

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES: DECEMBER 4, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Patterson, Chairman
Richard Kratz, Member
Dean Becker, Member
Edward Savitsky, Vice-Chairman

ABSENT: Gordon MacElhenney, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile Daniel, Township Manager
Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor
Pamela Stevens, Township Engineer
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement Officer
John Moran Sr., Road Master

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 6, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved upon a motion made by Dean Becker and seconded by Edward Savitsky. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

POLICE REPORT: The Board of Supervisors did not receive the PA State Police Reports for November as of this date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission Minutes
Notice of Rate Increase – Aqua of Pennsylvania
Lower Frederick Regional Ambulance – October/November Reports

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Kenneth Picardi reported on the following: (1) T-Mobile: Still waiting for the co-location agreement between Nextel and T-Mobile. (2) Manning: Attorney representing the Manning Family appealed the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Picardi requested an **Executive Session** to discuss the appeal. (3) HYK – Mr. Picardi requested an **Executive Session** regarding the settlement talks with HYK. (4) Land Acquisition – Mr. Picardi requested **Executive Session** to discuss land acquisition. (5) Assessment Appeal – informed the Board that both Highland Manor and PV Associates Realty LP received small reductions in their assessments from the Montgomery County Board of Assessments. (6) Barking Dogs – A non-traffic citation has been issued by John Moran, Jr., and we are awaiting the dog owner’s response to the citation.

ROAD MASTER’S REPORT: John Moran Sr. submitted his report for November to the Board.

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FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT: John Moran Sr. submitted his report for November to the Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: John Moran Jr. submitted his November report to the Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The Planning Commission held their meeting on November 27, 2007. The only item discussed was the Conditional Use Application filed by P.V. Associates for the proposed expansion to the shopping center.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Pamela Stevens was present to review the following items:

- **TRAFFIC SIGNAL AWARD** - Ms. Stevens informed the Board that she received the Agreement and associated paperwork from Armour & Sons Electric. This paperwork was for the installation of the traffic light located at Township Line Road, Graterford Road, and Wartman Road. Kenn Picardi reviewed the paperwork as submitted by Armour & Sons Electric. Mr. Picardi informed the Board that all documents are acceptable. Mr. Picardi did make mention that Certificate of Insurance is current, but cautioned the Board that the Certificate has a February 5, 2008 expiration date. Mr. Picardi cautioned that an updated Certificate of Insurance needs to be submitted to the Township prior to the February 5, 2008. With that clarification, both Mr. Picardi and Ms. Stevens recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Armour & Sons Electric. With the recommendation of both Ms. Stevens and Mr. Picardi, Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by Richard Kratz to approve the contract between Perkiomen Township and Armour and Sons Electric to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Township Line Road, Graterford Road, and Wartman Road conditioned upon receipt of an updated Certificate of Insurance to be received by Perkiomen Township prior to February 5, 2008. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES: The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of November. After review of same, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Richard Kratz to authorize payment of the November bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 4-0. In addition to presenting the bills for approval, Cecile Daniel reviewed Resolution 2007-16. Resolution 2007-16 is the Tax Rate Levy for 2008. The tax rates set forth within Resolution 2007-16 were as follows:

GENERAL FUND a rate of .35 mills;

STREET LIGHT FUND the rates as follows:

Village of Rahns and Village of Graterford - .30 per front foot;
Maple Hill Community - \$3.16 per front foot;

Cranberry Development - \$30.23 per unit;

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- Stephanie Lane Development - \$32.61 per unit;
- Perkiomen Greene Development - \$23.00 per unit;
- Exmoor Road - \$94.58 per unit; Barrington Estates - \$50.09 per unit;
- Mayfield Estates - \$39.00 per unit;
- Eagle View Estates - \$48.18 per unit;
- Heritage Woods - \$52.62 per unit;

FIRE TAX FUND at a rate of .27 mills;

HYDRANT TAX FUND with the rates as follows:

- Aqua of Pennsylvania - \$31.13 per unit
- PA American Water Company - \$12.00 per unit.

After review of the proposed tax rates for the year 2008, Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Dean Becker to approve Resolution 2007-16

The second Resolution was Resolution 2007-17. This Resolution was the adoption of the proposed 2008 Perkiomen Township Budget. The Resolution was as follows:

TOTAL REVENUES: <u>\$3,049,626.00</u> (ALL FUNDS)	TOTAL EXPENDITURES: <u>\$3,049,626.00</u> (ALL FUNDS)
GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,311,199.00
STREET LIGHT FUND	\$ 90,174.00
FIRE TAX	\$ 357,325.00
LIQUID FUELS	\$ 237,641.00
HYDRANT TAX	\$ 53,287.00

After review of Resolution 2007-17, Dean Becker made a motion, seconded by Richard Kratz to approve Resolution 2007-17, adoption of the 2008 Perkiomen Township Budget. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Last, Ms. Daniel updated the Board regarding two major developments with regard to the Perkiomen Township Municipal Authority. First, the Municipal Authority has been discussing ways to deal with property owners who refuse to pay their sewer bills. The majority of the amount of money owned the Municipal Authority is due to accounts that have high balances. All of these properties are liened. The Municipal Authority has been trying to have these balances paid, but the owners have not responded. After investigating ways to resolve this situation, the Municipal Authority determined that shutting off the water would be the next step. In order to facilitate this, the Municipal Authority negotiated agreements with Aqua of PA and PA American. An agreement is not required with the Schwenksville Municipal Authority on shutting off the water, because Schwenksville does not come under the control of the Public Utility Commission. Letters have been sent to those customers with the largest balances as notification regarding the

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intentions of the Municipal Authority. At this time, no further action has been taken by the Municipal Authority. The Municipal Authority is awaiting responses from these property owners before the official notification is send to the Water Companies about shutting off the water. Second, a notice was received from the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority regarding an increase in the treatment charges. The Regional Authority, at their November meeting, increased the charges that are owed back to them by the Municipal Authority for the treatment of sewer from residents in Perkiomen Township. This is the third time the Regional Sewer Authority has raised the treatment charges. The Municipal Authority was able to absorb the prior two increases, but cannot completely absorb this one. As a result, the Municipal Authority Members are considering at their December meeting an increase in the annual sewer rates. The proposed increase under consideration is to increase the sewer rates from the present \$160.00/year to \$180.00/year or from the present \$40.00/quarter to \$45.00/quarter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2008 MEETING SCHEDULE:** Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by Richard Kratz to authorize the advertisement of the 2008 meeting schedule. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public Comment regarding the letter received from the Perkiomen Valley School District on the future redistricting due to the proposed future development within the municipalities that make up the School District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Dean Becker and seconded Edward Savitsky.