

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 2, 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, Thomas Curtin, Kenneth Knickerbocker, Charles Persch, Melinda Keen and Sheri Melton. Also present were: Mayor John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, James Thomas, Borough Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan and Borough Solicitor John S. Carnes. Council Member Virginia Miller was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After changing the time of the Police and Fire Committee Meeting to 6:00 p.m., a motion to approve the agenda was made Charles Persch and seconded by Thomas Curtin. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008, Regular Meeting was moved by Sheri Melton and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

- Beverly Ely of West Street asked for why the Borough paid A.J. Blosenski.

SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Main Street West – A motion to accept the extension of the review period until November 28, 2008 was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

MANAGER’S REPORT—L. James Thomas

- Single stream recycling has begun curbside;
- Several bulk items were dropped off at the Borough barn over the weekend; signs will be posted and the area chained off;
- The Community Yard Sale is scheduled for September 27th;
- Street sweeping is scheduled for September 22nd & 23rd - rain date 24th;

- There will be a senior citizens meeting at Borough Hall on September 11th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss a senior center in the Octorara area. Representatives from the Chester County Department of Aging will be available to answer questions;
- Ruggiero Development Group - Parkesburg Knoll Phase IIA - the developer requested the Borough to take dedication of W. 7th Avenue. A motion to empower the Borough Manager to pursue talks with Ruggiero Development Group to look at the possibility of taking dedication of 7th Avenue was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

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

- Has been working on a rough draft of a parking ordinance - putting together all ordinances in one document;
- Bridges - has received the temporary construction easement for Keystone Community Alliance - needs to be signed by council president;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks & Recreation—Sheri Melton

A copy of the Parks and Recreation Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

Progress & Development—Thomas Curtin

Continue to meet with Wayne Grafton several times each month to update the revitalization plan.

Streets & Property—Melinda Keen

Composting program is scheduled for September 24th at 7:00 p.m.; asking residents to put yard waste in paper bags or place it in cans.

Finance—David Jones

Committee met on August 28th; there were two presentations with insurance companies; the first draft of the police and fire budget has been completed; the first draft of the finance report was read - a copy of the report is on file in the Borough Hall; a motion to make the final budgeted payments to the fire company was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor

Police & Fire—Charles Persch

Discussed the preliminary police budget; Senator Pileggi will help the police department with their grant application for 2 Segways; the Citizen's Police Academy applications are available at the Borough Hall and Police Departments.

Library–Melinda Keen

The golf tournament was very successful; the summer programs were well attended; the fall programs and fund raisers are in place; the book sale will be held in conjunction with the community yard sale; Christmas in Parkesburg is scheduled for the first Saturday in December; the Library Board is looking into renovations/expansion of their current location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Motion to authorize the sending of a Notice to Award Contract to the apparent successful bidder, Tru-line Contractors, Inc., with a bid of \$21,004.95 for the Minch Park Stormwater Improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

- A Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-18 – A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Setting Fees for Appeals to the Rental Space Review Board was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Sheri Melton. Charles Persch voted against; Melinda Keen recused herself. All other members voted in favor. The motion passed.

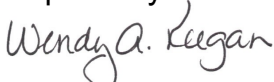
PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Gerald Treadway of Strasburg Avenue commended Council on the finances. He also asked if microphones could be purchased for all Council Members as the audience has a hard timing hearing. Mr. Treadway then asked if the police contracts are in order for next year.
- Jennifer Lloyd of McGuigan Way voiced her concerns with park vandalism and the use of the toddler's area by older kids. Ms. Lloyd's neighbor was also present to ask if a private property sign could be posted on McGuigan Way.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Sheri Melton to adjourn the meeting 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary