

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members:

Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Kelly Laustsen
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Robin Schilling (absent)
Jeremy Wano
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington (absent)
Logan Wilcox
Jeff Hollenbach
Andrea L. Coaxum
Linda Reid
Rebecca Deemer (absent)
Lauren Moll
Robert Schurr
Harold Stone
Jeff Tulone
Brendan Callahan, Esq.
Douglas Rossino, P.E.

Youth Councilor:

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Assistant Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Pastor Wayne Nitzsche from Perkasie Mennonite Church opened the meeting with a prayer, which was then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the Council meeting on March 18, 2024 and the Committee meeting on April 1, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach informed Council that there was a great turnout at the Little League Opening Day Parade and reported that, in honor of Earth Day, this Saturday is Park Clean-Up Day at Lenape Park, starting at 9:00 am, adding that it would be wonderful if we could have a good turnout from Council.

Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for the month of March, 2024.

Budget Status

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Wano, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for the month of March, 2024.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer informed Council that the Hidden Meadows development project is nearing the end of their 18-month maintenance period, and that the bid will be awarded tonight for the Lenape Park Skate Park project. He also reported that the Lenape Park Timber Pedestrian Bridge project will start on Monday, April 22nd, and the crane should be out to set the bridge on Thursday, April 25th.

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly report for the month of April, 2024.

Planning Commission Report

There will not be a Planning Commission meeting in April.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council reviewed two Zoning Hearing Board decisions for 135 South Main Street and the Moser Group application on North 8th Street. The ZHB will not meet in April.

Police Report

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for the month of March, 2024.

Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the month of March, 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for March, 2024.

Review LTAP Report – Ridge Avenue & Arch Street Pedestrian Crossing

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Solicitor to draft an ordinance adding No Parking areas to the intersection of Ridge Avenue, Arch Street and North 9th Street as recommended to meet sight distance requirements for pedestrian safety at the studied intersection.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for March, 2024. The Electric Department Superintendent reported that all of the material is in for the replacement of the lights at the Pennridge Little League Majors field and the Department is waiting for the ground to dry out from the recent rains. The Department will be installing the remaining underground infrastructure for the Perry Mill rowhome development on North Eighth Street this week.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Administrator Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Administrator's monthly report for March, 2024.

Consider Letter of Support for Re:vivals Neighborhood Center

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Council President to sign the letter of support from Perkasio Borough for the Re:vivals DCED grant application for their proposed neighborhood center project at 401 Arch Street.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for the month of March, 2024.

Consider Award of Lenape Park Skate Park Bid (#2024-05)

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously awarded Bid #2024-05 for the Lenape Park Skate Park Project to Bray Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$49,800 for all items under the base bid.

Consider Event Application – Good Time Motorvators Car Show

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Wano, Council unanimously approved the Good Time Motorvators Car Show at Lenape Park Skate Park Pavilion on Sunday, May 26, 2024 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a rain date of Monday, May 27, 2024.

Consider Reservation Request – The Knetemann Family

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Wano, Council unanimously approved the reservation request from John Knetemann for a day-after wedding party on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Menlo Park Pavilions 1 & 2.

Consider Reservation Request – Iglesia de Dios El Shaddai

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the request from Iglesia de Dios El Shaddai to reserve Menlo Pavilions 1 & 2 for two events on Saturday, July 27, 2024 and Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Personnel & Policy Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community Development Manager Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community Development Manager's report dated April 5, 2024. The Community Development Manager reported that the Shop Around the Corner will be opening in early May in the former Chimayo space, and the last indoor Farmers Market will be held on Saturday, April 27th, adding that the indoor market has been very successful. Ms. Reid then provided an update on the Perkasio Farmers Market and briefly spoke about the training that she and the Code Enforcement Administrator attended, adding that they are now both Building Code Officials.

Consider Special Event Permit Application – Eagles Autism Fundraiser Event – The RAM

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Eagles Autism Foundation event hosted by The RAM in downtown Perkasio on Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. This approval includes the requested road closures.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Community Relations Program Update

The Police Chief provided an update on the Community Relations Program that the Borough is participating in with Bedminster Township.

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Milford Township Events

Upon a motion by Wano, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the request from Milford Township for Perkasio Fire Police assistance at the Milford Township Fire Company annual carnival from June 18, 2024 to June 22, 2024 and the Milford Township annual AG-Daze event on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Logan Wilcox reported that the musical was held at the high school this past weekend and had more attendance than last year. The Skills USA state-wide competition for tech school students was recently held and there were 12 first-place winners, 10 second-place winners and 4 third-place winners from Penridge. Winter sports ended and the wrestling team finished fourth in the state, and the hockey team won the state AA championship.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Deborah Nagel from 605 Jefferson Drive approached Council and expressed her concerns about the speeding that is happening on the street.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary