

**PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**December 7, 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, Kenneth Knickerbocker, Virginia Miller, Kathleen Rick and Melinda Keen. Also present were: Borough Manager, James Thomas, Borough Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan and Solicitor, John Carnes. Mayor John Hagan and Councilman Thomas Curtin were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** After adding the discussion of 2010 meeting dates and times under New Business, 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 November 16, 2009, Regular Meeting was moved by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. 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)

- Marylou Polidore of Main Street questioned why the Borough had two health plans.

**SUBDIVISIONS/PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Westminster Place – HDC – A motion for the release of escrow funds to Housing Development Corporation contingent upon the Borough's receipt of the compensation of \$9230.00 in lieu of planting trees and shrubs was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.
- Parke Mansion Partners – Request of Right-of-Way – A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-21 – A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Accepting a Deed of Dedication from Heritage Crystal Springs I, LLC (Successor by Name Change to EPC Holdings, 584, LLC) for the Ultimate Right of Way along Church Street (S.R. 0010) Containing Approximately 1.368 Acres of Land Pursuant to a Right-of-way Dedication Plan Prepared by D.L. Howell was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation—Kathleen Rick**

The tree planting with the Brandywine Valley Association went very well; wild flowers will be planted in the spring; the Eagle Scout bench project has been completed; more projects are lined up; little league baseball sign-ups will be held in January in the Borough Hall.

**Progress & Development—Thomas Curtin**

No report.

**Streets & Property—Melinda Keen**

SECCRA rates are going up in 2010; possible trash ordinance update next year.

**Finance—David Jones**

Committee met and reviewed the budget which still shows a deficit; recommends the trash collection fees be raised; Mr. Jones suggested a tax increase to add a millage dedication to the fire company; after taking a consensus of council it was determined that a majority was not in favor of a tax increase and the matter was closed; Mr. Knickerbocker suggested dedicating a portion of the current mills to the Fire Company.

**Police & Fire—Charles Persch**

No report.

**Library—Melinda Keen**

Budget was passed at the last meeting; will be receiving less revenue from the state and county; 2010 will bring aggressive fund raising.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- State Street Bridge Project – A motion to approve the contract with JMT as Inspector for State Street Bridge Abutment Construction was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-20 – A Resolution of Parkesburg Borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Increase of Municipal Trash Fees was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

- 2010 Borough Meetings. It was discussed and agreed that in 2010 one Council Meeting per month will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be held as follows:

Parks & Recreation - First Monday at 6:00 p.m.  
Progress - First Monday at 6:30 p.m.  
Streets & Property - First Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
Police & Fire - Third Thursday at 6:00 p.m.  
Finance - Third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

In January, 2010 two meetings will be held. The Reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and the regular council meeting will be held on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Marylou Polidore of Main Street asked Council how much revenue the police department generates; Ms. Polidore also voiced her concerns regarding her neighbor and various code violation issues.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Charles Persch thanked Council for their hard work on the budget;
- Melinda Keen thanked Council for a great 2 years;
- Kathleen Rick expressed that it was a good year working with Council;
- David Jones advised Council of the holiday party for Borough employees on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Kathleen Rick to adjourn the meeting 8:30 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy A. Keegan  
Borough Secretary