

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

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

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Council President Robin Schilling convened the meeting at 7:01 PM. An invocation was given by Pastor Philip Krey from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER SCOUT PROJECT – GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2549

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2549 presented a proposed Scout project to Council that involves the building of benches at the Dog Park in Lenape Park. The project would enable the Troop to complete their bronze award and they will fundraise through bake sales and the Girl Scout cookie program. Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$300.00 to Girl Scout Troop 2549 for their bench project in the Borough's Dog Park.

PUBLIC FORUM

Council Member Weaver thanked the Council and staff for their well wishes, and the first responders, Police Department and Fire Company members who came to his house on the day of the storm in January to assist with a medical issue he was having. The Fire Company members came out quickly to make sure the driveway was shoveled for EMS and others who responded.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Schilling shared an e-mail that Council received from resident Lee Rush, reminding them of an event on March 4th at the High School from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to discuss the issue

of mental health and cell phones/social media/adolescents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Cornelius, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the Council meeting on January 20, 2026 and the minutes from the Committee meeting on February 2, 2026.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach shared a message from a resident thanking the Public Works Department for going above and beyond with the work that they did while clearing the snow from the intersections. The Mayor also informed Council about an event coming up on April 1st involving the Fire Company to recognize a tragic event that happened on April 1, 1926 and honor 2 men who were killed that day.

Assistant Borough Manager's Report

The Assistant Borough Manager reported that the Borough is waiting for an announcement in February or March regarding a Transportation Set-Aside grant for almost \$1.5 million, which would fully fund the Park Avenue Improvements Project. Ms. Reid added that the thrift store at the Glassworks campus should open sometime in March, all of the summer concerts are booked, and the planning for the Farmers Market is coming along well, with two new farmers, 35 vendors and 18 musicians booked. She added that 2 new pages have been added to the Borough's website – one on the Behind-the-Meter Solar Project and one detailing the grant funding that the Borough has received.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer reported that the Spruce Street Townhouses project received a letter indicating that the items on their final site punch list are complete, and the Pleasant Spring Creek Stabilization Project is moving along.

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the Borough Engineer's monthly report.

New Business

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for the month of January, 2026.

Perkasie Regional Authority Report

Council reviewed the minutes from the Perkasie Regional Authority meeting on January 12, 2026.

Penridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

Council reviewed the minutes from the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Board meeting on December 15, 2025.

Consider Resolution #2026-16 – Commercial Services Agreement for Curblin Weed Spraying

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-16, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasié approving the DeAngelo Contracting Services, LLC’s Commercial Services Agreement, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasié.

Update on Bucks County Consortium of Municipal Managers – Salt Contract

The Borough Manager summarized a letter sent by the Bucks County Consortium to Morton Salt regarding this year’s salt contract and the lack of communication to participating municipalities by Morton Salt to those whose orders remain unfilled. Morton has also failed to provide updated delivery dates and amounts, offers of financial restitution, or proposals, estimates or alternatives for delivery or pick-up to fulfill delivery orders. The Public Works Director informed Council that the Borough has 400 tons in the salt bin, and should be okay for the impending storm this weekend.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent’s report for the month of January, 2026.

Update on Behind-the-Meter Solar Project

Council Member Green informed Council that GDS Associates is actively working on site reviews and the Borough should receive their report next week. The information will be shared with Council once it is received from GDS.

Receive AMP Bright Mountain Solar & Potomac Energy Combined Cycle Project Information

Council Member Green referenced the items put in One Drive for Council to review on these two projects.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Administrator Report

The Code Enforcement Administrator’s monthly reports for January and February will be included in the packet for the Council meeting on March 16, 2026.

Planning Commission Report

The Planning & Zoning reports for the months of January and February will be included in the packet for the Council meeting on March 16, 2026. The Planning Commission will meet this month to review a sketch plan application for a recycling center at 505 Constitution Avenue.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

The Zoning Hearing Board reports for the months of January and February will be included in the packet for the Council meeting on March 16, 2026. The Zoning Hearing Board will not meet in February.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Department Report

The Parks & Recreation Director informed Council there is a 75% return rate thus far for Menlo staff members intending to return this summer, and 335 memberships purchased. There are also over 40 kids enrolled in summer camps.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for the month of January, 2026.

Consider Park Event Application – PWC Meltdown 5k

Upon a motion by Hawkins, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the park event application from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) for their Meltdown 5k on Sunday, March 8, 2026 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, contingent upon the PWC receiving the necessary permits from PennDOT to cross over Constitution Avenue.

Consider Request for Menlo After Hours Use & Fee Waiver – PAC Annual Splash Party

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously authorized the Pennridge Aquatic Club to use Menlo Aquatics Center after hours on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm for their annual awards and Splash Party. The motion also included the waiver of all fees associated with the event.

Consider Reservation Request – Grasso Family

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved the reservation request from the Grasso family to use the Menlo Lions Pavilions 1 & 2 on Sunday, May 10, 2026 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2026-17 – Delaware Valley Municipal Management Association Disability Services Agreement

Upon a motion from Cornelius, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-17, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasié approving the DVMMA Disability Management Services Agreement for certain disability management consulting services, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasié.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Taxes Collected Report

Upon a motion by Hawkins, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved the Taxes Collected report for January, 2026.

Budget Status

Upon a motion by Benner, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously approved the Budget Status report for January, 2026.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Donation Request – Eagles Autism Foundation

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved a donation of a family season membership to the Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2026 season for the fundraiser event at the Ram on April 19, 2026 to benefit the Eagles Autism Foundation.

Consider Donation Request – Quakertown Rotary

Upon a motion by Hawkins, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved a donation of four daily passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2026 season to the Quakertown Rotary Club's Annual Purse Bingo fundraiser on May 8, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community & Economic Development Report

Council member Laustsen provided an update on the recent Steering Committee meeting, adding that the next Public Meeting will be held on March 11th.

The Committee reviewed the Community & Economic Development Report dated February 12, 2026.

Special Events Report

The Committee reviewed the Special Events Report dated February 17, 2026.

Consider Special Event Application – Indian Valley Soap Box Derby

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously approved the Perkasié All-American Soap Box Derby Race on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, with a rain date of Sunday, June 7, 2026, as well as a practice date of Saturday, May 16, 2026 and a rain date of Saturday, May 23, 2026. The motion also included the approval of the use of the Lions Pavilion at Menlo Park for an awards ceremony immediately following the Soap Box Derby.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police Report

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Green, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for the month of January, 2026.

Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the month of January, 2026.

Consider Authorization for Solicitor to Advertise Draft Ordinance Regarding Fee Structure for Parking Violations

Upon a motion by Benner, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to advertise a public hearing to consider a draft ordinance that would amend Chapter 180 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Vehicles and Traffic, specifically the subsections that pertain to violations and penalties.

Consider Expenditure for Upfitting Police Department Vehicles

Upon a motion by Cornelius, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved an additional expenditure of \$3,119.28 for the upfitting of two Police Department vehicles, and authorized the Police Department to place two out-of-service vehicles on Muncibid to offset that expenditure.

Consider Resolution #2026-18 – List of Fire Police Events for 2026

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-18, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasio authorizing Fire Police assistance at the events listed for 2026.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Draft Historic District Nomination

Council reviewed a draft Historic District Nomination Form and Historic District Inventory.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia reported that the students are happy about having back-to-back four-day weeks, and added that students are gearing up for end of the year activities, including the junior and senior proms.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss a matter of pending litigation related to a land use dispute and would not take any action when they come out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary