

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members:

Scott Bomboy  
Chuck Brooks (via telephone)  
Kelly Laustsen  
Steve Rose  
Jim Ryder  
Robin Schilling (absent)  
Jeremy Wano  
Dave Weaver  
Dave Worthington  
Logan Wilcox (absent)  
Jeff Hollenbach (absent)  
Andrea L. Coaxum  
Linda Reid  
Rebecca Deemer  
Lauren Moll (absent)  
Robert Schurr  
Harold Stone (absent)  
Jeff Tulone (absent)  
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.  
Tim Wallace, 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

**AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Greg Ede from Styer Associates presented the 2023 Audit.

**PENNRIDGE SENIOR CENTER PRESENTATION**

David Nyman from the Pennridge Senior Center made a presentation to Council, which included an overview of all of the services and programs available at Center. Mr. Nyman thanked everyone in the Pennridge communities who support the Center, adding that all operating funds for the Center are raised locally, with the exception of the Manager's salary, which is paid by state funds. Mr. Nyman informed the group that Representative Shelby Labs will be at the Senior Expo at the Center on October 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked Council for their time.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER DRAFT ORDINANCE – AMEND CHAPTER 180 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES – PARKING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ARCH STREET**

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would amend the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Perkasi Borough Code of Ordinances related to parking regulations by adding no parking restrictions on Arch Street on the South side, 30 feet East of the intersection of Arch Street and North Ninth Street. The ordinance was advertised appropriately and the Solicitor gave an overview of the ordinance. Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, the Public Hearing was closed.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing at this time.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Nothing at this time.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the Council meeting on July 15, 2024, and the Committee meetings on August 5, 2024 and September 3, 2024.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Mayor's Report

The Mayor was not present at the meeting.

### Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously accepted the reports of taxes collected for the months of July & August, 2024.

### Budget Status

Upon a motion by Wano, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the budget status reports for the months of July & August, 2024.

### Engineer's Report

The Engineer reported that the McDonald's Drive-Thru Upgrades Project is complete. Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly reports for the months of July & August, 2024.

### Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission did not meet in July or August.

### Zoning Hearing Board Report

Council reviewed ZHB decisions recently issued for 106 East Walnut Street and 607 West Park Avenue.

Police Report

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department reports for the months of July & August, 2024.

Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the months of July & August, 2024.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for the months of July & August, 2024.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE**

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's reports for July & August, 2024.

Consider Resolution #2024-54 – AMP Safety & Training Equipment Agreement

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-54, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the schedule to the Master Services Agreement for participation in safety and training programs offered by AMP and related documents, and authorizing the Borough Manager and/or the Perkasio Borough Council President to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Resolution #2024-55 – Non-Disclosure Agreement with AESI-US, Inc.

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-55, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council approving the retention of AESI-US, Inc. as it relates to the Advanced Cybersecurity Technology Act 1 Prize Program and the approval of the nondisclosure agreement between Perkasio Borough and AESI-US, Inc.

Consider Resolution #2024-56 – Consultant Agreement for Cyber Security Services

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2024-56, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council approving the contract with Greg Martin as it relates to the Advanced Cybersecurity Technology (ACT) 1 Prize Program.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE**

Code Enforcement Administrator Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Administrator’s monthly reports for July & August, 2024.

Consider Ordinance to Amend Chapter 180 of Code of Ordinances – Parking Regulations Pertaining to Arch Street

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously adopted an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 180 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to parking regulations on Arch Street.

Land Development Plan Presentation – Green Ridge Estates West

Representatives of the Green Ridge Estates West project provided an overview of the Land Development Plans and also reviewed the list of waivers that are being requested. It was the consensus of Council for the Solicitor to move forward with preparing a resolution that will approve the Land Development Plans for the project.

Discuss Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Update to Local Limits

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance to be considered at a public hearing at a future meeting that will update the Borough’s local limits.

Update on Construction Progress – Constitution Square

Council reviewed a schedule from Kay Builders for the remaining construction items at Constitution Square. The Borough Manager provided an additional update that was received that afternoon.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Parks and Recreation Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director’s report for the months of July & August, 2024.

Consider Event Application – Pennridge Crop Walk

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the event application for the Pennridge Crop Walk on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Consider Authorization to Proceed with Community Garden

It was the consensus of Council to get a second appraisal for the Community Garden parcel.

**PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – New Britain Township

The Borough Manager presented a request from New Britain Township Police Department that was received after the packet went out for fire police assistance at an event this Sunday, September 22, 2024 at the Shrine of Czestochowa, where former President Trump and Polish President Duda will be appearing. The Solicitor reviewed the request prior to the meeting and stated that, given the volume expected at the event, it was within the parameters of the Sunshine Law to add this to tonight’s agenda. The Police Chief also stated that the event warrants as much assistance as possible that can be provided. Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Bomboy, Council approved the request for Fire Police assistance at the event on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at the Shrine of Czestochowa.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Community Development Manager Report

The Assistant Borough Manager informed Council that Haasis was recently voted the 3<sup>rd</sup> best gluten-free bakery in the United States. Ms. Reid also informed Council that the Arch Street Deli is under new ownership; it is now called Stewart’s Arch Street Deli and has a new social media page. Ms. Reid encouraged everyone to continue to support the Deli.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community Development Manager’s report dated September 13, 2024.

Consider Adding Bi-Annual Memorial Day Parade & Service to Borough’s List of Special Events

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously voted to add the bi-annual Memorial Day Parade & Service to Perkasio Borough’s schedule of events for the Saturday before Memorial Day in 2025 and every other year moving forward.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

There was no business to bring before the Public Safety Committee.

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

There was no business to bring before the Historical Committee.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Ryder was saddened to share the news that Joe Ferry passed away earlier that day, adding that Joe was a kind man and will be greatly missed.

**REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR**

The Youth Councilor was not present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing at this time.

**PRESS FORUM**

Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary