

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Scott Bomboy Chuck Brooks (via phone) Randy Faulkner Kelly Laustsen Steve Rose Jim Ryder (via phone) Robin Schilling (absent) Dave Weaver Dave Worthington
Youth Councilors:	Shiv Gandevia Colin Moyer (absent)
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, Esquire
Borough Engineer:	Doug Rossino, P.E.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION – WP PERKASIE, LLC – NORTH 5TH STREET & BLOOMING GLEN DRIVE

The Perkasie Borough Solicitor gave an overview of the Conditional Use Application from WP Perkasie, LLC. The public hearing was advertised appropriately on January 23, 2025, and the Perkasie Planning Commission reviewed and approved the Application. The Applicant previously received land development approval from Council for two proposed retail/“eating place” buildings at North 5th Street and Blooming Glen Drive; building #1 is proposed to be occupied by Starbucks. The Starbucks is permitted by right in the C1 District as an E(3) eating place pursuant to Section 186-20.F(1) of the Perkasie Borough Zoning Ordinance. The Applicant is seeking conditional use approval of a proposed drive-through lane as an accessory use pursuant to Section 186-18.H(3) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Garton asked if anyone in attendance desired party status. Stephen Nathan, who lives at 813 Shadywood Drive, Apartment B207 and is the President of Shadywood Village, requested party status.

Representatives of WP Perkasio, LLC presented an aerial site plan of the project, and provided information on hours of operation, deliveries and trash pick-up. They also reported that a traffic impact assessment was done, adding that the drive-thru will not have an impact on neighbors, and there will be no modifications to the sidewalks or egress.

Collin Blaydon of 516 South 4th Street opposed the Application on the basis that it has a tendency to reduce the economic viability of the downtown.

Vicki Sellers of 505 East Callowhill Street, commented on the Starbucks in Quakertown and the current Dunkin' Donuts in Perkasio, adding that there are traffic issues and safety issues because of the busy intersection, pedestrian traffic from residents and people going to the shopping center, and for school students. Ms. Sellers also recommended opening up the Covered Bridge to two-way traffic.

Sofia Gonzalez-Ortiz of 316 Pin Oak Lane commented on the negative impact on the health, safety and general welfare of Perkasio, and the effects of large corporate entities which will have an adverse effect on local businesses.

Stephen Sinclair of 637 Shadywood Drive commented about the traffic situation and the concern for traffic flow and residential traffic, both for residents and for students, and the excessive speed.

Kelly Smola of 201 West Walnut Street drives her 2 high school students to school and shared her concerns about traffic, including vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and the fact that there is no way of making sure people are safe.

Jillian Byrne of 627 Highland Drive commented about the horrible traffic conditions that will arise from approving the Application.

Stephen Nathan commented about parking on both sides of Shadywood Drive, and the traffic.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:25 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Road Program for 2025

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the Road Program for 2025, as presented.

Discuss Change in Bulky Waste Program

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the proposed changes to the Borough’s bulky waste collection program and authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance reflecting these changes.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

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

Installed Capacity Update

Councilman Weaver reported that the latest Borough newsletter provided information on the electric rate increase. Councilman Bomboy stated that Governor Shapiro worked with PJM to apply a cap to the next power auction; the maximum increase that will be allowed is 20% higher than the last auction.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Conditional Use Application – WP Perkasie, LLC

Council tabled the consideration of the Conditional Use Application. Instead, upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously voted to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a resolution with the conditions discussed during the public hearing, to be considered at the next meeting.

Update on Construction Progress – Constitution Square

The Engineer reported that no additional work has been done since the last Council meeting, due to the weather. Work will resume by the end of February.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Worthington congratulated the Parks & Recreation Director on receiving another grant for the Kulp Park Rehabilitation Project.

Consider Park Event Application – Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy Meltdown 5K

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Park Event Application from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (PWC) for their Meltdown 5K on Sunday, March 9, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, contingent upon the PWC receiving the necessary permits from PennDOT to cross over Constitution Avenue.

Consider Reservation Request & Rental Fee Waiver – Guth Elementary

Upon a motion from Laustsen, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the reservation request for Guth Elementary School to use Menlo Pavilions 1 & 2 on June 2, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 1:10 pm for their 4th grade field trip, with a rain date of June 3, 2025. The motion also

includes the waiver of the pavilion rental fee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of Permanent Public Works Employee

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the hiring of Azairah Padgett as a Part-Time Permanent Laborer at the rate of \$19.57 per hour, conditioned upon passing a pre-employment physical and drug screening, and the necessary background checks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-6 – LSA Grant Contract for PD Cameras

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-6, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving Local Share Account Grant contract No. C000091680 between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Financing Authority and Perkasio Borough for the acquisition of cameras for the Perkasio Borough Police Department in the amount of \$107,415.00 and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Resolution #2025-7 – LSA Grant Contract for Kulp Park Baseball Field

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-7, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving Local Share Account Grant contract No. C000091682 between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Financing Authority and Perkasio Borough for the Kulp Park Baseball Field in the amount of \$652,886.00 and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Resolution #2025-8 – Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchase

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-8, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing between Houston-Galveston Area Council (“HGAC”) and Perkasio Borough with respect to a Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Resolution #2025-10 – K-9 Agreement of Sale

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-10, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council approving the Agreement between the Borough and Thomas Brun as it relates to the sale of the K-9 dog, Revo, and authorizing the Borough Manager and the Borough Council President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Resolution #2025-11 – Update to Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2025

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution

#2025-11, a resolution of Perkasio Borough Council that updates the Consolidated Fee Schedule for 2025.

Consider Public Works Expenditure for Refuse Truck Repair

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved an expenditure of \$34,000.00 from the 2025 Refuse Budget Line Item 05.427.250 to cover the repair costs to Truck #11 and Truck #16.

Consider Authorization to Sell Electric Department Vehicle

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the sale of the Electric Department’s 2010 Ford Ff450 Dump Truck for the trade-in price of \$16,000.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-12 – New Media Policy for Police Department

The Police Chief gave Council an overview of the new media policy being considered for approval, stating that the policy is required by the State Police since the Police Department accesses their database.

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-12, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the Perkasio Borough Police Department Media Protection Policy – General Orders 5.3.8, and authorizing the Borough Police Chief to execute the policy on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Shiv Gandevia was welcomed as one of the new Youth Councilors.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Vicky Sellers from 505 East Callowhill Street asked Council if they can look into opening the Covered Bridge to two-way traffic. Councilman Bomboy stated that Bucks County owns the Moods Covered Bridge, and East Rockhill Township owns the road, so Bucks County and East Rockhill Township would have to approve that change.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary