

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW PATROL OFFICER

Mayor Hollenbach swore in Officer Sean Jeffries, the new patrol officer for the Borough.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR ELECTRIC RATES

A Public Hearing was held to consider adopting an ordinance that would further amend Chapter 85 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Perkasie, titled “Electric Service” being Ordinance 546, enacted April 9, 1984, and as amended. The ordinance was advertised appropriately.

There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, the Public Hearing was closed.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder commended the Police Department for all of their work on the recent disappearance case in Sellersville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes from November 21, 2022 and the Committee meeting minutes from December 5, 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach expressed his appreciation to the Police Department for the all of their hard work on the recent disappearance case and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for November, 2022.

Budget Status

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for November, 2022.

Engineer's Report

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly report for the month of November, 2022.

Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission did not meet in November so there was nothing new to report.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council reviewed the recent Zoning Hearing Board decision pertaining to St. Stephen's Church.

Police Report

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for November, 2022.

Fire Department Report

No updates were provided at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for November, 2022.

Consider Extension of Commingled Recycling Contract with J.P. Mascaro & Sons – Correction

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved a one-year contract extension for 2023 for commingled recyclables with J.P. Mascaro & Sons with the corrected price as follows: \$140.00 per month for a 40-yard dumpster, \$200.00 hauling cost per trip and \$95.00 per ton disposal cost for commingled recyclables.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for November, 2022.

Consider Ordinance to Set 2023 Electric Rates

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Faulkner, Council approved an ordinance that will amend the provisions of Chapter 85 of the Perkasio Borough Code titled "Electric Service" being Ordinance 546, enacted April 9, 1984, and as amended.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report for November, 2022.

Consider Resolution #2022-63, Cedar Ridge Escrow Release

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Brooks, Council approved Resolution #2022-63, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Cedar Ridge project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$127,098.81 to reduce the total escrow to \$110,396.52, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for November, 2022.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Review Appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2023

Council reviewed the applications received to date for the various Boards and Commissions. At this time, the Borough is still collecting applications for Council to consider.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Resolution #2022-65 – Approval of the 2023 Budget

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council approved Resolution #2022-65, adopting the 2023 Budget.

Consider Resolution #2022-64 – Setting the Tax Rate for 2023

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Clark, Council approved Resolution #2022-64, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council that establishes the tax rate for 2023.

Consider Resolution #2022-61 – Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2023

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council approved Resolution #2022-61, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council that establishes the Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2023.

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

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Worthington, Council approved Resolution #2022-60, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council that establishes the Salary & Wage Schedule for 2023.

Consider Resolution #2022-62 – Council Meeting Dates for 2023

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Brooks, Council approved Resolution #2022-62, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council that sets the Council meeting schedule for 2023 with one revision: it was the consensus of Council to not have a meeting on Monday, July 3rd, since the holiday is the next day. There will only be one meeting in July, on July 17, 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community Development Manager Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community Development Manager's report dated November 30, 2022.

Economic Development Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the final Economic Development Report. Council was very complimentary and expressed their appreciation for Steve Barth. It was the consensus of Council that he be recognized at a future meeting for all of his work in the Borough.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2022-66 – In-Custody Death Reports

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Brooks, Council approved Resolution #2022-66, which authorizes the Police Chief to implement Perkasio Borough Police Department Policy 4.16.1 – In-Custody Death Reports.

Consider Memorandum of Understanding – Bucks County Human Services Co-Responder Initiative

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council approved Perkasio Borough's participation in the Bucks County Human Services Co-Responder Initiative, and authorized the Council President and Police Chief to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Perkasio Borough.

Consider Memorandum of Understanding – Bucks County Special Response Team & Montgomery County East Region SWAT

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council approved Perkasio Borough's participation in the mutual aid initiative between Bucks County Special Response Team and Montgomery County East Region SWAT, and authorized the Police Chief to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Perkasio Borough.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Robin Reid reported that there was a recent re-organization of the School Board, and that students are getting ready for the holidays with different holiday events.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary