

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MAY 1, 2023**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Youth Councilor:

Robin Reid

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Borough Solicitor:

Brendan Callahan, Esq.

Mayor:

Jeff Hollenbach

Finance Director:

Rebecca Deemer

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 which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder congratulated Kelly Laustsen and PTIA on PorchFest, adding that it was a great event and a lot of fun. He thanked them for all of their work on the event.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Recycling Collection Update

The Public Works Director thanked the Community Development Manager for all of her

work on the communication plan and on the updated materials for the curbside recycling program changes, which will go into effect on July 10, 2023. Mr. Tulone gave an overview of the new collection guidelines and informed Council that comingled recyclables will be collected every trash day with the residents' trash, and paper and cardboard will be collected every Friday. He emphasized that plastic bags and styrofoam will *not* be collected and the recycling will not be taken from the curb if those items are among what the resident puts out with their recyclables. He then reminded Council that residents can also take their recyclables and yard waste to the Recycling Center during normal Center hours.

The Borough Manager informed Council that the baler purchased with the recycling grant funds is enabling the Borough to save about \$2,500 a month, \$30,000 for the year. Our vendor is waiving the rental fee and hauling charges because of the new way the Borough is packaging the paper material. Councilman Weaver asked if it would be possible to get a summary of program costs versus the revenue from the program; the Borough Manager informed Mr. Weaver that she can show him in the budget where those items are. Councilman Faulkner asked if the new recycling information will be put on social media; the Community Development Manager gave an overview of the communication plan for the new recycling program, including posts to social media & the website, and a postcard mailing, adding that a draft of the postcard and other marketing materials were included in their meeting packet. The Borough Manager added that all of the costs for these materials are being covered by the recycling grant. Councilman Faulkner added that staff should be sure to mention how the recycling program generates savings for the Borough, in addition to being good for the environment.

Update on SR 4039 PennDOT Re-Surfacing Project

The Borough Manager informed Council that she, the Engineer & the Public Works Director, along with the Mayor, Councilman Bomboy & Councilman Martin, met with Shelby Labs and six representatives of PennDOT last week, to discuss the re-surfacing of Fifth Street (SR 4039). The Borough had been under the impression that a full mill and pave would be done in 2024. The Engineer reported that, in 2024, PennDOT now plans to prep the road, do some base repair and mill & overlay sections that really need it. Once that is complete, in 2025, PennDOT will perform tar & chip then do a fog & seal overlay. The Borough Manager voiced to PennDOT that the Borough does not feel this is an appropriate plan for the middle of a Borough. She informed Council that letters were sent out last year to residents to allow them plenty of time to get the necessary curb and sidewalk repair work done before PennDOT begins work next year. Concerns were raised about chips getting into the stormwater system, and about the cost to replace the 24 ADA ramps along Fifth Street, which are ultimately PennDOT's responsibility but not part of their current plans. Councilman Bomboy expressed his concerns about the environmental impact of PennDOT's proposed plan and stated that he feels the Borough should at least try to make an argument that PennDOT should do a full mill and pave of Fifth Street, considering that the intersection of Fifth & Blooming Glen is an epicenter of the school district. Councilman Martin asked if there are any ADA ramps in desperate need of repair that the Borough should look at; the Borough Manager stated that she would have the Engineer take a look at the ramps. Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Bomboy, Council directed staff to write a letter to PennDOT regarding their concerns about materials that will be going into the stormwater system as a result of the proposed tar & chip work and other negative impacts the work will have on the Borough.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2023-17 – Perry Mill Escrow Release #3

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2023-17, a resolution of the Perkasie 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 \$99,741.60 to reduce the total escrow to \$912,402.62, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Event Application – Goodtime Motorvators Car Show

Upon a motion by Martin, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the Goodtime Motorvators Car Show at Lake Lenape Skate Park on Sunday, May 28, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a rain date of Monday, May 29, 2023.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Approval of Letter of Intent for DVRPC Regional Grant Application

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Martin, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to sign the Letter of Intent and authorized the staff to move forward with submitting a DVRPC regional grant application to the Federal Highway Administration's Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Community Charging Program to install electric vehicle service equipment in the downtown area.

Consider Donation Request – Sellersville Elementary

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved a donation of six daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2023 season to Sellersville Elementary for their Exercise for Education fundraising event on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Borough of Sellersville

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the request from Sellersville Borough for Perkasio Fire Police assistance at the Sellersville Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 7:45 am to 11:00 am.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Bomboy informed Council that Perkasio's 144th birthday is next week, and there will be a special First Friday on May 5th to celebrate that. He added that we're starting to countdown and plan for the Borough's 150th celebration.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Robin Reid reported that there was a lot of student volunteerism at PorchFest on Saturday, the Pennridge School Board just signed a very controversial contract with Vermilion Education despite public opposition and the debate team just won state championships.

Councilman Weaver asked the Borough Manager about the bridge project coming up on Callowhill Road and if the County will be putting up any signage up for detours, and expressed his concerns about the significant traffic interruption this project will cause. The Borough Manager reported that the County does have a detour plan, which the Borough posted on Facebook, and she clarified the details of the project.

PUBLIC FORUM

Alice Krier from Mystic Ways asked about 6th Street and if it is on the road program for this year. The Borough Manager stated that it is not in the 2023 Road Program, but she will talk with the Public Works Director and get back to her.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary