

**PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**June 15, 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, Kathleen Rick, Melinda Keen, Thomas Curtin and Kenneth Knickerbocker. Also present were Mayor, John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, L. James Thomas, Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan and Solicitor John Carnes. Council Member Virginia Miller arrived at 8:15 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** 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 June 1, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the May 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 Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

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

**MAYOR'S PRESENTATION:** Mayor John Hagan presented 2 citations to Officer Rodney Discher for his DUI enforcement and several citations to the Parkesburg Police Department for their cooperation and assistance with the Coatesville arsons.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Agenda Items Only):

- Beverly Ely of West Street questioned the Hunt Engineering Bill for the State Street Bridge Project;

**PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION:**

- Parke Mansion Partners – Conditional final plan approval. Mr. Carnes read into the record Resolution No. 2009-09 - A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Granting Conditional Final Plan Approval of the Subdivision and Land Development Plan Entitled: the Parke Mansion Partners, L.P., Prepared by D. L. Howell & Associates, Inc. A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-09 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. Mr. Jones explained the First Avenue street scape project.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**—L. James Thomas

- Act 537 needs to be completed;
- State Street Bridge project needs an inspector; Mr. Carnes is formulating an advertisement;
- Received a check for \$36,259 from DEP for the Minch Park Stormwater grant;
- Parkesburg will be sponsoring the Octorara High School Homecoming Parade.

**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**

A complete copy of the Public Works Report is on file in the Borough Hall. Moving forward to cite homeowners for grass and weed ordinance violations; hired a part-time Streets Department employee.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**—Raymond Stackhouse

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

**PABA**—Eric Jameson

No report.

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

- Worked with the Borough Manager on Gorgo property;
- State Street Bridge project is moving forward.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-05 – A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania Pursuant to Section 505(m) of the Local Tax Enabling Act, as Amended by Act 32 of 2008, to

Designate the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau as the Lancaster County Tax Collection Committee for the Purposes of the Local Tax Enabling Act was made by Thomas Curtin and seconded by Kathleen Rick. Charles Persch opposed the motion. All other members were in favor. The motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A motion to enact Ordinance No. 482 – An Ordinance of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Setting Forth Its Intent to Issue Its General Obligation Note, Series of 2009, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.
- Resolution No. 2009-08 – this matter was tabled for the next meeting

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Beverly Ely of West Street asked why Council raised the trash fee. She had asked it not to be raised at the last meeting;
- Dennis Schwandt suggested residents use the library computers for e-mail;
- Barry Wengart of Maple Street advised Council that the corner of West Street and W. First Avenue is being used as a hangout for teenagers;
- Jim Carlisle of Main Street asked if the police see streetlights which are out; he also asked why the Borough picks up the trash of residents who don't pay their bill;
- Raymond Stackhouse of the Fire Company encouraged the Borough to take into account the emergency services when working with developers;

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

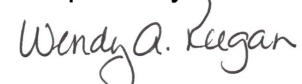
- Mr. Curtin will be on vacation the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> and asked the Progress Committee meeting be moved to July 20<sup>th</sup> before the council meeting;
- Mrs. Miller asked that the property next to the AME Church and the weeds along Chapel Avenue be mowed; she also requested a Children at Play sign on North Culvert Street;

- Mr. Persch commended the Fire Department for their work on the Coatesville arsons; the finance and police and fire committee meetings were moved to July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Melinda Keen to adjourn the meeting 9:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan  
Borough Secretary