

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 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

Ana McGrath (absent)

John Hollenbach

Andrea L. Coaxum

Glenn Dickerson

Jeff Garton

Doug Rossino

Jeff Tulone

Megan Prusienski

Robert Schurr

Harold Stone

Youth Delegate

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Under provisions approved by the Pennsylvania State Open Records office, Perkasie Borough Council met via video conferencing on May 18, 2020, at 7:00PM. The meeting was live-streamed on the Borough's You Tube channel and the Borough's website at perkasiaborough.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

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of April 6, 2020, April 20, 2020, and May 4, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor applauded the essential positions of the Police Department, Fire Company, and medical personnel during this pandemic.

Taxes Collected

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

Budget Status

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

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's April 2020 monthly report.

Planning Commission Report

No report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No report.

Police Report

Upon motion by Pizzollo, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the April 2020 police department report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Consider Fee Waiver Request Stormwater Connection

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously agreed not to grant a waiver for the stormwater connection fee of \$250.00 as requested by the property owners of the

Arch and Market Street alley stormwater project.

2019 CDBG Borough Hall Accessibility Improvements-Change Order No. 1

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a change order to the 2019 CDBG Borough Hall Accessibility Improvements Change Order No. 1 at a cost not to exceed \$1,435.00.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

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

Consider Resolution #2020-15 Electric Rate Adjustment

Councilmembers gave varying opinions on whether to adjust the electric rates for another month in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upon motion by Aigeldinger, seconded by Clark, Council considered approving a 50% cut in the electric rates for another month. Matt Aigeldinger and Aaron Clark voted in favor of the motion. By a 2-7 vote, the motion was defeated.

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council considered approving a 25% cut in the electric rates for another month. Chuck Brooks, Randy Faulkner, Steve Pizzollo, Jim Purcell, and Steve Rose voted against the motion. Aaron Clark, Matt Aigeldinger, and Jim Ryder voted in favor of it. By a 5-4 vote, the motion was defeated.

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council considered approving a 20% cut in the electric rates for another month. Chuck Brooks, Randy Faulkner, Steve Pizzollo, Jim Purcell, and Steve Rose voted against the motion. Aaron Clark, Matt Aigeldinger, and Jim Ryder voted in favor of it. By a 5-4 vote, the motion was defeated.

Consider Resolution #2020-16, Spring Power Purchase

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2020-16, a Resolution of the Borough of Perkasié entering into a power supply contract consistent with the Power Supply Master Plan to authorize the Borough Manager to obtain final pricing through the Borough's power supply consultants, GDS Associates, for the purchase of products:

1. 1.0MW 7x24 energy block for 2026-2030-15% of annual load
 - a. \$29.04/MWh in the PPL zone or PJM western hub;
2. 1.5MWh 7x24 energy block for 2028-2030-22% of annual load
 - a. \$29.20/MWh in the PPL zone or PJM western hub.

And to grant the authority to the Borough Manager to commit to the purchase of such supply contract, provided that the final pricing does not exceed 5.0% more than the indicative pricing at either the PPL zone or the PJM western hub.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

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

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Lease Negotiation-Dr. Lindsey Cerdas

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft a lease amendment with Dr. Lindsey Cerdas to extend the commencement of lease payments for a period of three months, and additionally extend the contract period three months on the back end of the lease period.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider HB6800: The Heroes Act

Council reviewed House Bill 6800, The Heroes Act, and Coronavirus Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act and agreed to table the matter for further discussion.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Scott Bomboy stated he talked to the State about the Covered Bridge grant and they were

waiting to hear from the budget office.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Scott Bomboy told Council about a newly formed nonprofit group who started the Penridge Community Recovery Fund to aid in the battle against the coronavirus. The group raises money for non-profits and charities in the Penridge community.

Matt Aigeldinger asked where the Borough was at with Police negotiations. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with union representatives and discuss it at the June 1 Council meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary