

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks (via phone) Aaron Clark Randy Faulkner Jim Purcell Steve Rose Jim Ryder Dave Weaver Dave Worthington Robin Reid (Absent)
Youth Councilor:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager:	Rebecca Deemer
Finance Director:	Jeff Garton, Esq.
Borough Solicitor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Mayor:	Lauren Moll
Parks and Recreation Director:	Linda Reid (Absent)
Community Development Manager:	Doug Rossino
Borough Engineer:	Robert Schurr (Absent)
Police Chief:	Harold Stone (Absent)
Electric Superintendent:	Jeff Tulone
Public Works Director:	

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

Mr. Ryder thanked the First Responders who were recognized at the Hurricane Ida First Responders Recognition Ceremony at the amphitheater on August 31st; he also thanked those from Council who participated in the event.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held to consider Ordinance #1047, which would amend the Perkasie Borough Code of Ordinances so as to amend the provisions of Chapter 128, Peace and Good Order, Article II, Disturbances, Section 128-8, Disturbance of Peace, so as to amend the definition of Disturbance of Peace.

The floor was opened for comments from the public and there were none. Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Re-Advertising Stop/Yield Sign Ordinance (Previously Ordinance #1043)

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance to permit a four-way stop at the intersection of North 9th Street and West Market Street, and authorized the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager to advertise a public hearing to consider this traffic improvement. Furthermore, Council directs the Solicitor and Manager to separately draft an ordinance and advertise a public hearing to consider adding stop sign(s), yield sign(s), stop bars and center line paint at the intersection of North 9th Street and Bridge Street.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's July 2022 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Discuss Parking Diet Recommendation

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance amending the parking requirements as discussed.

Consider Resolution #2022-41, Cedar Ridge Escrow Release

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-41, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Cedar Ridge Project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$48,653.87 to reduce the total escrow to \$237,495.33, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2022-42, Green Ridge Estates

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-42, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Green Ridge Estates-East Project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$64,539.85 to reduce the total escrow to \$236,208.58 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2022-40, Nyce Subdivision

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-40, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Nyce Minor Subdivision as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$18,600.00 to reduce the total escrow to zero (\$0.00), to be released once all professional service invoices have been paid and signed off, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Discuss License Agreement Request – 638 East Walnut Street

Council reviewed a draft license agreement prepared by the Solicitor for Paul & Kim Kramer,

who would like to purchase or lease property from the Borough to move their shed out of the flood plain behind their house. Council was agreeable to the draft agreement, so it will be presented to the Kramers for their consideration and returned to Borough Council for final approval.

Update on Park Avenue Improvements Project

The Borough Manager provided an update on this project. Council was agreeable to the staff proceeding with filing applications for grants that would help fund the project.

Consider Resolution #2022-43, Perkasio Regional Authority Land Development Plan

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-43, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio approving the Perkasio Regional Authority preliminary as final land development plan. Kevin Wolf, representative for Perkasio Regional Authority, accepted the terms of the Resolution on behalf of the Authority.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Parks and Recreation Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring Crossing Guard

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved the hiring of Joe Ferry as the new part-time crossing guard and Laird Markow as the new part-time alternate crossing guard.

Consider Zoning Hearing Board Appointments (2)

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously appointed John Knouse to the Zoning Hearing Board, term to expire December, 2024 and appointed Laura Auger as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, term to expire December, 2025.

Consider Resolution #2022-44, Appoint Zoning Officer

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-44, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council naming Cassandra Grillo to the role of Zoning Officer for the Borough of Perkasio effective September 7, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$24.94. If she completes all required training and certifications to be a Pennsylvania Floodplain Administrator, the Borough Council will take further action to name her to this role on behalf of Perkasio Borough and adjust her hourly rate accordingly at that time as recommended by the Borough Manager.

Consider Promotion to Assistant Manager – Menlo Aquatic Center

Upon motion Clark, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously concurred with the Borough Manager's decision to promote Aidan McGinnis to the position of Assistant Manager at the Menlo Aquatic Center effective August 19, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$19.00.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Discuss Amphitheater Sign

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the purchase and installation of the new sign recognizing Oldcastle Infrastructure's contribution to the Borough in donating the amphitheater.

Electronic Sign Update

At this time, an update was provided on the proposed electronic sign for Lenape Park. Four zoning variances would be needed for the sign and the Borough has submitted an application to the Zoning Hearing Board for consideration; the matter will be reviewed at the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting on September 26th at 7:30 PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Discuss SEPTA Right of Entry Permit – Potential Freight House Lease

After some discussion, Council directed the Borough Manager to contact SEPTA about waiving the \$1,000 non-refundable processing fee before beginning lease negotiations.

Support Pine2Pink

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved to support the Pine2Pink project in Perkasio for October 2022, and designated the October 22, 2022 Farmers' Market as Pine2Pink Day at the Market.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance #1047, Disturbing the Peace Ordinance

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1047, an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 128-Peace and Good Order, of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to the definition of disturbance of peace.

Discuss Monthly Fire Company Report

The Borough Manager reported that, moving forward, the Fire Company monthly report will be included in the packet for the second Council meeting of the month.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The youth delegate was absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

Reporter Bob Keeler asked for clarification on Ordinance #1047, and the Solicitor gave a brief description of the changes being made to the Ordinance.

Mr. Keeler also asked for clarification on the parking diet recommendation. The Solicitor provided an explanation of this matter, which will be further considered by Council at the October 17, 2022 meeting.

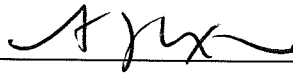
Mr. Keeler then asked if the new amphitheater sign would be placed on the street, and the Borough Manager explained that the sign will be placed on the back of the amphitheater structure, facing the street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was announced that Council was going into Executive Session to discuss a matter of real estate and would not re-open the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary