

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 17, 2008 – 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, Kenneth Knickerbocker and Sheri Melton. Also present were Mayor, John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, L. James Thomas, Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan, Solicitor John Carnes, Police Chief, Brian Sheller and Engineer, Mendi Lowe. Council Member Virginia Miller arrived at 7:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

- The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m.
- Mr. Curtin conducted the public hearing regarding the Chester County Department of Community Development Revitalization Program Grant Application. He explained that the project will be sidewalks and street scapes along the south side of West First Avenue from South Gay Street to Chestnut Street.
- Public comments were requested.
 - Beverly Ely of West Street commented that trees should not be planted along the sidewalks;
 - Miles Reinhart, who owns property on West First Avenue, questioned whether any cost would be assessed to the property owners; Mr. Reinhart also commented that a grass strip should not be placed between the sidewalk and street;
 - Lynne Hamer of West First Avenue questioned how much brick would be used in the sidewalks and what kind of trees would be planted; Ms. Hamer also questioned who would be responsible for the sidewalk in front the HDC project.
- At 7:25 p.m. the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting commenced.

COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After adding the Parkesburg Lion's Club under New Business, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: After one minor change to the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Regular Meeting was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Sheri Melton. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):

- Nancy Gauthier on behalf of the Lions Club requested that they be taken off the agenda and will attend the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting

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

- Single stream recycling is going well; new "No Dumping" signs will be posted;
- Received estimates for replacement of the generator; requested authority to get additional prices;
- Met with Ruggiero and Tropea; will be putting on the finish coat on streets and build curbs and sidewalks in common areas; stormwater inlets will be opened;
- Trash collection during the Thanksgiving Holiday will be south side on Wednesday, 11/26 and north side Friday, 11/28;
- Met with Chetty Builders – want to add smaller house plans;
- Property maintenance problems with abandoned properties due to foreclosure;
- Talking with the county regarding money for the temporary bridge easements.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT—Chief Brian Sheller

A complete copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. Citizens Police Academy is continuing; working on revising the parking ordinance; continuing to use the speed trailer - keeping track of the number of cars; two officers were treated at the hospital from exposure to drugs;

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.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—Raymond Stackhouse

A complete copy of the Fire Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. Chief Stackhouse thanked Council for their support.

MAYOR'S REPORT—John P. Hagan, II

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

PABA—Eric Jameson

Mr. Curtin reported that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 5th at the firehouse

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

- Moving forward on the bridges; Pirozzi and Kendig easements have been signed;
- Working on the outstanding fees owed by developers; Heritage Builders made a payment; Chetty promised payment; Harkins Properties changed address and the bills will be sent to the new address;
- Tropea wants to extend improvement bond from 18 months to 24 months;

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-28 – A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Approving the Release of the Financial Security for Public Improvements (Other than Curbs and Sidewalk) and Releasing the Letter of Credit Number 992007111 in the Amount of \$90,633.87 was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-29 – A Resolution Authorizing the Application to the Chester County Department of Community Development for the Community Revitalization Program was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Sheri Melton. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Beverly Ely of West Street asked Council what can be done about kids crossing the railroad tracks; she also informed Council that residents are placing their household trash in the public trash cans

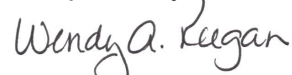
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Melinda Keen wished Beverly Ely a happy birthday

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Sheri Melton to adjourn the meeting 8:45 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary