

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 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 (absent)
Parks and Recreation Director:	Lauren Moll (absent)
Police Chief:	Robert Schurr
Electric Superintendent:	Harold Stone (absent)
Public Works Director:	Jeff Tulone (absent)
Borough Solicitor:	Brendan Callahan, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Doug Rossino, P.E.

Borough Council Vice-President Brooks convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. An invocation was given by Mayor Hollenbach, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & ACTION MONTH

Mayor Jeff Hollenbach read a Proclamation declaring National Suicide Prevention & Action Month in Perkasie Borough for the month of September.

PUBLIC HEARING – PARKING REGULATIONS, WEST BLOOMING GLEN DRIVE

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would amend the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Perkasie Borough Code of Ordinances related to parking regulations by adding no parking provisions on West Blooming Glen Drive. The ordinance was advertised appropriately and the Solicitor gave an overview of the ordinance.

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive remarked that no one from the West Blooming Glen Drive area was present at the meeting, and inquired as to whether they were contacted about the proposed changes to the ordinance. Councilman Weaver and the Borough Manager explained that two mailings with drawings of the proposed line striping were sent to the residents, welcoming

feedback from the residents either via e-mail, by stopping in at Borough Hall during business hours, by scheduling a meeting after hours, or attending the open house that the Borough held where residents could attend and ask questions. Four families came to the open house, and Councilman Weaver also met with another resident in their home. The response was positive and the residents were appreciative that their feedback was incorporated into the revised drawings.

Ms. Antczak expressed additional concerns about the proposed parking regulations, and the lack of a stop sign at 7th and West Blooming Glen Road. Ms. Coaxum explained that there are certain criteria that have to be met before a stop sign would be warranted, adding that the Borough follows PennDOT standards. Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jennifer Wright from 400 Three Mile Run Road approached Council with detailed concerns and information about Perkasio Regional Authority and the levels of PFAs in Well #5 located in East Rockhill Township. Council President Ryder thanked Ms. Wright for bringing this information to the Council's attention.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Ryder reminded everyone that busses are back on the roads and asked everyone to please be careful; he also referenced an article that he read recently about food insecurities, where 1 in every 5 school students in Bucks County has food insecurities, and asked that people consider donating, if they have the ability, to Pennridge FISH or Pennridge RAM Packs.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Director reported that the paving finished last week on West Blooming Glen Drive, as part of the 2024 Road Program.

Award of Bid #2024-09 – Commingled Recyclables

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Bomboy, Council unanimously awarded Bid #2024-09 for Commingled Recyclables to J.P. Mascaro & Sons in the amount of \$225.00 per month for dumpster rental, \$235.00 per trip for hauling and \$100.00 per ton for a disposal charge for 2025, with the initial contract period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

Award of Bid #2024-10 – Municipal Waste Disposal

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously awarded Bid #2024-10 for Municipal Waste Disposal to Waste Management, in the amount of \$98.90 per ton for 2025, with the contract to begin January 1, 2025.

Award of Bid #2024-11 – Yard Waste

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously awarded Bid #2024-11 for Yard Waste to Britton Industries in the amount of \$135.00 per month for dumpster rental, \$305.00 per

trip for hauling and \$54.95 per ton for disposal for 2025, with the one-year contract to begin January 1, 2025.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Councilman Weaver gave an update on the Borough's monthly call with GDS Associates.

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's July 2024 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report provided by GDS Associates.

Consider Landscaping Proposals for Screening of Generators

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously approved a motion to hire S.R. Vasey Landscaping LLC to plant 45 Green Giant Arborvitae trees at the Borough's generator site on Ridge Road, for the amount of \$13,500.

Consider Resolution #2024-51 – Nondisclosure Agreement with Ampyx Cyber

Upon a motion by Wano, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-51, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council approving the retention of Ampyx Cyber as it relates to the Advanced Cyber Security Technology Act 1 Prize Program and the approval of the Nondisclosure Agreement between Perkasie Borough and Ampyx Cyber.

Discuss Consultant Agreement for Cyber Security Services

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a motion to engage the consulting services of Greg Martin and authorized the Solicitor to prepare a Consultant Agreement between Perkasie Borough and Greg Martin for cybersecurity services, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance to Amend Chapter 180 of the Code of Ordinances – W. Blooming Glen Drive Parking Regulations

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasie, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 180 of the Perkasie Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to parking regulations on West Blooming Glen Drive.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Event Application – Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Freeze-Up 5K

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the event application from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Freeze-Up 5K on Sunday, December 8, 2024,

contingent upon PWC receiving the PennDOT approval letter to cross Constitution Avenue during the race.

Discuss Community Garden Appraisal

After some further discussion, it was the consensus of Council to start the process of negotiations with the property owners and to also research a conservation easement.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of Public Works Part-Time Permanent Laborer

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the hiring of Jason Leopold as a part-time permanent laborer at a rate of \$19.00 per hour, conditioned upon passing a pre-employment physical and drug screening and the necessary background checks.

Consider Appointment to Parks & Recreation Board

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously appointed Joe Koenig to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board, to a term ending December, 2025.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation

Council reviewed the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2025. No action was needed at this time.

Consider Authorization to Sell Police Department Motorcycle

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Police Chief to place the 2004 Harley Davidson police motorcycle on Municibid and to purchase two police electric mountain bikes with the proceeds from the sale.

Chief Schurr informed Council that one of the Department's former interns was recently hired for NCIS in California.

Consider Resolution #2024-52 – Updated Fee Schedule for 2024

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-52, the updated fee resolution for 2024.

Consider Fence Replacement Expenditure

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved an expenditure of \$2,575 for the installation of a privacy fence at 141 North Main Street.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consider Special Event Application & Fee Waiver – Pennridge Homecoming Parade

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the Pennridge High School Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, including the requested road closures, and waived any Borough fees associated with this event.

Consider Resolution #2024-53 – Agreement with Perkasio Town Improvement Association – SEPTA Freight Car Mural Project

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Brooks, Council approved Resolution #2024-53, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the Visit Bucks County Tourism Grant Agreement to create and install a mural on the freight car located at the SEPTA Freight Station in Perkasio Borough, and authorizing the Borough Manager and/or the Perkasio Borough Council President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio. Councilwoman Schilling abstained.

Award of RFP #2024-07 – SEPTA Freight Car Mural Project

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously awarded RFP #2024-07 to Promised Land Murals for the SEPTA Freight Car Mural Project.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Borough of Sellersville

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the request from the Borough of Sellersville for Fire Police assistance at the Sellersville Gallery of the Arts on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Consider Award of RFP #2024-08 – Engineering & Design Consultation Services for the Rehabilitation of the South Perkasio Borough Covered Timber Bridge

Councilman Bomboy provided a history of the South Perkasio Borough Covered Timber Bridge and an overview of the project thus far.

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously awarded RFP #2024-08 for the Engineering & Design Consultation Services for the Rehabilitation of the South Perkasio Covered Timber Bridge to Wood Research & Development in the amount of \$195,030.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Logan Wilcox reported that school opened on August 26th and this is the first year for block scheduling in the High School.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Laustsen read a statement about suicide awareness and action, and listed several ways that local businesses in the town center and other organizations are acknowledging National Suicide Prevention & Action Month in our community.

Council Vice-President Brooks remarked on the wonderful car show on August 17th and thanked the Assistant Borough Manager, the staff and all others involved with the Under the Stars Car Show for their efforts.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary