# MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH **COUNCIL MEETING** JULY 19, 2021

620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks (absent)

Aaron Clark Randy Faulkner

Steve Pizzollo (absent)

Jim Purcell Jim Ryder

Youth Delegate:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director: Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer: Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief: Electric Superintendent: Steve Rose

Robin Reid (absent) John Hollenbach Andrea L. Coaxum

Rebecca Deemer Jeff Garton

Stacy Yoder Jeff Tulone

Lauren Moll Robert Schurr Harold Stone

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 #1036, RESIDENTIAL INFILL OVERLAY DISTRICT

A public hear was held to receive comments on Ordinance #1036, amending the Perkasie Borough Zoning Ordinance and map to add the RIOD, Residential Infill Overlay District. The amendment proposes to add use regulations and parking requirements for rowhomes.

Mike Russo of 128 E. Walnut Street asked if rowhomes were the only type of home that could be built in the zoning district specified in the proposed zoning ordinance.

Laura Miner of 19 N. 5th Street had questions on impervious surfaces and stormwater runoff for the construction of proposed rowhomes.

John Hughes of 424 Vine Street stated that rowhomes create a high density which creates higher school taxes.

Tim Brady of 1001 Race Street said he works in Newtown and Newtown is crowded with homes.

Kim Kramer of 638 E. Walnut Street asked if there were areas in Perkasie that will allow rowhomes that won't allow townhomes?

Phil Chant of 820 West Market Street stated the Borough needs to loosen its restrictions. He is engineer and doesn't see anyone building this.

Buck Hazzard of 25 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street asked how this ordinance would affect his taxes.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously closed the public hearing.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## PRESENTATION BY THE PA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION (PMEA)

Diane Boask, the Executive Director from the PA Municipal Electric Association provided information to Council about PMEA and how they promote programs, engage in planning, educate and assist the public sector in management and operations, engineering and design, construction, public policy and research.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Jim Ryder announced there would only be one meeting in August and that would be on August 2, 2021.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of June 21, 2021.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

## Mayor's Report

No report.

#### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for June 2021.

## **Budget Status**

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for June 2021.

# Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report June 2021.

## Planning Commission Report

None.

## **Zoning Hearing Board Report**

None.

## Police Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Police Department report for June 2021.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

#### Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Committee Superintendent's report for June 2021.

## Consider Survey & Preliminary Engineering of Potential Park Avenue Improvements

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously amended the 2021 budget and approved a cost not to exceed \$14,000 for survey and \$14,000 for preliminary engineering of the Park Avenue improvements project.

## Resolution #2021-32, Handicapped Parking

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-32 a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie for the creation of a handicap parking space reserved for a handicapped person or disabled veterans in front of 711 Vine Street, Perkasie.

#### Consider Additional Tree Removal

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously amended the 2021 budget and approve the request from the Public Works Director to utilize an additional \$30,000 from excess funds in the capital funds to remove hazardous trees from the park system.

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

# Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for June 2021.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

# Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for June 2021.

## Consider Ordinance #1036-Residential Infill Overlay District

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1036, an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasie amending the Perkasie Borough Zoning Ordinance to establish a residential infill overlay district for the purpose of encouraging the development of rowhome-style dwelling units and to establish use regulations and other regulations and required parking spaces for rowhome-style dwelling units within the residential infill overlay district.

## Consider Resolution #2021-30, Approval of Conditional Use Application-Winiarski Works

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-30, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie approving a conditional use decision related to 510 ½ West Walnut Street.

#### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for June 2021.

## Consider Menlo Aquatics Center Staffing Adjustments

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a year-end bonus for seasonal Menlo Aquatics staff who remain on the schedule on a consistent basis of at least 20 hours per week through Labor Day, Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$200.

Upon motion Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously promoted Meghan Kriney to the seasonal position of Assistant Manager, effective June 29, 2021.

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously increased the hourly wage for front desk supervisors from \$10.50 an hour to \$12.50 per hour, effective June 29, 2021.

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously increased the hourly

wage for Assistant Managers from \$12.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hours, effective June 29, 2021.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

# Discuss Vacation Carryover-Police Department

Councilmembers discussed the possibility of Borough Council allowing the Police Officers to carry vacation time into 2022. Council can chose to buy back unused vacation time or allow the officers to carry it over to the next year. Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Bomboy, Council agreed to table the issue.

# Consider Resolution #2021-33, Approval of Central Bucks Mutual Aid Agreement

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-33, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie authorizing the Perkasie Borough Police Chief to execute a mutual aid agreement with other municipalities in Bucks County related to the Central Bucks Special Response Team.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Authorization to Pay Bills

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

# Consider Resolution #2021-36, Temporary Cleaning Service

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously Resolution #2021-36, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie accepting the proposal from Sanitek Cleaning Solutions LLC to professionally clean the Borough Hall building, Police Department, Public Works building, and Electric Department on a month-to-month basis at a rate of \$4,200 per month, upon receipt of acceptable background checks for each Sanitek Cleaning staff member.

#### Consider Quakertown National Bank's Notice to Extend Lease

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft a resolution for Council to consider at their next public meeting for the Quakertown National Bank first amendment to the lease agreement with a term of ten years (January 15, 2022 to January 14, 2032).

# Consider Resolution #2021-29, Cedar Ridge Escrow Release #8

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously a reduction in the escrow for the Cedar Ridge Subdivision as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$46,226.00 to reduce the total escrow to \$472,306.18 and authorizing the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

# Consider Resolution #2021-31, Approve Nyce Subdivision Land Development and Financial Security Agreement

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-31, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council approving the development and financial security escrow agreements and authorizing the Borough Council President and Borough Secretary to execute the agreements related to a project identified as the "Nyce Subdivision".

# Consider Resolution #2021-34, Approve Spruce Street Townhouse Land Development and Financial Security Agreement

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-34, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council approving the development and financial security escrow agreements and authorizing the Borough Council President and Borough Secretary to execute the agreements related to a project identified as the Spruce Street townhouses land development project.

## Consider Resolution #2021-35, Accepting Dedication of Right of Way, Perkasie Woods

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-35, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council accepting the dedication of certain public improvements as contained in the subdivision known as Perkasie Woods, and further establishing conditions precedent to the acceptance of dedication of those improvements.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors June 2021 report.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Peter Hansen of 330 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street suggested closing Park Avenue at 5<sup>th</sup> Street because there is too much traffic coming down 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from people trying to avoid the traffic light at 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut.

## **PRESS FORUM**

None.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jeff Garton announced that Council was going into executive session to discuss the joint agreement with Sellersville for Police Services and would not reopen the meeting.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum Borough Manager/Secretary