

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 16, 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. 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 Members Kathleen Rick and Virginia Miller were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After adding Progress, Library and Police and Fire Committee Reports under Department Reports, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Thomas Curtin. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the January, 2009 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 Charles Persch . All in favor.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):

- Beverly Ely of West Street questioned the solicitor’s and the real estate bill

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

- Reported on the Open Records Law;
- Read a letter from Dennis Young requesting appointment to the Civil Service Commission; a motion to appoint Dennis Young to the Civil Service Commission was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

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.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT—Raymond Stackhouse

A complete copy of the Fire Chief’s Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

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

No report.

Progress & Development Thomas Curtin
Mr. Curtin made a slide presentation on the revitalization update from 2009 through 2015

Library Board Melinda Keen
The year end report has been completed. The Library ended 2008 with a surplus

Police & Fire Charles Persch
Met with police and fire personnel to address the arson situation in Coatesville

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

- The decision in the Reinhart Conditional Use Hearing was rendered the day after the hearing and delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart;
- Several meetings have taken place regarding the bridge projects;

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion to authorize payment of \$2000.00 to John and Jennifer Skrabak for the temporary construction easement for the State Street Bridge project was made by Thomas Curtin and Charles Persch. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Gerald Treadway of Strasburg Avenue commended Council for keeping up with the rental inspections and property maintenance;

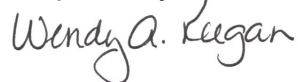
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Ken Knickerbocker commended ARRO for keeping the Borough up to date with property maintenance and inspections;
- David Jones informed Council that he will be on vacation in Florida for the next meeting;

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Charles Persch to adjourn the meeting 8:15 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary