

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2022**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy (Absent) Chuck Brooks Aaron Clark Randy Faulkner Jim Purcell Steve Rose Jim Ryder Dave Weaver Dave Worthington Robin Reid (Absent)
Youth Councilor:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager:	Brendan Callahan, Esq.
Borough Solicitor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Mayor:	Rebecca Deemer (Absent)
Finance Director:	Lauren Moll
Parks and Recreation Director:	Linda Reid
Community Development Manager:	Doug Rossino
Borough Engineer:	Robert Schurr (Absent)
Police Chief:	Harold Stone (Absent)
Electric Superintendent:	Jeff Tulone
Public Works Director:	

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

PRESENTATION – PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

David Nyman from the Pennridge Community Center made a presentation to Council that included information on activities and classes, trips, health services provided and finances for the Center. Mr. Nyman thanked Council for their support.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's October 2022 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report

provided by GDS Associates.

Consider AMP Scholarship Nomination

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the nomination of Robin Reid for the 2023 Lyle B. Wright Scholarship, a scholarship provided by AMP. As a graduating senior who met all of the basic requirements for college or technical school entrance and has a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, and whose family receives power from a member community, Robin met the criteria for the nomination, and was the only application received by the Borough for both of the scholarship programs provided by AMP.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Application for Waiver of Land Development – 306 North Fifth Street

Rob Loughery & John Wahlers from 4th Soils Investments, Nate Fox from Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, LLP and Kristin Holmes from Holmes Cunningham Engineering collectively gave a presentation on the redevelopment project at 306 North Fifth Street, which included a history of the building and an overview of the project. The applicant is asking for a waiver of land development. The Perkasio Planning Commission is recommending approval of the project and the Borough Engineer’s opinion is that the waivers that the applicant is requesting from the Borough’s SALDO are appropriate. The Solicitor read the conditions of waiver of land development, and Nate Fox informed Council that the applicant is willing to accept those conditions. Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a waiver of land development for the 306 North Fifth Street redevelopment project. The Solicitor will prepare a Waiver of Land Development Agreement for consideration by Council at a future meeting.

Consider Ordinance for Well Restrictions

Council revisited the discussion from last month’s meeting about implementing one of two draft ordinances that would prohibit the construction of new wells in either the entire Borough or additional areas of the Borough.

Mr. Fred Barndt from 321 East Market Street expressed his concerns about Council implementing the ordinance that would affect the entire Borough, and stated that he agreed with the resident who, at the last meeting, stated that the current well owners should be grandfathered in and not have to adhere to whichever ordinance is approved.

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, Council approved Ordinance #1050, an ordinance that will amend the provisions of the Perkasio Borough Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 186, Zoning, Article IV, Use Regulations and Restrictions, Section 186-14, Additional Sewer and Water Regulations, Subsection C, Use of Groundwater as Potable Water Prohibited by extending the restriction on the construction of new potable water wells to additional areas of the Borough, described as follows:

- C. Use of Groundwater as Potable Water Prohibited.
 - (1) No person shall drill, install, or otherwise construct any new potable water well, cistern, or any other groundwater collection device in those areas within the “groundwater restricted area” as shown on the groundwater restricted area map attached hereto which accompanies this chapter and which is bounded by West Callowhill Street at North 8th Street, to South Main Street, to the Pleasant Spring

Creek then to the East Branch of the Perkiomen, all of Elm Avenue, South 6th Street from Elm Avenue to West Park Avenue, then North 9th Street to Bridge Street, and North 8th Street to West Callowhill Street.

Councilman Weaver abstained from voting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was nothing to come before the Parks & Recreation Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Discuss Draft Resolution #2022-62 – Council Meeting Schedule for 2023

Council reviewed a proposed Council meeting schedule for 2023. If no one expresses conflict with any of the proposed dates, this item will be put on the agenda for approval at the December 19, 2022 meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Discuss Draft Resolution #2022-60 – Salary & Wage Schedule for 2023

Council reviewed a proposed salary & wage schedule for 2023. Council discussed increasing the salary for the Emergency Management Coordinator by \$1,000. If no other revisions are needed, the salary & wage schedule for 2023 will be put on the agenda for approval at the December 19, 2022 meeting, with the increased salary for the Emergency Management Coordinator.

Discuss Draft Resolution #2022-61 – Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2023

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed consolidated fee schedule for 2023, which includes increases to Use & Occupancy fees, zoning permit application fees, pool fees, pavilion rental fees and police fees associated with events. There was also discussion about increasing the fees for building permits and zoning back to what they were prior to the reduction in 2013. Councilman Purcell suggested increasing the electric department fees. If there are no further changes, the consolidated fee schedule for 2023 will be put on the agenda for approval at the December 19, 2022 meeting, with the proposed increases.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Purcell, Council tabled the two Public Safety items on the agenda to the December 19, 2022 meeting, since the Police Chief was unexpectedly unable to attend tonight's meeting.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The Youth Councilor was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

PRESS FORUM

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary