# MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 18, 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 Worthington

Youth Councilor: Robin Reid

Borough Manager: Andrea L. Coaxum (absent)

Borough Solicitor: Jeff Garton Mayor: Jeff Hollenbach Parks and Recreation Director: Lauren Moll Community Development Manager: Linda Reid Borough Engineer: Doug Rossino Police Chief: Robert Schurr Electric Superintendent: Harold Stone Public Works Director: Jeff Tulone

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

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mary McKay of 101 Benner Avenue introduced herself as an applicant for the Ward 1 Council position and proceeded to tell Councilmembers why she wanted to be on Council.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of March 21, 2022 and Council Committee meetings of April 4, 2022.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

## Mayor's Report

The Mayor told everyone present that the World Central Kitchens is accepting donations for the refugees in Ukraine and would be at the Borough's Earth Day event that coming weekend.

#### Taxes Collected

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

## **Budget Status**

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

## Engineer's Report

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

# Planning Commission Report

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 23, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

# Zoning Hearing Board Report

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the Zoning Hearing Board meeting March 28, 2022.

# Police Report

The March 2022 Police report was unanimously accepted.

# Fire Department Update

The Fire Department updated Council on its recent activity.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

# Consider Resolution #2022-22, Appointment of Councilmember

Borough Council began the appointment process to fill the vacancy on Council created by the resignation of Steve Pizzollo. Interested applicants applying for the positon were Mary Antczak, Mary McKay, and David Weaver. Each applicant was asked several questions by various Councilmembers.

Jim Purcell opened nominations to fill the vacancy for Council in Ward #1. Steve Rose nominated Dave Weaver which was seconded by Purcell. Chuck Brooks nominated Mary McKay which was seconded by Jim Ryder. Upon roll call vote, Councilmembers Bomboy, Purcell, Rose, Ryder, and Worthington voted for Dave Weaver. Councilmembers Brooks, Clark, and Faulkner voted for Mary McKay. By a 5-3 vote, Dave Weaver was appointed by Resolution #2022-22 to

Perkasie Borough Council as a first ward representative to serve until the first Monday in January after the first municipal election.

# Consider Accepting Resignation from Civil Service Member

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Tom Misnik from the Civil Service Commission.

# Consider Appointment of Civil Service Commission Member to Full Status Commissioner

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Clark, Council appointed Edwin White to the position of Civil Service Commission member, and to advertise for the now vacant alternate position.

## Consider Accepting Resignation of Police Officer

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Sgt. James Rothrock effective June 2, 2022, and to direct the Perkasie Borough Civil Service Commission to begin the process of hiring a new Officer.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

# Review of Superintendent's Report

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

# Review Traffic Study, Installation of Stop Signs-N. 9th and West Market Street

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager and engineer to submit documentation to PennDOT to permit a four-way stop at the intersection of North 9<sup>th</sup> Street and West Market Street, and furthermore to authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance and advertise a public hearing to consider this traffic improvement at a future meeting.

# Review Traffic Study, Installation of Stop Signs-N. 9th and Bridge Street

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance and advertise a public hearing to consider adding one stop sign, stop bars, and center lane paint at the intersection of N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Bridge Street.

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

## Review of Superintendent's Report

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

# Consider GDS Associates Review of the AMP Solar Project

This item was tabled pending additional information from GDS Associates.

## PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

# Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

# Consider Waiver of Subdivision and Land Development Process-Pennridge School District

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the waiver of the land development process for the Pennridge School District for the installation of a sidewalk and landscaping in the Borough in conjunction with their land development project, reviewed and to be approved by the East Rockhill Township Board, and located in East Rockhill Township.

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for March 2022.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

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

# <u>Consider Resolution #2022-23, Approval of Land Development and Financial Security Agreement for AutoZone</u>

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council considered Resolution #2022-23, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council approving the development and financial security escrow agreements and authorizing the Borough Council President and Borough Secretary to execute the agreements related to a project identified as the "AutoZone". All Councilmembers in favor of the motion voted Yes with the exception of Dave Weaver who abstained. Motion carried.

# Consider Resolution #2022-21, Approving Constitution Square Escrow Release

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-21, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Constitution Square project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$189,730.11 to reduce the total escrow to \$670,982.04 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

# Consider Request from United Friends School

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved a request from the United Friends School of Quakertown for a donation to their Spring Benefit Auction of four Perkasie Menlo Aquatic Pool passes.

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

# Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors March 2022 report.

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>Consider Resolution #2022-24, Vehicle Lease Agreement between Perkasie Borough and Bucks County</u>

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2022-24, a resolution of the Borough Council approving the Police Vehicle Lease agreement between the Borough of Perkasie and the County of Bucks, and authorizing the Chief of Police to execute the lease on behalf of the Borough.

# **HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Scott Bomboy reported that FEMA would be visiting the timber pedestrian Covered Bridge in Lenape Park to assess the damage to it from Hurricane IDA.

# REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Robin Reid updated Council on the school districts activities for the last two weeks.

# **PUBLIC FORUM**

Darren Lausten of 308 West Walnut Street questioned Council why the public could not have copies of the Borough Council meeting packet prior to the meeting.

Doug Price of 319 S. Third Street thanked the Borough Council for placing speed humps on Third Street to slow down traffic on that stretch of roadway.

## PRESS FORUM

None.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum Borough Manager/Secretary