# MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 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

Youth Councilor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Mayor:

Robin Reid (Absent)

Andrea L. Coaxum

Rebecca Deemer

Jeff Garton, Esq.

Jeff Hollenbach

Parks and Recreation Director: Lauren Moll
Community Development Manager: Linda Reid (Absent)

Borough Engineer:

Police Chief:

Doug Rossino
Robert Schurr

Electric Superintendent: Harold Stone (Absent)

Public Works Director: Jeff Tulone

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:01 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROTARY PRESENTATION TO THE FIRE COMPANY

Bob Hipp from the Perkasie Rotary presented John Maven and other representatives from the Fire Company with a check for \$10,000. The Rotary recently held their annual golf outing fundraiser to benefit both the Rotary and the Fire Company and the check was the Fire Company's portion of the proceeds. Councilman Purcell and Mayor Hollenbach thanked the Rotary and the Fire Company for everything they do for the community.

# PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR WELL RESTRICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BOROUGH AND TO ADDITIONAL AREAS

A Public Hearing was held to consider adopting one of two draft ordinances that would amend Chapter 186, Zoning, Article IV, Use Regulations and Restrictions, Section 186-14, Additional Sewer and Water Regulations, Subsection C, Use of Groundwater as Potable Water Prohibited by Extending the Restriction on the Construction of New Potable Water Wells, either:

- a) throughout the entire borough of Perkasie, or
- b) to additional areas of the Borough of Perkasie.

Solicitor Garton explained the reasoning behind implementing one of these ordinances. Councilman Faulkner asked if the current well owners have been notified that one of these ordinances will be adopted, and the Borough Manager explained that it was not a requirement for this ordinance process to notify the well owners.

Council President Ryder asked for an estimate of how many wells exist in the Borough, and the Borough Manager informed Council that 135 customers are connected to public sewer but have private wells for water.

After further discussion, upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council tabled the adoption of one of these ordinances to the November 21, 2022 Council meeting, and staff was directed to notify the well owners that these draft ordinances are being considered for adoption. Councilman Weaver abstained.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing at this time.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of September 19, 2022. Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Special Finance Committee meeting minutes from September 26, 2022 and the Council Committee meeting minutes of October 3, 2022.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach reported that there are up to 190 Ram Packs being provided to children in the school district and that the group assembling the Packs would love to have a central place to work. He added that he has already been hearing how excited people are about the Tree Lighting.

Council President Ryder reminded everyone that there are just 2 weeks left for the Farmers Market.

### Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for September, 2022.

## **Budget Status**

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for September, 2022.

## Engineer's Report

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly report for the month of September, 2022.

# Planning Commission Report

The Committee reviewed the report from Gilmore & Associates for the Planning Commission meeting of September 28, 2022.

#### Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council Members reviewed two applications that will be considered by the Zoning Hearing Board at their meeting on October 24, 2022.

## Police Report

Upon a motion by Clark, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for September, 2022. The Police Chief and the Mayor were commended for hosting Coffee with a Cop earlier this month at Rise & Grind.

### Fire Department Report

The Fire Department reports were received for the month of September, 2022. The Fire Company's annual open house for Fire Prevention Week has been re-scheduled to October 20, 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 Public Works Superintendent's report for September, 2022. There was a brief discussion with Council and the Public Works Director on the upcoming changes to the Recycling Center.

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

## Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for September, 2022.

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

## Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for September, 2022.

## Consider Resolution #2022-55 – License Agreement – 638 East Walnut Street

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-55, a Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasie approving the License Agreement between the Borough of Perkasie and Paul & Kim Kramer, and authorizing the Borough Council President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasie.

## Consider Resolution #2022-54 – Dedication of Hidden Meadows

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-54, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council accepting the dedication of certain public improvements as contained in the subdivision known as Hidden Meadows, and further establishing conditions precedent to the acceptance of dedication of those improvements.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

## Parks and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for September, 2022.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Personnel & Policy Committee.

#### 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 #2022-50 – Hidden Meadows Phase I – Escrow Release #6

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-50, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for Lennar-Hidden Meadow Land Development Project – Phase I as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$251,604.78 to reduce the total escrow to \$161,944.12 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

### Consider Resolution #2022-51 – Hidden Meadows Phase II – Escrow Release #3

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-51, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in escrow for Lennar-Hidden Meadow Land Development Project – Phase II as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$59,469.89 to reduce the total escrow to \$56,817.55 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

## Consider Resolution #2022-52 - Constitution Square - Escrow Release #3

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-52, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Constitution Square Project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$81,191.34 to reduce the total escrow to \$589,790.70 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

## Consider Resolution #2022-53 – 208 Ridge Avenue – Escrow Release #3 – Final

Upon a motion by Clark, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-53, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the 208 Ridge Avenue Project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.01 to reduce the total escrow to \$0.00 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Director's report dated October 13, 2022.

#### 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**

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive addressed Council and expressed concerns about how the utility boxes are being assessed. Council President Ryder informed Ms. Antczak that the Electric Department is working on this and assessing them as they should, adding that we are not having failures and the boxes are functional and safe.

## PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

# REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The youth delegate was absent from the meeting.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum

Borough Manager/Secretary