

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MARCH 4, 2024**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks Kelly Laustsen Steve Rose Jim Ryder Robin Schilling Jeremy Wano Dave Weaver Dave Worthington
Youth Councilor:	Logan Wilcox
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Assistant Borough Manager:	Linda Reid
Finance Director:	Rebecca Deemer
Parks and Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll
Police Chief:	Robert Schurr
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone (Absent)
Public Works Director:	Jeff Tulone
Borough Solicitor:	Jeff Garton, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Doug Rossino, P.E. (Absent)

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive approached Council and asked what happened on Saturday to cause the power outage in the Borough, and how much it cost. Council President Ryder stated that the Borough does not have cost numbers yet since the outage just happened on Saturday, but explained that it happened as a result of a transmission issue on PPL lines feeding Perkasie Borough.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder thanked the various departments for the great job they did in recent weather events and outages.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Director gave an update on this year's salting and plowing events, adding that the Borough is still below budget for salt. He thanked Public Works Foreman Scott Miller for the

great job he has been doing during the storms.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's January 2024 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates. Councilman Weaver shared some highlights from the report and added that he and the Borough Manager are working on setting up a call soon with GDS.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Schilling gave an update on the recent Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Pavilion Reservation Request & Event Application – National MS Society

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the National MS Society to hold a fundraising walk on Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, with setup on Saturday, April 20th.

Consider Reservation Request & Rental Fee Waiver Request

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the reservation request for Guth Elementary School to use Menlo Pavilions 1 & 2 on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm for their 4th grade local heritage field trip, with a rain date of May 29, 2024. The motion also included the waiver of the pavilion rental fee.

Consider Resolution #2024-19 – PAC Facility Agreement

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-19, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasie approving the License Agreement between the Borough of Perkasie and Pennridge Aquatic Club for the use of portions of the Menlo Aquatics Center, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the License Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasie.

Discuss Pennridge Little League Field Lighting Upgrades

Steve Wampole from Pennridge Little League provided an overview to Council on the situation with the lighting at the Majors field; the lights are 25-years-old, and the Electric Department couldn't install new lights because the poles are bad. PLL had the poles ultra-sounded to confirm that. Mr. Wampole thanked the Electric Department for the assistance they've provided thus far, and offered to answer any questions that Council may have on the proposal that PLL submitted. Vice-President Brooks explained to those in attendance that the Borough is looking to take part in a joint venture with PLL; PLL has been actively fundraising to help with these costs, and the Borough is reviewing their request and recognizes that PLL is looking for financial assistance for two fields. Mr. Brooks added that the proposal has been put forth as a discussion item for this evening and welcomed any comments or questions.

The Borough Manager informed Council that the Borough does not have this it as a line item in the budget to cover any of these costs, besides labor and Borough-owned equipment. Ms. Coaxum provided a breakdown of what the additional costs would be besides labor and equipment, which would total approximately \$15,000 of materials to complete the project. She added that staff did not prepare a motion this evening because we thought Council would want to spend some time thinking about the proposal.

Mayor Hollenbach asked if this is just for the Majors field and not the intermediate field for right now, and Mr. Wampole confirmed that it is just for the Majors field, adding that the Minors field would be Phase 2, which would be for the following year, and briefly spoke about what is needed there as well. The Parks & Recreation Director gave an overview as to why the Majors field is a priority over the Minors field.

Further discussion ensued about the costs involved with the project and where the Borough might be able to locate the funds within the budget to help with the project. Mr. Wampole was asked if PLL would be able to move forward with this first phase of the project if they did not receive the funds from the Borough, and Mr. Wampole was unsure of that answer, since most of PLL's fundraising is done in the summer.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of Events Assistant

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously concurred with the Borough Manager's decision to hire Brittany Cosenza to the position of part-time Events Assistant at a rate of \$21.00 per hour, starting March 6, 2024, conditioned upon the passing of a pre-employment physical & drug testing, and required background checks.

Consider Resolution #2024-15 – Records Disposition for 2024

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-15, which authorizes staff to dispose of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Act.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2024-16 – PACAZ Realty, LLC – Escrow Release #1

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-16, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the PACAZ Realty, LLC project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$335,006.45 to reduce the total escrow to \$8,617.88, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Resolution #2024-17 – Revised Fee Schedule for 2024

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-17, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council that establishes a revised fee schedule for 2024.

Consider Resolution #2024-18 – Verizon Contract for Police Department

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-18, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasia approving the Verizon NASPO Valuepoint Purchasing Entity Agreement between the Borough of Perkasia and Verizon for wireless, data, voice and accessories, and authorizing the Borough Manager and/or the Chief of Police to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasia.

Consider Donation Request – Perkasia Pride Committee

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Wano, Council unanimously approved the donation of six daily pool passes to Menlo Aquatic Center to the Perkasia Pride Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Dublin Community Day

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the request from Dublin Borough for fire police assistance at Dublin Community Day on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Logan Wilcox reported on some changes to the elementary social studies curriculum. He also reported that the School Board has proposed to cap cyber student tuition at \$8,000 per student (currently at \$14-\$38,000 per student), which would save the District approximately \$700,000. Lastly, a new AP Human Geography course for grades 9-12 has been approved by the School Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

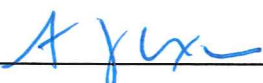
Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive came back up to Council and asked about the status of the utility boxes. Vice-President Brooks told Ms. Antczak that he will talk to the Electric Superintendent and get her an answer at the next meeting.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary