

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MARCH 6, 2023**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks Randy Faulkner Greg Martin Jim Purcell Steve Rose Jim Ryder Dave Weaver Dave Worthington
Youth Councilor:	Robin Reid (Absent)
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Solicitor:	Jeff Garton, Esq.
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Finance Director:	Rebecca Deemer
Parks and Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll
Community Development Manager:	Linda Reid (Absent)
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 7:03 PM. Mayor Hollenbach asked for a moment of silence to honor former employee Jill Benner and her years of service. He then gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF NEW PATROL OFFICER

Mayor Hollenbach swore in the Borough's new patrol officer, Alexander Groves.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder offered condolences to the Benner family, adding that Jill will be missed greatly.

PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT ABANDONED VEHICLES ORDINANCE

A Public Hearing was held to consider adopting an ordinance that would amend the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 183, identified as Abandoned Vehicles. The ordinance was advertised appropriately and the Solicitor gave an overview of the ordinance.

There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Cell Floor Repair for Police Station

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized Durex Coverings to complete the cell block floor repair at the Police Station in the amount of \$4,500.00, to be paid out of the Department's Live Scan Fund.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasio's January 2023 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, which amends the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 183, identified as Abandoned Vehicles.

Consider Resolution #2023-10 – Perry Mill Escrow Release #1

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-10, 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 \$78,710.04 to reduce the total escrow to \$1,065,564.67, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Pavilion Reservation Request – P.A. Guth Elementary

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the reservation request for Guth Elementary School to use Lions Pavilions 1 & 2 at Menlo Park on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm, with a proposed rain date of Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Council waived the fee for this event.

Consider Event Application – Pennridge Little League – Homerun 5K

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Pennridge Little League’s Homerun 5K in Lenape Park on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am.

Discuss Scope of Kulp Park Improvements Project

The Parks & Recreation Director gave an overview of what improvements have been done thus far at Kulp Park, stating that there has been a tremendous response to the pickleball area. She added that the Borough will primarily focus on the baseball area of the Park for this project, based upon feedback from teams who use it, with a second focus being on the basketball courts. The Borough Manager stated that the total project cost is higher than when the staff first started looking at it, so they are looking at two grant opportunities. Councilman Purcell asked if the Borough will simply look to replace the light fixtures, or the poles *and* fixtures, in both the baseball and basketball areas. The Parks & Rec Director stated that they will replace both the poles and fixtures. Mayor Hollenbach asked about the grandstands and if they will last through the summer. The Public Works Director confirmed that they will last, and the Borough Manager added that the Public Works Department is getting them safe for the season. Councilman Bomboy asked if the Borough could put advertising on the fence, and the Borough Manager stated that the Borough is not to the point where they would need to do that yet.

Discuss Menlo Aquatics Center Concession Stand Lease

Council briefly reviewed the lease for the Menlo Aquatic Center concession stand, which is currently with Rita’s and expires at the end of the 2023 season. Rita’s has expressed interest in extending the lease. After some discussion, Council directed staff to gauge if there are any Borough businesses who might be interested in submitting a bid for this lease.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2023-9 – Records Disposition

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Ryder, Council approved Resolution #2023-9, which grants approval to dispose of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Act. This is done on an annual basis.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Donation Request – Pennridge Community Center

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the donation of 4 daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatic Center to the Penridge Community Center for the raffle at their tea party on April 13, 2023.

Consider Donation Request – Perkasio Pride Committee

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved the donation of 6 daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatic Center to the Perkasio Pride Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Economic Development Committee.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Purcell thanked Kelly Laustsen, who was in in the audience, for the great job that PTIA did of coordinating the Ale Trail, and for her volunteering for the Perkasio Planning Commission.

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The Youth Councilor was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive approached Council and expressed her concerns about the section of Blooming Glen Road between 7th Street and Ridge Road. She referred to a recent incident where heavy winds brought branches down onto Blooming Glen Road, and people who came down from Ridge Road and around that bend didn't realize the branches were down until they were right in front of them. She added that it is getting more dangerous in that spot and encouraged Council to walk the area and take note of the condition of the trees. The Borough Manager and Solicitor stated that they will look into the matter, adding that the Borough can take action if need be and enforce the ordinance that prohibits residents from allowing unstable trees to cause hazardous situations on a public road.

Maureen Boyle Corcoran from 500 South Fifth Street approached Council and expressed several concerns about Walnut Street, including speeding, lighting at the intersections along Walnut, and the aggressive driving at the intersection at the Perk. She complimented the Borough on the growth of its businesses and the success of the Ale Trail but added that something has to be done about the speeding with the additional pedestrian traffic coming to the Borough.

She also addressed the section of Walnut from Bravo to Fifth Street that narrows due to the street parking in that area.

The Borough Manager stated that the Borough is applying for a grant to do improvements at the intersection of Fifth & Walnut Streets, adding that when weather allows, the Borough will be re-stripping the intersection at the Perk. She will also speak to the Electric Superintendent about lighting at the intersections along Walnut.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary