

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 21, 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, Kathleen Rick, Thomas Curtin, Melinda Keen, Kenneth Knickerbocker and Charles Persch. Also present were Mayor, John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, L. James Thomas, Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan, Police Chief Brian Sheller and Solicitor John Carnes. Council Member Virginia Miller arrived at 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After moving the Police Report after the approval of the bills, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the November 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 Thomas Curtin. All in favor.

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

DISCUSSION:

- Parkesburg Fire Company – several members of the Parkesburg Fire Company and representatives from West Sadsbury Township were present to discuss the financial situation and contributions to the fire company. Jim Landis, on behalf of West Sadsbury Township, reported that the township has no more money to give to the fire company. The township is unwilling to raise taxes in order to contribute a higher amount. Mr. Jones explained that Parkesburg would like to initiate a fire tax but that the majority of Council are not willing to raise taxes. Chris Smith spoke on behalf of the fire company. If they don’t receive the money needed the company will not be able to give the same level of service. The ambulance service will shut down. Mr. Jones explained that the Borough had given the fire company more money in the past two years than at any other time in the past. Mr. Smith said the money did not help.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):

- Tina Myers of West Second Avenue spoke on behalf of the fire company. Her house had burned in 2004 and if not for the quick response of the fire company not only would her house have been completely destroyed but that of neighboring properties as well.

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISIONS:

- Lindale Village - Mattioni Brothers – a letter requesting an extension of the review period until January, 2011 was read. A motion to approve the requested extension was made by Thomas Curtin 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

- The background check for Richard Irwin has been completed and he has been approved by FEMA and the Governor; endorsement should be coming soon;
- Received notification from PennDOT that the Winter Services Agreement qualifies for \$819.12 more funding;
- Zoning hearing is scheduled for 1/12/10 for the property at 431 W. First Avenue. Mr. Thomas requested Council's position on the matter. Council's consensus is to deny the application.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT—Chief Brian Sheller

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

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT—ARRO Consulting

A complete copy of the Zoning Officer'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.

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

No report.

PABA—Eric Jameson

No report.

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

- State Street Bridge - waiting for JMT contract;
- West Bridge Street Bridge - working with Mr. Thomas to get the project placed back on the TIP;
- Comcast and Verizon Franchise Agreements are complete.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion to adopt the 2010 Budget was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch. Thomas Curtin opposed the motion. All other members in favor. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to enact Ordinance No. 485 – An Ordinance of Parkesburg Borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Establishing Taxes and Fixing Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2010 was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kathleen Rick. Thomas Curtin opposed the motion. All other council members in favor. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Lisa Smith of W. 2nd Avenue commented that the public needs to be aware that the Parkesburg Ambulance may not be available;
- Eugene Ratcliff of W. 1st Avenue stated that Parkesburg residents would be willing to pay a fire tax;

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Mr. Knickerbocker recognizes that the finances would not be where they are without Mr. Jones and Mr. Persch and thanked them for their service;
- Mr. Jones stated he would be willing to pay more taxes to help the fire company; He also commented that he respects the Council Members and

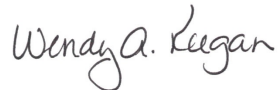
thanked them, as well as Jim Thomas, John Carnes and Wendy Keegan, for their dedication and hard work;

- Virginia Miller thanked Council and residents;
- Charles Persch stated that it had been a pleasure to serve with Mr. Jones, Mr. Knickerbocker and Mrs. Miller;
- Thomas Curtin thanked Mr. Knickerbocker, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Miller;

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch . All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary