

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Aaron Clark
Randy Faulkner
Steve Pizzollo
Jim Purcell
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder

Youth Delegate

Ana McGrath (absent)

Mayor:

John Hollenbach

Borough Manager:

Andrea L. Coaxum

Finance Director:

Glenn Dickerson

Borough Solicitor:

Jeff Garton

Parks and Recreation Director:

Megan Prusienski

Borough Engineer:

Doug Rossino

Police Chief:

Robert Schurr

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Public Works Director:

Jeff Tulone

Under provisions approved by the Pennsylvania State Open Records office, Perkasie Borough Council met via video conferencing on April 20, 2020, at 7:00PM. The meeting was live-streamed on the Borough's You Tube channel and the Borough's website at perkasieborough.org.

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Jim Ryder commended Borough employees for their effort in stepping up and investigating every avenue to make Borough workers and residents safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of February 17, 2020, March 16, 2020, and March 2, 2020.

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved the Special Council meeting minutes of March 26, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor thanked all the medical staff, Borough staff, grocery workers, and the firemen for all their help during this COVID-19 pandemic. He would especially like to thank the Perkasio fire company and Guth Elementary for a fire truck parade he heard today. He said that this is a great community that comes together when it needs to.

Borough Manager Andrea Coaxum read a proclamation where Mayor Hollenbach designated the last Friday in April to be celebrated as Arbor Day to support efforts to protect the Boroughs streets and woodlands.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for March 2020.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for March 2020.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No report

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the Police Departments March 2020 monthly report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

The Public Works Department is fully staffed and will begin leaf collection this week. Street sweeping will begin on April 27. Paper and cardboard pickup will take place on May 20.

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Committee Superintendent's report for March 2020.

Consider Resolution #2020-13, Handicapped Parking Space at 304 Arch Street

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-13, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasié for the creation of a handicap parking space reserved for a handicapped person or disabled veteran in front of 304 Arch Street.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

The Electric Department has split their work crew. Half the crew are working at the electric plant and the other half are working out of the Borough's EOC office in Borough Hall.

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for March 2020.

Councilmembers discussed making a Spring power purchase due to the low oil prices and low energy costs. It was suggested that staff set up a meeting with AMP.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

No new updates since there have been no recent meetings.

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for March 2020.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update/Discuss 2020 Pool Season

The Park and Recreation Director stated the new roofs on the Menlo pavilions look great. The launch of the scavenger hunt has begun. She will be attending a round table of other Bucks and Montgomery County municipalities to see what they are doing as far as opening their pools during the summer with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discuss 2020 Pool Season

Committee members reviewed different scenarios for opening the Menlo pool for the summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Park and Recreation Director was asked to talk to other pools in the area. The matter would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Park and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for March 2020.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

The Borough Manager stated that the Public Works and Electric Department are working at full staff. The Office staff is working from home. Overtime and hiring has been suspended.

Discuss Police Officer Hiring Status

Chief Schurr suggested to suspend the police officer search at this time due to the impact of the COVID-19 on the Borough's finances.

Consider Borough Manager Contract

Upon motion by Ryder, seconded by Aigeldinger, Council unanimously approved the Borough Manager's Contract effective March 17, 2020.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

Committee Chair Randy Faulkner updated Council on revenue and expense concerns.

Discuss 2020 Capital Purchase List

Committee members reviewed main capital expense items to be put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

Consider Resolution #2020-14-Extending Real Estate Tax Deadline

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-14, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council extending the face payment date for the 2020 real estate taxes to July 31, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Consider Closing General Fund Checking Account at Univest

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the closure of Univest account #1011071758.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

The Committee is looking at ways to support existing businesses and the people employed there. There are three primary objectives, help, sustain and then secure. Chairman Aaron Clark said the first thing would be is to survey the business owners to get more feedback on where things stand for them. He said he would hope to get that survey out early in the week.

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors March 2020 report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

Chairman Scott Bomboy encouraged everyone to observe social distancing and encouraged everyone to wear a face mask.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Update

Chairman Scott Bomboy stated the Lions Club has agreed to co-sponsor the Hometown Hero Banner program. He would like to consider this program in November around Veteran's Day.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary