# MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 18, 2021

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 Andrea L. Coaxum

Jeff Garton
Erik Garton
Jeff Tulone
Megan Prusier

Megan Prusienski Robert Schurr

Harold Stone (absent)

Mayor:

Borough Manager:
Borough Solicitor:
Borough Engineer:
Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:10 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Jeff Garton announced Council had held an executive session at 7:00PM prior to the Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter and did not take any action at that meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to receive comments on Ordinance #1032, on an amendment to Chapter 180 of the Boroughs vehicles and traffic ordinance. This is to prohibit parking on West Walnut Street north from a point 130 feet from the intersection with South Fifth Street to an existing power pole and West Walnut Street south from a point 120 feet from the intersection with South Fifth Street to an existing power pole. No comments were received. Council unanimously closed the hearing

A public hearing was held to receive comments on Ordinance #1033 on an amendment to Chapter 180 of the Boroughs ordinance. This is to exclude trucks from South Third and South Fourth Street between West Walnut Street and West Park Avenue and from Park Avenue and Spruce Street between South Fifth Street and South Third Street. No comments were received. Council unanimously closed the hearing.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of the Council meeting of December 21, 2020 and the Committee meeting of January 4, 2021.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor stated there is an incredible amount of information being given to citizens, and people don't know what to believe is true. He said he never felt like that with Borough Council. They sought the truth and do what is best for the community.

### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for December 2020.

# **Budget Status**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for December 2020.

### Engineer's Report

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

# Planning Commission Report

No report.

# Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council members reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board minutes of December 14, 2020.

### Police Report

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the December 2020 Police Department report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

# Review of Superintendent's Report

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

#### Consider Ordinance #1033, Truck Restrictions

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Bomboy, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1033 excluding trucks from South Third Street and South Fourth Street between West Walnut Street and West Park Avenue and from Park Avenue and Spruce Street between South Fifth Street and South Third Street.

# Consider Ordinance #1032, No Parking West Walnut and South 5th Street

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1032 to restrict parking on West Walnut Street in the vicinity of its intersection with South Fifth Street.

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

# Review of Superintendent's Report

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

### Resolution #2021-1, Net Carrier Fiber Upgrade

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-1, a resolution of the Borough Council approving the agreement between Net Carrier and Perkasie Borough confirming prior approval and execution by the Borough Manager of the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasie.

# PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

# Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

#### PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### Park and Recreation Director Report

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

### 2020 Trail Condition Survey

Council members reviewed a 2020 Trail Condition Survey which reflects the current conditions of the trails within the Borough's park system. By inspecting these trails and rating them, the Borough can implement a schedule for future trail repair projects.

### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

# Approve Severance Agreement

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Severance Agreement between the Borough of Perkasie and Glenn Dickerson and to authorize the signature of the Council President on the agreement. Furthermore, in the event that the Severance Agreement is revoked for any reason, then the Borough Council concurs with the decision of the Borough Manager to end the employment of Mr. Dickerson as of Monday, January 18, 2021.

### Accept Resignation of Accounting Technician

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Brooks, Council reluctantly accepted the resignation and retirement of longtime employee Jill Benner.

# Appointment to Civil Service Commission

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously appointed David McCreesh to the Civil Service Commission for a six year term through December 2026.

# Appointment to Perkasie Planning Commission

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously appointed Sherry Thompson to the Perkasie Planning Commission for an unexpired four year term through December 2021.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### Authorization to Pay Bills

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

### Resolution #2021-2, Computer Agreement Police

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2021-2, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie approving the agreement between Lynx Computer Technologies and the Borough of Perkasie and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

# Community and Economic Development Director Report

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

# Consider Updated LERTA Application-Spruce Street Apartments

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager and Solicitor to draft a new LERTA Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Delbar parcel and advertise a public hearing.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

No business to come before the Committee.

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Scott Bomboy reported that the Borough has sold 85 banners and has 10 pledges for its banner program.

# **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

### PRESS FORUM

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum Borough Manager/Secretary