

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2020**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (absent)

Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks (absent)

Aaron Clark

Randy Faulkner

Steve Pizzollo

Jim Purcell

Steve Rose

Jim Ryder

John Hollenbach

Andrea L. Coaxum

Glenn Dickerson

Jeff Garton

Doug Rossino

Jeff Tulone

Megan Prusienski

Robert Schurr

Harold Stone

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #1030, Setting the Tax Rate for 2021

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an ordinance fixing the tax rate for 2021 at 6.25 mills. There were no comments from the public. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, the hearing was unanimously closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Matrix Consulting Group Presentation

John Scruggs with the Matrix Consulting Group gave a presentation on the Police Department Operational and Staffing Study.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of October 19, 2020, November 2, 2020, December 7, 2020 and the Special Finance Committee minutes of September 29, 2020 and October 22, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach thanked the Public Works Department and Electric Department for their clearing of Borough streets and sidewalks after the recent snow storm. He also thanked the community for supporting the small businesses and restaurants during the troubling times of the nation's pandemic.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for November 2020.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for November 2020.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the November 2020 engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the November 2020 Police Department report.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance #1030, Setting the Tax Rate for 2021

Upon motion Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1030 setting the tax rate for the year 2021 at 4.75 mills for the general purposes and 1.5 mills for fire protection purposes.

Consider Resolution #2020-44, Approval of Final Budget

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-44, adoption of the 2021 budget for all funds.

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

Consider Resolution #2020-35, Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-35 to establish a new consolidated fee schedule for the year 2021, effective January 1, 2021.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Committee Superintendent's report for November 2020.

Discuss Perkasia S. 3rd Street Truck Study

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council authorized the Borough Manager and Solicitor to draft an ordinance restricting truck traffic on South 3rd Street and South 4th Street between West Park Avenue and Spruce Street between South 5th Street and South 3rd Street.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for November 2020.

Perkasia Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report

The Committee reviewed Perkasia's November 2020 Wholesale Power Cost Summary

report provided by GDS Associates.

Consider Resolution #2020-49, AMP RICE Peaking Project

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-49, a motion to authorize the acquisition of additional power sales contract resources in the AMP Pennsylvania R.I.C.E. Peaking Project.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for November 2020.

Consider Resolution #2020-45, Cedar Ridge Escrow Release #4

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Cedar Ridge Subdivision as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$187,943.85 to reduce the total escrow to \$857,704.11 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2020-46, Hidden Meadows, Phase I, Escrow Release #5

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Hidden Meadows Subdivision, as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$102,275.10 to reduce the total escrow to \$413,548.90 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2020-47, Hidden Meadows, Phase II, Escrow Release #2

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Hidden Meadows Subdivision, as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$55,817.32 to reduce the total escrow to \$116,287.44 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for November 2020.

Consider Resolution #2020-43, Liberty Bell Trail

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Bomboy, Council approved Resolution #2020-43, a Resolution of the Borough of Perkasié closing out the community conservation partnerships grant project.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2020-42 Council Meeting Dates

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-42, establishing the Council meeting dates for 2021.

Consider Resolution #2020-34, 2021 Wage Schedule

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-34, establishing the wage and salary schedule for the year 2021 for all non-uniformed employees.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors report for November 2020.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2020-48 Designation of Agent for Emergency Assistance

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-48, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio naming an agent on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio for COVID-19 related expenses.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jeff Garton announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss police negotiations and would not reopen the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary