

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members:

Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Randy Faulkner
Greg Martin
Jim Purcell (Absent)
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder

Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington

Youth Councilor:

Robin Reid

Mayor:

Jeff Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum (Absent)

Finance Director:

Rebecca Deemer

Parks and Recreation Director:

Lauren Moll

Community Development Manager:

Linda Reid

Police Chief:

Robert Schurr

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone (Absent)

Public Works Director:

Jeff Tulone

Borough Solicitor:

Jeff Garton, Esq.

Borough Engineer:

Doug Rossino, P.E.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Todd Tobin from 221 Branford Terrace approached Council and expressed his concerns about the condition of his road and asked why it hasn't been paved; he has lived there for 35 years he doesn't understand why it keeps getting bumped from the list. The Borough Engineer stated that the condition of the road has not met the criteria used to determine what roads qualify for the Borough's road program. Council President Ryder stated that Council has been putting extra funds into the budget for the road program, adding that they are continuing to work on it. Mr. Ryder informed Mr. Tobin that the Borough will look into whether his road will qualify for the road program for this year.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder commented on the good turnout at the First Friday event and added that it was a very entertaining evening.

SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION – KEY TO THE BOROUGH

Mayor Hollenbach presented Robin Reid with the Key to the Borough in recognition of her outstanding volunteerism and community involvement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes from March 20, 2023 and the Committee meeting minutes from April 3, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach reported that he attended the Pennridge Little League opening day parade on Saturday and that it was a great experience. He also encouraged everyone to attend Porch Fest on April 29th.

Linda Reid, the Community Development Manager, reminded Council about the upcoming Earth Day event in the Town Center on Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for March, 2023.

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

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

Planning Commission Report

There was nothing to report at this time.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council reviewed the minutes from the February 27, 2023 Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Police Report

Upon a motion by Martin, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for March, 2023.

Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the month of March, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Consider Inspection Proposal for Perkasio Carousel

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the proposal from Keystone Fire & Security in the amount of \$4,669.00 for the 3-year and 5-year fire sprinkler inspections at the Perkasio Carousel.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

Cedar Ridge Homeowner's Association Presentation

William Erdman and Scott Lipson, the Engineer and Attorney representing the Cedar Ridge Homeowner's Association, addressed Council with detailed concerns about the condition of the development, including drainage issues and the absence of topsoil. Prior to the meeting, Council received a position paper from Mr. Erdman that addressed these same concerns. Mr. Erdman made 2 requests to Council on behalf of the HOA: (1) that Council not release the remaining maintenance security funds until the HOA can resolve this issue with the Developer, and (2) that THP either be required to correct the problem, or, that THP be required to give monies to the HOA to satisfactorily repair the situation. The Borough Solicitor assured Mr. Erdman that no monies will be released until the end of the 18-month maintenance period. He also informed Mr. Erdman that the Borough will be sending the position paper to the developer to give them an opportunity to respond, since he is not sure that THP has seen this information yet. Council President Ryder asked if the report has been shared with the developer, and Mr. Erdman stated that he has no objection to that. Residents and HOA Board members Crystalrae States from 22 Cedar Ridge Court and Joe DeFranco from 24 Cedar Ridge Court approached Council to express their discontent with THP and their concerns with issues such as lack of topsoil, lack of growing grass, shrubbery & trees, sitting water, and drainage issues. The Borough Solicitor informed Mr. Erdman & Mr. Lipson that the Borough will reach out to them

after the information is sent to THP and the Borough receives a response. Council President Ryder thanked them for coming and bringing this to Council's attention.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Director Report

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

Consider Event Application – Penridge Community Day

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the event application for the 51st Annual Penridge Community Day on Sunday, July 9, 2023 with a rain date of Sunday, July 16, 2023. The approval includes use of the amphitheater. Council waived any fees associated with this event.

Consider Event Application – Perkasio Fire Company Carnival

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the event application for the Perkasio Fire Company to hold their annual carnival in Lenape Park from June 27, 2023 through July 1, 2023, with park closures starting on Sunday, June 25, 2023 and ending Sunday, July 2, 2023 for set up and take down purposes. Council waived any fees associated with this event.

Consider Hiring of Seasonal Staff for Menlo Aquatics Center

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously authorized the hiring of additional new staff members for Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2023 season, contingent upon completing all of the necessary paperwork, background clearances and certification courses, at the hourly rates listed in the updated 2023 fee schedule.

Council President Ryder inquired about the summer concert series in Lenape Park, and the Community Development Manager informed him that the first concert will be on Wednesday, June 21st.

Mr. Ryder also asked about the status of the LED sign in Lenape Park, and the Parks & Recreation Director reported that the staff is waiting for signed and sealed drawings so they can apply for the proper sign permits.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2023-16 – Renewal of Penn Foundation Contract

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-16, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the agreement and the first amendment to the letter agreement between the Borough of Perkasio and St. Luke's Penn Foundation, related to St. Luke's Penn Foundation providing employee assistance program services to Perkasio Borough and Perkasio Borough's eligible users, and authorizing the President of the Perkasio

Borough Council and the Borough Manager to execute the agreement and first amendment to the letter agreement on behalf of Perkasio Borough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community Development Manager Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community Development Manager's report dated April 12, 2023.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Fire Police Assistance at Events

Upon a motion by Martin, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Perkasio Fire Police Assistance at the Independence Triathlon on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Nockamixon State Park, starting at 6:45 am and at the Steelman Triathlon on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at Nockamixon State Park, starting at 7:00 am.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Consider Authorization for Covered Bridge Project RFP

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Martin, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to release an RFP for the design portion of the Covered Bridge Project.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Robin Reid thanked all of Council for the opportunity to serve and thanked them for the Key to the Borough, adding that she hopes to use it to do good things. Ms. Reid reported that the first ever career expo will be on April 20th at Pennridge High School, and the senior trip to Washington, DC is this week.

PUBLIC FORUM

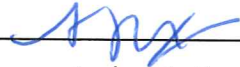
Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary