

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 18, 2021**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger
Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Aaron Clark
Randy Faulkner
Steve Pizzollo (absent)
Jim Purcell
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Robin Reid (absent)
John Hollenbach
Andrea L. Coaxum
Rebecca Deemer
Jeff Garton
Jeff Tulone
Lauren Moll
Russ Closs (Acting)
Harold Stone

Youth Delegate:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

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

Barbara, a resident on Fourth Street addressed Council regarding a letter she received about installing speed bumps on Park Ave and Third. She commented that something needed to be done with curbing. She also made a suggestion of adding 3 way and 4 way stop signs in the area.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously approved the following minutes:

- Council meeting minutes of July 19, 2021
- Council meeting minutes of September 20, 2021
- Committee meeting minutes of August 2, 2021
- Special Finance meeting minutes of September 21, 2021
- Special Finance meeting minutes of September 23, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

The Mayor started by congratulating Mr. Ryder on being a grandfather again. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of their right to vote on November 2nd.

Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for September 2021.

Budget Status

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for September 2021.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Pizzollo, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report for September 2021.

Planning Commission Report

No Report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

No Report.

Police Report

Council unanimously approved the September 2021 Police Department report.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

Steve Rose commented that leaf collection started on Monday, October 18th.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Committee Superintendent's report for September 2021.

Discussion of Stream Evaluation for East Branch Perkiomen Creek & Pleasant Spring

Andrea stated that a proposal was prepared by Gilmore & Associates. The proposal is for broader mitigation solutions for the Creek/Spring to help with future flooding in Perkasio. Comments and feedback by Council members is welcomed. There will be further discussions with Gilmore before it is

officially brought before Council, hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

There was discussion amongst Council regarding contributing factors to the flooding, the pumps, the effects on areas downstream, DEP requirements in relation to the restoration of the stream and possible funding opportunities for the future.

Andrea updated Council on the Covered Bridge Apartments.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

Jim Purcell asked for an update on the PPL generators. Howie stated that things should be moving forward in the beginning of November.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for September 2021.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for September 2021.

Consider WP Perkasio, LLC-AutoZone Land Development

Jeff Garton asked Council to weigh in on the waivers being requested. An appropriate resolution would be prepared for the next meeting.

Doug Rossino read off a list of waivers being requested. He made a recommendation to approve all waivers with the exception of the waiver for level of service which grades the level of traffic. Doug does not feel that the waiver applies to this project as the owner provided recommendations which is what the ordinance requires.

Doug asked that a condition be placed on the approval of the waivers and that it be included in the resolution that the storm sewer system, both existing and future installed, be televised to insure everything is functioning correctly. Additionally, that the buildings and retaining walls would match the surrounding community since it is a gateway to the Borough.

Jim Purcell made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare a resolution for WP Perkasio, LLC a land development project for the construction of an Auto Zone store plus two retail spaces accepting the waivers as requested. Seconded by Pizzollo, the motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss West Market Street Traffic Study

Council had asked the engineer to present a proposal to do a traffic study for West Market Street from South Fifth Street to South Ninth Street. The scope of services is included in Council's packet. The proposal had been discussed prior to the shutdown of Covid19 so Andrea has asked for questions and considerations to perform the study.

Matt Aigeldinger made a motion to approve the scope of services. It was seconded by Jim Purcell and approved unanimously.

4th Street Discussion – Resident Feedback RE: Possible Speed Cushion

Chuck Brooks had the opportunity to spend some time at Menlo Park over the past couple of weeks. There's no doubt there is an issue. He talked about the different alternatives that have been discussed with the most recent being the speed bumps. He commented that the Board and residents need to be aware that the speed bumps are pulled up during the winter time, 3-4 months depending on the length of the season. The goal is to break habits of the drivers going down Park Avenue. Chuck is not sure that investing \$24,000 at this time is the right decision. There was continued discussion amongst the Council members.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for September, 2021.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider AFSCME Contract (2022-2025)

We should have a signed copy of the AFSCME Contract for the next meeting for Council approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Resolution #2021-42, Escrow Release Cedar Ridge

Randy Faulkner made a motion to approve the escrow. It was seconded by Steve Rose and approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors September, 2021 report

Support Pine2Pink

Upon motion Clark, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously supported the Pine2Pink Project in Perkasia for October 2021.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Hurricane IDA Recovery Update

Scott Bomboy updated Council that the Historic District would be coming out to look at the covered bridge and to make a recommendation on the grant status if the bridge is moved.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary