Curtin. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):

None

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISIONS:

- Parke Mansion Properties – A motion to grant an extension of the plan review period for ninety (90) days was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ENGINEER'S REPORT—Mendi Lowe

A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

MANAGER'S REPORT—L. James Thomas

- Meeting in West Chester with Ron Bailey, State Rep. Barbara McIlvaine-Smith, TMACC Director Mike Herron and Planning Commission Member Natasha Goguts to discuss R-5 rail service to Parkesburg and Atglen
- McGuigan Way – meeting with developer to discuss the issues of street signs, street lights, unpaid review fees;
- 329 Main Street – met with new owners - building will be demolished;
- 228 Main Street – owner has agreed to a lien on the property for all monies owed, including trash fees, rental inspection registration and inspection fees, code enforcement fines; the roof will be repaired by the end of the month; a motion to allow a municipal lien in the amount of \$2,240.00 to be imposed on the property at 224-228 Main Street to cover the payment of the outstanding rental inspection fees and to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the appropriate agreement was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Thomas Curtin. All in favor;
- A letter from Herbert Krumrine resigning from the Civil Service Commission was read. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor. A motion to appoint Patrick Ely to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Krumrine's resignation was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Virginia Miller. All in favor;
- Mr. Thomas reported on several Community Development programs to assist residents;
- There are employment opportunities with the U.S. Census Bureau. Interviews will take place in the Borough Hall;
- A motion to charge the Babe Ruth Little League \$1000.00 to use the Minch Park Baseball Field for the 2009 season was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor. Sign ups will be held in the Borough Hall on January 24th and 31st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT—Chief Brian Sheller

A complete copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT—Melinda Keen

A complete copy of the Public Works Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT—ARRO Consulting-Mendi Lowe

A complete copy of the Zoning Officer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. There was discussion regarding the property at 118 N. Church Street. The matter will be handled by the Code Enforcement Officer.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—Raymond Stackhouse

A complete copy of the Fire Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. Mr. Jones thanked Chief Stackhouse for all the work done by the Fire Company in 2008.

MAYOR'S REPORT—John P. Hagan, II

No report. Mayor Hagan thanked new council member Kathy Rick and civil service member Patrick Ely. Mayor Hagan also advised residents of the official Parkesburg Police website.

PABA—Eric Jameson

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT—John S. Carnes, Jr., Esquire

- Moving forward with Reinhart Conditional Use Hearings - the Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended the plans;
- The Williams 3-lot subdivision is moving forward;
- The property owners of 206 Green Street requested relief of the interest from two municipal liens issued on the property in 1993 and 1996 for delinquent sewer and trash fees. Mr. Thomas recommended relief of ½ of the interest with a deadline for payment. After deliberation, a motion to grant relief of one-half (½) of the accrued interest and require the property owners to pay the base amount of \$4,055.78 plus ½ of the interest (\$2,785.7) for a total of \$6,841.56 and if the property owners become 90 days delinquent they would agree to repay the unpaid interest of \$2,785.78 with accrued interest was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. Melinda Keen voted against the motion. All other members voted in favor. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The discussion regarding news releases will be tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

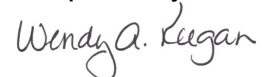
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Virginia Miller asked if there was any information available regarding Westminster Place; Ms. Miller commemorated Martin Luther King Day;
- Charles Persch and Melinda Keen welcomed new council member Kathleen Rick;
- Thomas Curtin commented that this is an exciting time for the Country;
- Kathleen Rick thanked council for allowing her to come on board;
- David Jones asked all to take a moment of silence to commemorate Martin Luther King and this momentous occasion in our Country's history.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Virginia Miller to adjourn the meeting 8:45 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary