

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2020**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Matt Aigeldinger Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks Aaron Clark Randy Faulkner Steve Pizzollo Jim Purcell Steve Rose Jim Ryder John Hollenbach
Mayor:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager:	Glenn Dickerson
Finance Director:	Jeff Garton
Borough Solicitor:	Judy Stern Goldstein
Planner, Gilmore Associates	Doug Rossino
Borough Engineer:	Megan Prusienski
Park and Recreation Director:	Robert Schurr
Police Chief:	Harold Stone
Electric Superintendent:	Jeff Tulone
Public Works Director:	

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Consider Awarding Bid #2020-8, Solid Waste Disposal

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously awarded bid no. 2020-08 for solid waste disposal for the year 2021 to Waste Management at a rate of \$84.20 per ton.

Consider Awarding Bid #2020-10, Yard Waste

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously awarded bid no. 2020-09 to Britton Industries for residential yard waste disposal for the year 2021 at a rate of \$100 per month for the dumpster rental, a hauling cost of \$265 per trip, and a disposal cost of \$39.95 per ton.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's October 2020 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2020-39, Country Ridge Subdivision-Hallmark Homes Group, Inc., Acceptance of Engineer's Certificate of Completion

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-39, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie approving and accepting the Borough engineer's certification of completion for the Country Ridge subdivision.

Authorize the Signature of Borough Representatives on Constitution Square, LLC Record Plan

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Perkasie Borough Planning Commission Chairperson and Secretary, Borough Engineer and Perkasie Borough Council Chairperson and Secretary and Secretary to sign the Constitution Square, LLC final settlement plan.

Consider 208 Ridge Avenue Subdivision Application-Preliminary/Final Land Development

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-41, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie approving the subdivision application submitted by Buxmont Services as a preliminary/final plan for 208 Ridge Avenue.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study Update

The Borough's new planner, Judy Stern Goldstein, gave a feasibility study presentation for their portion of the Liberty Bell Trail estimated \$46 million project from Telford to Quakertown. The Borough's portion could cost as much as \$3.2 million to build. The trail plan includes amenities to enhance trail user experience and user awareness of the trail. The executive summary states trail access could enhance visits and tourism to the boroughs along the route.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Discuss Ordinance #1031, Non-Uniform Pension Plan Update

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor and Manager to schedule a public hearing for Ordinance #1031 and advertise the draft.

Draft Resolution #2020-34 Salary and Wage Schedule for 2021

The Committee reviewed a resolution establishing the 2021 wage schedule. It was agreed to place the resolution on the December 21st Council meeting agenda for approval.

Consider Hiring Two Permanent Part-Time Employees

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously hired Jerome Lewis to the position of permanent part-time laborer in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$16.69 per hour.

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Bomboy, Council unanimously hired Richard Hughes to the position of permanent part-time laborer in the Public Works Department at a rate of \$16.69 per hour.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Recommend Preliminary 2021 Budget to Council

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the advertisement of the preliminary budget for inspection by the public in accordance with Borough Code requirements, and to take all steps necessary to prepare the budget for adoption at the December 21st Borough Council meeting.

Discuss Tax Collector Compensation Increase Request

The Committee discussed the request from the tax collector in the amount that she is paid for the Borough's real estate tax. The tax collector currently receives \$6.00 per bill and is asking for \$8.00 per bill. Several Councilmembers recommended \$7.50 per bill. Council members have until February 15, 2021 to make a decision.

Discuss Renewing Quakertown National Bank Lease Agreement

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft a 10 year lease amendment for Quakertown National Bank with a yearly rent amount of \$4,800.

Discuss Draft Verizon Franchise Agreement Renewal

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-40, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC.

DVIT Two Year Health Renewal-Information Only

The Committee agreed to renew the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust two year option that would save the Borough \$54,967.

Discuss Ordinance #1030, 2021 Tax Ordinance

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously authorized the staff to advertise a public hearing to be held at the December 21, 2020 Borough Council meeting for an ordinance to set the tax rate for 2021. It was agreed to place the Ordinance on the December 21st Council meeting agenda for approval.

Discuss Resolution #2020-35, 2021 Consolidated Fee Schedule

The 2021 Consolidated fee schedule was considered by the Committee. Members of the Committee agreed to put the resolution on the December 21st agenda for a vote by Borough Council.

Consider Resolution #2020-32, Cedar Ridge Escrow Release #3

Upon motion #Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Cedar Ridge subdivision as approved by Gilmore and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$57,100.50 to reduce the total escrow to \$1,045,647.96 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2020-36, Hidden Meadows Phase #1, Escrow Release #4

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Hidden Meadow land development project-phase I subdivision as approved by Gilmore and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$263,271.37 to reduce the total escrow to \$515,824 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2020-37, Hidden Meadows Phase #2, Escrow Release #1

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Hidden Meadow land development project phase II as approved by Gilmore and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$284,044.95 to reduce the total escrow to \$172,104.76 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Other Business

Aaron Clark commended Linda Reid, the Borough Community Development Coordinator and the Boroughs teams, as well as Perkasio Olde Towne and PBR Productions on the Borough's virtual Christmas tree lighting. It was well received by the community.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Advertising Ordinance #1032, No Parking Ordinance-West Walnut & South 5th Streets

Upon motion by Purcell, second by Faulkner, Council unanimously authorized staff to advertise the draft ordinance and schedule a public hearing for ordinance #1032 at a future Council meeting.

Discuss Draft Matrix Report

The Committee reviewed the Matrix report. There was a recommendation to remove a 24 year old motorcycle from the police department for \$14,000. There was also a recommendation to change the percentage that the Borough charges Sellersville for police services. Further discussion

was needed on that item. Council members asked if representative from the Matrix would be available to give a short presentation at an upcoming meeting.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Scott Bomboy stated there were 62 military tributes for Hometown Hero banners.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Jeff Garton announced that Council had held an executive session December 10, 2020 to discuss police negotiations and no action was taken at that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary

