

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Lilli Benner
Jaclyn Cornelius
Collin Garr
Joe Green
Emma Hawkins
Kelly Laustsen
Robin Schilling
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington
Shiv Gandevia
Colin Moyer (Absent)
Jeff Hollenbach
Andrea L. Coaxum
Linda Reid
Rebecca Deemer
Lauren Moll
Robert Schurr
Harold Stone
Jeff Tulone
Brendan Callahan, Esq.
Doug Rossino, P.E.

Youth Councilors:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Mayor Jeff Hollenbach welcomed everyone to the re-organization meeting at 7:00 pm.

Administration of Oaths of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election

Mayor Hollenbach administered the Oaths of Office and presented Certificates of Election to Judith Patton, Lilli Benner, Jaclyn Cornelius, Collin Garr, Joe Green, Emma Hawkins and Dave Worthington.

Mayor Hollenbach then called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Election of Officers

Nominations for Borough Council President

Mayor Hollenbach opened the floor for nominations for Borough Council President. Council Member Worthington nominated Kelly Laustsen, which was seconded by Council Member Weaver.

Council Member Laustsen nominated Robin Schilling. Council Member Green nominated Jaclyn Cornelius. Nominations were closed. The nomination for Kelly Laustsen received 3 votes, and the nomination for Robin Schilling received 5 votes, so Robin Schilling was elected to the position of Council President.

Nominations for Borough Council Vice-President

The Mayor then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Council Member Worthington nominated Kelly Laustsen, which was seconded by Council Member Weaver. Council Member Benner nominated Jaclyn Cornelius. Nominations were closed. The nomination for Kelly Laustsen received 4 votes, and the nomination for Jaclyn Cornelius received 6 votes, so Jaclyn Cornelius was elected to the position of Council Vice-President.

Appointment of Borough Council Committees and Liaisons

Council President Robin Schilling made the following appointments to the various Council Committees:

Public Works

Chair: Dave Weaver
Vice Chair: Collin Garr
Joe Green
Dave Worthington

Finance

Chair: Robin Schilling
Vice Chair: Jaclyn Cornelius
Joe Green
Dave Weaver

Public Utility

Chair: Joe Green
Vice Chair: Dave Weaver
Jaclyn Cornelius
Collin Garr

Economic Development

Chair: Kelly Laustsen
Vice Chair: Emma Hawkins
Robin Schilling
Dave Weaver

Planning & Zoning

Chair: Collin Garr
Vice Chair: Kelly Laustsen
Emma Hawkins
Dave Weaver

Public Safety

Chair: Lilli Benner
Vice Chair: Kelly Laustsen
Mayor Jeff Hollenbach
Collin Garr
Robin Schilling

Parks & Recreation

Chair: Dave Worthington
Vice Chair: Lilli Benner
Emma Hawkins
Kelly Laustsen

Historical

Chair: Emma Hawkins
Vice Chair: Dave Worthington
Lilli Benner
Jaclyn Cornelius

Personnel & Policy

Chair: Jaclyn Cornelius
Vice Chair: Joe Green
Lilli Benner
Robin Schilling

Consider Resolution #2026-1 – Appointment of Borough Solicitor

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-1, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio appointing Jeffrey P. Garton of Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP as the legal representative and general counsel for the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Resolution #2026-2 – Appointment of Borough Engineer

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-2, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio appointing Douglas C. Rossino of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. as the engineering firm for the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Re-Opening the 2026 Budget

A motion was made by Council Member Garr to re-open the 2026 budget, but was not seconded, so the motion did not carry.

Consider Resolution #2026-3 – Council Meeting Schedule for 2026

Upon a motion by Cornelius, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-3, the Council meeting schedule for 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary

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Council President Schilling convened the meeting at 7:22 pm. An invocation was given by Mayor Hollenbach, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Cornelius, Council approved a motion to add an item to the agenda to open discussion about the staff researching renewable energy to lower the power purchase price.

CONSIDER RESEARCHING RENEWABLE ENERGY TO LOWER THE POWER PURCHASE PRICE

After some discussion, upon a motion by Green, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously directed the staff to research renewable energy to lower the power purchase price.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Public Works Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's November 2025 Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report provided by GDS Associates. Councilman Weaver summarized the recent call that he and the staff had with GDS Associates.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Council Member Laustsen informed Council that the Planning Commission is continuing their discussions about accessory dwelling units.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Park and Recreation Committee.

Council Member Worthington informed Council that pool sales are going well, and the Park & Recreation Board has been researching guidance pertaining to e-bikes.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Appointments to Boards, Committees, Authorities & Commissions

Council Vice-President Cornelius thanked all of those who submitted applications and those who were in attendance at the meeting.

Perkasie Regional Authority

Nominations were opened for a five-year term on the Perkasie Regional Authority Board. Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously appointed Tom Horn to the Perkasie Regional Authority Board for a five-year term through December, 2030.

Perkasie Planning Commission

Nominations were opened for two four-year terms on the Perkasie Planning Commission. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council re-appointed Heather Nunn and Dale Schlegel to the Perkasie Planning Commission for four-year terms through December, 2029. The motion carried 5-4.

Nominations were opened for a one-year term on the Perkasie Planning Commission. Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Green, Council appointed Patrick Freeman to the Perkasie Planning Commission for a one-year term through December, 2026. The motion carried 8-1.

Zoning Hearing Board

Nominations were opened for a five-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council appointed Tim Rimmer to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term through December, 2030. The motion carried 8-1.

Nominations were opened for a one-year term to the Zoning Hearing Board. Upon a motion by Garr, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously appointed Sue Bower to the Zoning Hearing Board for a one-year term through December, 2026.

Nominations were opened for two three-year terms as Alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board. Council Member Worthington made a motion to appoint Mairi Schuler and Christopher Passante as alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board. Since Christopher Passante applied for a different Board, it was suggested that the staff reach out to Christopher to determine whether or not he would be interested in a position on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Council Member Worthington rescinded his original motion and made a motion to appoint Mairi Schuler as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board through December, 2028, and to delay the appointment of the second alternate to the January 20th meeting. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to appoint Steve Nathan and Naomi Coll to the two alternate positions to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The Solicitor informed Council that they needed to vote on the motion put forth first. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Green, Council appointed Mairi Schuler to a three-year term as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board through December, 2028, and postponed the appointment for the second alternate position to the January 20th Council meeting. The motion carried 6-3.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Board

Nominations were opened for a five-year term to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Board. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Benner, Council unanimously appointed Steve Rose to a five-year term to the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Board for a five-year term through December, 2030.

Civil Service Commission

Nominations were opened for a one-year term to the Civil Service Commission. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously appointed Randy Faulkner to the Civil Service Commission for a one-year term through December, 2026.

Vacancy Board

Nominations were opened for a one-year term to the Vacancy Board. Upon a motion by Garr, seconded by Green, Council voted to postpone the appointment to the Vacancy Board until the January 20th meeting, since one of the applicants for this Board is being considered for the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion carried 7-2.

Park & Recreation Board

Nominations were opened for four three-year terms to the Park & Recreation Board. Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously appointed Joe Koenig, Lynne Killus-Rainey, Joel Nieto and Robyn Rapp to the Park & Recreation Board for three-year terms through December, 2028.

Perkasie Historical Committee

Nominations were opened for various terms to the Perkasie Historical Committee.

Upon a motion by Garr, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously appointed Lee Metzger and Scott Bomboy to two four-year terms on the Perkasie Historical Committee through December, 2029.

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously appointed Rick Doll to a three-year term to the Perkasie Historical Committee through December, 2028.

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously appointed Matt Lynch to a two-year term to the Perkasie Historical Committee through December, 2027.

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously appointed Aaron Clark to a one-year term to the Perkasie Historical Committee through December, 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2026-4 – Authorization to Pay Certain Bills between Council Meetings

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-4, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council establishing procedures for the payment of certain bills between public meetings, upon prior approval by Council.

Payment of the Bills

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved the payment of the bills.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Historical Committee

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILORS

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia reported that the students just returned from break today, and Keystone testing is scheduled for January 6th through the 9th, and January 13th and 14th.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Lee Rush from 128 Ridge Avenue thanked the newly-elected Council members and extended his best wishes to them, adding that he loves living in Perkasio. Mr. Rush suggested that the Council meetings be live streamed, and also suggested that the Council look into expanding the Council table to include the Youth Councilors by adding 2 seats to either end of the dais. Mr. Rush thanked Council for all of their volunteering and wished them a good year.

Resident Walter Rada from 110 Virginia Avenue expressed his concerns about the safety of the intersections on Walnut Street at Virginia Avenue and Dill Avenue, near the gas station and Free Will Brewing, adding that there have been 2 accidents at those intersections in the past year. He stated that he does not see crosswalks for pedestrians to cross at either of those intersections, and suggested that crosswalks be added and lit in some way with a flashing light when those businesses are open.

The Borough Manager informed Mr. Rada that the Borough has a meeting later this week with PennDot and Representative Shelby Labs to discuss the poor condition of Walnut Street, and that the possibility of adding a crosswalk will be part of that meeting, but that the Borough is at the whims of PennDOT, since Walnut Street is a PennDOT-owned road.

Council President Schilling congratulated everyone and thanked all of those who attended the meeting, adding that we would love to see you back and it is always wonderful to have people attend for input and discussion, so people are always welcome back.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary