

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2023**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks Randy Faulkner Greg Martin Steve Rose Jim Ryder Dave Weaver Dave Worthington Logan Wilcox
Youth Councilor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Mayor:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager:	Rebecca Deemer
Finance Director:	Lauren Moll
Parks and Recreation Director:	Linda Reid (Absent)
Community Development Manager:	Robert Schurr
Police Chief:	Harold Stone
Electric Superintendent:	Jeff Tulone
Public Works Director:	Jeff Garton, Esq.
Borough Solicitor:	Doug Rossino, P.E. (Absent)
Borough Engineer:	

Borough Council President Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach mentioned the recent passing of Councilman Jim Purcell, and shared a statement from Representative Brian Fitzpatrick about the flag that was flown at half-mast over the U.S. Capitol in Mr. Purcell's memory. He then asked for a moment of silence to honor Mr. Purcell and to remember his family. The Mayor then gave an invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF PENNRIDGE RAMS WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Mayor Hollenbach presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Pennridge Rams Women's Soccer Team for winning the 2023 PIAA State Championships.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kathy Rocchetti of 319 Race Street approached Council. Kathy serves as the Chair of the Perkasie Park & Recreation Board and sits on the Skate Park Sub Committee, and wanted to express how excited the Board and Sub Committee are about the project and how involved the community has been at the Sub Committee meetings. She thanked Council for their support and time.

Andrew Martin from 401 East Walnut Street approached Council and explained that he has lived across from Free Will for the last five years, sharing that Free Will was a delight for the first 2

years – very respectful, peaceful and adhered to the curfews they set for loud music. He then expressed detailed concerns that have arisen over the last three years about loud music that can be heard through his closed storm windows, generators running for 8 to 11 hours a day whenever food trucks cannot plug in, and even an unattended fire pit that is 5' from the road. He has tried talking to management and staff, and when he spoke to one of the new partners, he was told they weren't going to do anything about it.

Mr. Martin added that he wants Free Will to thrive and be part of the community, but also wants to enjoy his house, and things have unfortunately gotten worse over the last 3 years. He was contacted by the Chief of the PA Liquor Control Board Nuisance Bar Division and told that he wants to set up a meeting with the Borough Manager and Police Chief about this situation.

Council President Ryder stated that they will start discussions and see what can be done.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder shared some thoughts and memories about Councilman Jim Purcell and his involvement in the community, adding that he will be missed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Director approached Council and stated that he knows people have been getting calls about leaf collection, assuring them that the Department will get caught up and get everyone's leaves picked up, adding that it has been challenging with the holiday, and with some employees using vacation time and others being out sick.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

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

Consider AMP Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship Nomination

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously voted to nominate Raymond Fox for the 2024 AMP Richard H. Gorsuch Scholarship. As a graduating senior who met all of the basic requirements for college or technical school entrance and has a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, and whose parent is an employee of an AMP member, Raymond met the criteria for the nomination, and was the only application received for this scholarship.

Consider AMP Lyle B. Wright Scholarship Nomination

The Borough received four applications for this scholarship. Applicants must be a graduating senior who met all of the basic requirements for college or technical school entrance, has a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, and whose household receives electricity from an AMP member community. Scott Bomboy nominated Sophia Stassi, which was seconded by Dave Worthington. Dave Weaver nominated Kyle Watson, which was seconded by Randy Faulkner. There

was a 4-4 vote amongst the Council members, so Mayor Hollenbach needed to cast a vote and break the tie. Council's final nomination for the 2024 AMP Lyle B. Wright Scholarship was for Kyle Watson.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Planning & Zoning Committee.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Replacement and Purchase of Mini Half-Pipe – Skate Park

Upon a motion by Martin, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously authorized the staff to move forward with using \$130,378.13 in ARPA funding to purchase the double mini half-pipe from American Ramp Company.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Discuss Draft Resolution #2023-58 – Council Meeting Schedule for 2024

Council reviewed the draft meeting schedule for 2024. After some discussion, it was decided that the second meeting in January will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Council will consider the revised schedule at the December 18th meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Discuss Draft Resolution #2023-60 – Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2024

Council reviewed the draft consolidated fee schedule for 2024. The Borough Manager informed the group that there will be a few changes made before the next meeting, but Council will consider the final schedule on December 18th.

Discuss Draft Resolution #2023-59 – Salary & Wage Schedule for 2024

Council reviewed the draft salary & wage schedule for 2024 and will consider the final schedule on December 18th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilman Bomboy shared some comments on the Tree Lighting, adding that it's a great tradition for the town and an example of a very well-run event for the Borough that we should all be proud of.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Hold Harmless Agreement for Police Hiring

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Police Chief to sign the facility request form and hold harmless agreement to reserve the Penridge High

School track, field house weight room and High School cafeteria to administer physical agility testing and written examinations on Saturday, January 13, 2024.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Bomboy shared some thoughts about Councilman Purcell, adding that he started out on the PWTA Board when he was 25-years-old, and out of his 45-year career, Mr. Purcell served Perkasié Borough for 39 of those years. He was a wealth of information for the Borough and is irreplaceable.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Council welcomed Logan Wilcox, the new Youth Councilor. Logan introduced himself, adding that he is a junior at Penridge. He then reported that in the last month, the High School and South Middle School raised \$18,000 for breast cancer treatment at Grandview Hospital. He then talked about the College and Career Center at the High School and its benefits to the students.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Ryder thanked all of the staff for the beautiful job that was done on the Tree Lighting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Council would go into an Executive Session to discuss a matter of labor relations, 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