# MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH **COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2021**

620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie, Pennsylvania

**ATTENDANCE:** 

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger

Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks (absent)

Aaron Clark Randy Faulkner Steve Pizzollo Jim Purcell Steve Rose Jim Ryder

Community Development Manager:

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director: Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Linda Reid

Robin Reid

John Hollenbach Andrea L. Coaxum

Rebecca Deemer

Jeff Garton

Erik Garton

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 #1040, SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR 2022

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an ordinance fixing the tax rate for 2022 at 4.75 mills for general purposes, 1.5 mills for fire protection purposes, and 3.0 mills for dedicated road improvement program. There were no comments from the public. Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Pizzollo, the hearing was unanimously closed.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of November 15, 2021 and December 6, 2021.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach said this was his last Council meeting as Mayor of Perkasie. He thanked all the departments, Council and Solicitor for all their help and support during his terms being Mayor of Perkasie.

## Taxes Collected

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

#### **Budget Status**

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

## Engineer's Report

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

## Planning Commission Report

None.

## Zoning Hearing Board Report

None.

#### Police Report

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the November 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 November 2021.

## Consider Replacing Loader Bucket

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the purchase of a replacement front loader bucket for a price not to exceed \$9,000.00.

## Discuss Pennridge South Middle School Traffic Circulation Improvements

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to proceed with drafting an ordinance to enact options numbered one and three in the Gilmore letter and advertise a public hearing to be held at a future meeting; and concurrently for the staff to purchase the necessary signage and lane markings to proceed with implementation for this safety enhancement.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE**

## Review of Superintendent's Report

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

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

## Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

#### **Discuss Parking Diet Ordinance Amendment**

Councilmembers discussed adopting the "parking diet" which has a community eliminate minimum parking requirements in downtown areas where the goal is to substitute a more pedestrian or transit oriented development pattern. The Perkasie Planning Commission will be discussing this item at their January meeting.

#### Discuss Mixed-Use Ordinance Amendment

Councilmembers discussed an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide clarification of the existing mixed use and make the regulations for such use more user-friendly. The Perkasie Planning Commission will be discussing this item at their January meeting.

#### Discuss Draft Outdoor Seating Ordinance

Councilmembers discussed outdoor dining/seating regulations associated with food service industries. The use would be permitted as an accessory use to eating places. The Perkasie Planning Commission will be discussing this item at their January meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Ryder presented Mayor John Hollenbach and Councilman Matt Aigeldinger with framed Perkasie Posters for their 12 years of service while serving as Mayor and on the Borough Council.

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

## Park and Recreation Director Report

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

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

#### Review Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilmembers reviewed the list vacancies for boards and commissions for 2022 and agreed to make all the appointments at the January 17, 2022 Borough Council meeting.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **Authorization to Pay Bills**

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

# Consider Approving Tax Ordinance #1040, Setting the Tax Rate for 2022

Upon motion by Bomboy, seconded by Purcell, Council considered Ordinance #1040 setting the tax rate for the year 2022 at 4.75 mills for general purposes, 1.5 mills for fire protection purposes, and 3.0 for the dedicated roadway project. Councilmembers Aigeldinger, Bomboy, Clark, and Faulkner voted against the tax ordinance. Councilmembers Brooks, Pizzollo, Purcell, Rose, and Ryder voted in favor of it. The tax ordinance was passed by a 5-4 vote.

# Consider Resolution #2021-51, Approval of Final Budget

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Pizzollo, Council considered Resolution #2021-51, adoption of the 2022 budget for all funds. All Councilmembers voted in favor of the resolution with the exception of Aigeldinger who voted against it. Motion carried 7-1.

#### Consider Resolution #2021-52, Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #201-52 to establish a new consolidated fee schedule for the year 2021, effective January 1, 2021.

#### Consider Resolution #2021-58, Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-58 to establish a new consolidated fee schedule for the year 2022 effective January 1, 2022.

#### Consider Resolution 2021-55, 2022 Wage Schedule

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-55, establishing the wage and salary schedule for the year 2022 for all non-uniformed employees.

## Resolution #2021-56, Extending the Lease for Quakertown National Bank

Upon motion by Clarke, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-56, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasie approving the First Amendment to lease agreement between the Borough of Perkasie and QNB Bank and authorizing the Perkasie Borough Manager to execute the First Amendment to lease agreement on behalf of Perkasie Borough.

## Consider Resolution #2021-57, Cedar Ridge Escrow Release

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Aigeldinger unanimously authorized a reduction in the escrow for the Cedar Ridge Subdivision as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$38,338.20 to reduce the total escrow to \$333,046.16 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

# <u>Consider Change in Assignment of Rights and Obligations from Pennridge Development Enterprises, Inc to Castanea Holdings, LLC</u>

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the assignment of the following documents from the Pennridge Development Enterprises, Inc. to Castanea Holdings, LLC:

- 1. Amended Land Development Agreement
- 2. RACP-Sub-Applicant Cooperation & Indemnification Agreement
- 3. Amended and restated assignment to Grant

By executing these agreements, Castanea Holdings, LLC acknowledges and accepts the assignment and acknowledges its obligations pursuant to each.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

# Community and Economic Development Director Report

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

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

None.

## **HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

<u>Update on Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-7, Update on Engineering and Design</u> <u>Consultation Services for the Historic Restoration of Covered Timbered Bridge</u>

The bid for requests for proposals were opened on December 10, 2021. Two bids were received. The Borough engineer is doing an analysis of each proposal and will have a recommendation for award at a future meeting.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## PRESS FORUM

Questions from the press were received and answered.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum Borough Manager/Secretary