

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 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
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Robin Reid
John Hollenbach
Andrea L. Coaxum
Rebecca Deemer
Jeff Garton
Doug Rossino
Jeff Tulone
Lauren Moll
Robert Schurr
Harold Stone (absent)

Youth Councilor:

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

Liquor License Transfer, 50 South 7th Street

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an application for a liquor license for Joe Wade. He is asking to transfer a license from Fairless Hills to Perkasie for 50 South 7th Street (the SEPTA Train Station). He is proposing to open a local restaurant and bar in the train station building. No public comments were received. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously closed the hearing.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-47, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie approving the transfer of a restaurant liquor license R-19583 into the Borough of Perkasie from Falls Township.

Perkasie Borough Police Pension Plan

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an amendment to the uniform police

pension plan amending the pre-retirement death benefit from 22 years of vesting service to 20 years of vesting service. No comments were received. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously closed the hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak of 718 Shadywood Drive questioned how the borough would allocate funds eventually received through the congressional infrastructure bill.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS: PERKASIE OFFICER RAY FOX AND HILLTOWN OFFICER JAMES BROWN

Mayor Hollenbach, Chief Schurr, and Jim Ryder presented commendations to Perkasio Police Officer Ray Fox and Hilltown Police Officer James Brown who used emergency lifesaving measures on a victim during a cardiac episode.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of October 4, 2021, October 18, 2021, and November 1, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for October, 2021.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for October 2021.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report for October 2021.

Planning Commission Report

No report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the October 2021 Police Report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Discuss Road Closures for First Friday Event-Perkasie Towne Improvement Association

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved the road closure of North 7th Street from Market Street to Arch Street, and Market Street from North 7th Street to South 6th Street on Friday, December 3rd from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant-Update

Council was updated on the revised concept plan for the Multi-Modal Grant at 9th Street which has been approved by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Originally the design was part of the Liberty Bell trail, taking users from S. 7th Street through the old Trolley Tunnel and down an embankment to 9th Street. The South 7th Street parcel is no

longer a viable option.

Discuss Transient Retail Business License: Food Trucks

Council discussed whether to amend the Transient Retail License for Food Trucks. Section 101-6E of the Borough Code states that a permit is required per person working on the food truck and the fee is per person. Council is recommending one permit per truck. This item can be discussed at a future meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

Consider Rotary Event Application: Lenape Park (Twin Bridges)

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved an event permit application for the Perkasio Rotary for twin bridge decorating on November 28, 2021 from 9AM to Noon and caroling at the twin bridges on December 9, 2021 from 5PM to 9PM; furthermore to allow the use of fire pits monitored by adults for roasting marshmallows at the December 9th event.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance #1039, Pension Plan Update (Uniform)

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1039, an ordinance of Perkasio Borough electing to amend its pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirements system pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities; amending the pre-retirement death benefit from 22 years of vesting service to 20 years of vesting service, as agreed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Perkasio and the Perkasio Borough Police Officers' Association.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Resolution #2021-48, Upgrade to Phone System-ET&T

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-48, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio approving the proposal of Eastern Telephone & Telecommunications (ET&T) dated May 27, 2021, related to the purchase of the telephone equipment noted therein for the purchase price of \$45,512.62 and authorizing the Perkasio

Borough Manager to accept and execute the proposal received from ET&T on behalf of Perkasio Borough.

Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Program Agreement, Authorize Signor

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Chief of Police to sign the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Federal Law Assistance Grant Program Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Recommend Preliminary 2022 Budget

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously authorized the advertised of the preliminary 2022 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 20th Borough Council meeting.

FEMA Public Assistance Resolution #2021-49

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-49, a resolution for the Borough of Perkasio designating Andrea L. Coaxum, the Borough Manager, and Rebecca Deemer, the Borough Finance Director, as agents authorized to sign all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for Pennsylvania Tropical Depression IDA.

Consider DVIT Two Year Health Renewal

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council accepted the two year renewal option of the Borough's healthcare coverage.

Community and Economic Development Director Report

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee thanked the Electric Department for hanging the military banners on the light poles throughout town.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary