

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2023**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members:

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

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Community Development Manager:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder thanked the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce for putting out a nice event at Celtic Fest on Saturday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes from February 20, 2023 and the Committee meeting minutes from March 6, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach recently attended the Fire Company banquet and complimented the Fire Company on the event, and the real sense of community and family. He thanked the Fire Company for the nice evening and for their service and shared a fitting quote that he heard that evening: "Volunteers really don't have the time, but have the heart."

Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for February, 2023.

Budget Status

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for February, 2023.

Engineer's Report

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly report for the month of February, 2023.

Planning Commission Report

Council reviewed the meeting summary from the February 22, 2023 Planning Commission meeting, along with the 2022 Annual Reports from the Perkasio Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council reviewed the recent Zoning Hearing Board decision pertaining to 402 West Callowhill Street. The Board met briefly on February 27, 2023 and continued the 4th Soils application to the March meeting, at the request of the applicant.

Police Report

Councilman Faulkner asked if there was an update on the pedestrian accident that occurred in front of Free Will on Friday night, and Chief Schurr provided one. Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for February, 2023. The Chief informed Council that the monthly report now includes a chart showing the amount of ambulance calls for Grand View Medic and other outside responders.

Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the month of February, 2023. Chief Trotter asked Council and those in attendance at the meeting to please remember that smoke detectors save lives, adding that there should be no reason why a Borough resident does not have a working smoke detector in their home. Mayor Hollenbach commented on the new monthly report format and Chief

Trotter gave an overview of the new program that they are using for the reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for February, 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for February, 2023.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for February, 2023.

Consider Resolution #2023-11 – Perry Mill Escrow Release #2

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-11, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Perry Mill project (a.k.a. 8th Street Commons Rowhomes) as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$53,420.45 to reduce the total escrow to \$1,012,144.22, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Declaration of Consent – Green Ridge Estates East

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Brooks, Council approved the Declaration of Consent for the Green Ridge Estates East subdivision and authorized the Council President and Borough Manager to sign the Declaration on behalf of Perkasio Borough. The motion carried 7-0; Councilman Faulkner abstained.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for February, 2023.

The Borough Manager informed Council that the Borough received a Local Share Accounts grant from PA DCED for the pedestrian timber bridge at Lenape Park, but was not awarded the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant that the Borough applied for to use for the construction of a pedestrian connection to the Liberty Bell Trail along Park Avenue.

Consider Pavilion Reservation Request – Pennridge School District

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the pavilion reservation request from Pennridge School District to use the Lions Pavilions 1 & 2 at Menlo Park on Friday, May 12, 2023 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Council waived the fee associated with this event.

Consider Additional Opening Day Activity – Pennridge Little League

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the event application from Pennridge Little League to use the baseball field at Kulp Park as part of their Opening Day festivities on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Consider Event Application – Between Friends Outreach

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a drive-by Easter basket giveaway hosted by Between Friends Outreach at the Lenape Park skate pavilion on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Request for Refund of Late Fee on Tax Bill

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved a refund of \$20.72 for the late fee on a resident's tax bill. The resident has lived in the Borough for 40 years and has never been late on his tax bill; he received the late notice but not the original bill.

Consider Donation Request – St. Andrew's Church

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the donation of 6 daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatics Center to St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church for the raffle at their event on April 29, 2023.

Consider Donation Request – Quakertown Community Day

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Martin, Council unanimously approved the donation of 4 daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatics Center to the Borough of Quakertown for their Community Day event on July 4, 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community Development Manager Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community Development Manager's report for February, 2023.

Consider Event Application – The RAM

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously and retroactively approved the RAMS Pinhouse event in downtown Perkasio on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, including the requested road closures.

Consider Event Application – Perkasio Town Improvement Association – First Fridays

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Town Improvement Association to hold First Fridays in downtown Perkasio from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the following dates: April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st.

Consider Event Application – Perkasio Town Improvement Association – PorchFest

Upon a motion by Martin, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Town Improvement Association to hold PorchFest on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Memorandum of Understanding – St. Andrew's Church

Council reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Perkasio Borough and St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church that would allow the Borough's emergency services agencies and Public Works Department to use St. Andrew's building and grounds if an emergency situation would arise that would inhibit emergency & utility vehicles to travel from downtown Perkasio to South Perkasio. Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously tabled their discussion on this MOU to a future meeting to incorporate some of their comments into the document.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Bomboy offered his congratulations for the Perkasio Historical Society Museum being added to the National Register of Historic Places, adding that it involved a lot of hard work and perseverance.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The Youth Councilor reported that a lot of student volunteers were out at Celtic Fest on Saturday and that Pennridge High School will be hosting a Women in the Workforce seminar this week in honor of Women’s History Month.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive approached Council and asked for an update on the hazardous trees on Blooming Glen Road. The Solicitor stated that only one notice to a resident is required, and if it is ignored, within 30 days of the notice, the Borough can do the work themselves and lien the property, if they so choose. The Borough Manager stated that there is currently one outstanding notice that has a response due by sometime in April, and the other notices that went out were complied with.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Council would go into an Executive Session to discuss a matter of real estate, adding that no action would be taken and Council would not reconvene the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary