

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Aaron Clark
Randy Faulkner
Jim Purcell
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington
Robin Reid (Absent)
Andrea L. Coaxum
Jeff Garton, Esq.
Jeff Hollenbach
Lauren Moll
Linda Reid
Doug Rossino
Robert Schurr
Harold Stone
Jeff Tulone

Youth Councilor:

Borough Manager:

Borough Solicitor:

Mayor:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Community Development Manager:

Borough Engineer:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:03 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #1048

A Public Hearing was held to consider Ordinance #1048, which would amend the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Perkasie Borough Code related to parking regulations by eliminating certain no parking requirements on Shadywood Drive and North 7th Street and by adding parking restrictions on a portion of Old Post Road. It was noted that Section 2 of the ordinance must be amended to read “South from the corner of Shadywood Drive for 160 feet”; it currently states 10 feet.

The floor was opened for comments from the public.

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive addressed Council and asked for clarification on where the 160’ stops; she also asked how much of Shadywood Drive is being eliminated from the parking signage. The Borough Manager and Public Works Director clarified this information for her.

Ms. Antczak also voiced concerns about where the students are going to be parking when they are no longer going to be allowed to park in the shopping center. Councilman Bomboy explained

what Council is trying to accomplish with this ordinance.

The Borough Engineer informed the group that the School District is proposing to expand the parking lot, adding that the Borough has received plans depicting this expansion.

Marie Barcher from 1123 Old Post Road expressed concerns that the proposed no parking zone will not solve the issue, adding that there are cars accumulating on the street that people aren't using.

The subject was broached about the tenants of Shadywood Village parking on these streets and the amount of cars that tenants are permitted to have. It was the consensus of Council that the Borough should contact the management of Shadywood Village to discuss this matter.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #1049

A Public Hearing was held to consider Ordinance #1049, which would amend Chapter 158 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances so as to delete and restate the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

The floor was opened for comments from the public. Hearing none, upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder announced that Fall Fest is coming up on October 2nd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of July 18, 2022. Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council Committee meeting minutes of August 1, 2022 and September 6, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jeff Hollenbach expressed his deep appreciation for the volunteers who were recognized on August 31st at the First Responder Recognition Ceremony at the amphitheater, and also mentioned that Saturday was Thank a Police Officer Day, adding that Pennridge School District did a great You Tube video to commemorate the day.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for August 2022.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for August 2022.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly reports for the months of July and August 2022.

Planning Commission Report

The Committee reviewed the report from Gilmore Associates for the Planning Commission meeting of June 22, 2022.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Borough Manager Coaxum informed Council that the Borough will be going before the Zoning Hearing Board at the September 26th meeting for a variance for the proposed digital sign at Lenape Park.

Police Report

The August 2022 Police Department report was unanimously accepted.

Fire Department Update

The August 2022 Fire Department reports were received and an update was provided by the Fire Company at the meeting. Their annual open house for Fire Prevention Week will be on October 13, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the August 2022 Public Works monthly report.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for August 2022. Councilman Purcell thanked the Electric Superintendent and his crew for taking care of two recent outages.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for July and August 2022.

Consider Ordinance #1048 – Shadywood Drive Parking Restrictions

After further discussion, upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, Council tabled this matter.

Consider Ordinance #1049 – Stormwater Management Ordinance

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously passed Ordinance #1049, which would amend the provisions of Chapter 158, Stormwater Management, as set forth in the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances, by deleting the entirety of Chapter 158 and providing in lieu thereof a new Stormwater Management ordinance.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for July and August 2022.

Consider Park Facility Reservation for Marissa Walter

Upon a motion by Clark, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Walter family to reserve the Lions Pavilion at Menlo Park to hold an event on September 25, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Consider Event Permit Application – Pennridge Crop Walk

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the annual Pennridge Crop Walk on October 9, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Consider Event Permit Application – Frox Fashion Show

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Frox to hold a fashion show on October 13, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm on 7th Street between Arch Street and the alley.

Consider Event Permit Application for The Craftery Market

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved The Craftery Market to hold an upscale market with craft vendors, food trucks and live music on November 19, 2022 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Consider Donation Request from Guth Elementary School HSA – Race for Education

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the donation of 6 Menlo Aquatic Center daily passes for the 2023 season to the Guth Elementary School Home School Association’s Race for Education raffle.

Consider Donation Request – Perkasio Towne Improvement Association – Fall Fest

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved the donation of 4 Menlo Aquatic Center season passes for the 2023 season to the Perkasio Towne Improvement Association’s annual Fall Fest raffle.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Accepting Dennis Hurchalla’s Resignation from Zoning Hearing Board

Upon a motion by Clark, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Dennis Hurchalla from the Zoning Hearing Board, effective immediately.

Consider Appointing Laura Auger from Alternate to Zoning Hearing Board Member

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously appointed Laura Auger to fill the remainder of former Zoning Hearing Board member Dennis Hurchalla’s term, which will expire at the end of December, 2026.

Consider Accepting John Knouse’s Resignation from Vacancy Board

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted John Knouse’s resignation from the Vacancy Board, effective September 7, 2022.

Consider Advertising Positions on Vacancy Board and Zoning Hearing Board

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously authorized the advertising of the vacant positions on the Vacancy Board and the Zoning Hearing Board.

Discuss Volunteer & Staff Appreciation Night

After some discussion, it was the consensus of Council to resume the annual Volunteer & Staff Appreciation Night and have the staff investigate having it in January or February, 2023.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Discuss Act 57 of 2022

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager and Solicitor to draft a resolution directing the Tax Collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations, and that the Tax Collector of Perkasio Borough comply with the provisions of Act 57.

Consider Resolution #2022-46 – Green Ridge Escrow Release #4

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Clark, Council approved Resolution #2022-46, a resolution of the Perkasio 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 \$58,815.81 to reduce the total escrow to \$177,392.77 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction. Councilman Faulkner abstained from the vote.

Plumbing Proposal for Police Department Building

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously awarded the plumbing repair work for the Perkasio Borough Police Department building to A.J. Dembrosky Company Inc. in the amount of \$3,600.00, to be completed in 2022.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Director's August, 2022 report.

2023 Special Events Schedule

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the schedule of Special Events for the year 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Public Safety Committee.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no additional comments from the public.

PRESS FORUM

Councilman Faulkner commented on the recent passing of Bob Keeler, adding that Mr. Keeler had been covering the Council meetings for over 20 years and that his passing is a big loss for our community.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The youth delegate was absent from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary