

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 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, Kathleen Rick, Virginia Miller 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 Member Melinda Keen was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After adding Communications and Community Market to New Business, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 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 February, 2009 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 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):

None

PRESENTATION:

- Jane Fava of the Brandywine Valley Association made a presentation regarding the "Red Streams Blue" Program. Ms. Fava spoke of the importance of cleaning up the streams which feed into the Brandywine River. A motion to approve a letter of support for the project from Parkesburg Borough was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISIONS:

- Parke Mansion Partners
 - A letter requesting the extension of the review period was reviewed. A motion to approve the extension of the review period until May 18, 2009 was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor.
 - A letter requesting a waiver of the grass height requirement in the International Property Maintenance Code was reviewed. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-02 – A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Granting Waivers from the Six Inch Height Requirement for Grass Maintenance under Ordinance 418 and the Borough's International Property and Maintenance Code Ordinance No. 468, Section 302.4. for Those Meadow Grass Areas in the Proposed Stormwater Management Plans Relative to the Parke Mansion Estates Subdivision – was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. 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.

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

- Bridges – the right of way package was sent to PennDOT - waiting to hear of approval;
- A motion to confirm the signing of a temporary construction easement for the State Street Bridge abutment project regarding the Borough lots on Front Street was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor;
- Property maintenance – working on solutions to minor problems in the Borough.

MANAGER'S REPORT—L. James Thomas

- A meeting with Doug Werley of Thomas Anderson and Associates to discuss the employee pension plan is scheduled for March 26th at 6:00 pm;

- NIMS training will be held by the Fire Company on April 5th. All public officials are required to attend these classes;
- The Revitalization Plan update has been completed and is being reviewed by the County. A public hearing will be scheduled for public review;
- The Open Space and Recreation Plan needs to be updated. A \$32,000 county grant is available. The Borough would be responsible for a 25% match. A motion to approve the grant application was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.
- The lease for the Amtrak station has been reviewed. It is very restrictive;
- Yard waste is being collected on Mondays;
- Meetings with Comcast and Verizon to discuss the franchise agreements are being scheduled;
- The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to purchase and install a new generator for the Borough complex. Mr. Thomas thanked Mayor Hagan for his work.

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

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

No report.

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Virginia Miller apologized for not having the Black History Month display

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to enact Ordinance No. 480 - An Ordinance Amending "The Parkesburg Rental Space Ordinance" To: 1) Remove References to "Civil Penalty" or "Civil Penalties" and Substitute in Each Such Place Reference to "Summary Offense" or "Summary Offenses"; 2) Establish That Fines Can Be Converted to Municipal Liens Against the Property Affected If Not Cured; And, 3) Permit Future Changes to the Ordinance by Resolution of Borough Council was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor.
- Communications – Mr. Curtin reported that he set up an informational website; he would like the Borough newsletter to be published every other month.
- Mr. Curtin is working on a Community Market to be held in the back parking lot of the Borough complex. The market would be to sell fresh produce, crafts and yard sale items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

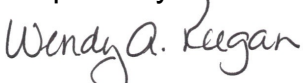
COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Chuck Persch wished everyone a "Happy St. Patrick's Day".

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