# MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING MARCH 3, 2025

620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie, Pennsylvania

**ATTENDANCE:** 

Council Member: Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks Randy Faulkner

Kelly Laustsen (absent)

Steve Rose Jim Ryder

Robin Schilling (absent)

Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington

Youth Councilors: Shiv Gandevia

Colin Moyer

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
Public Works Director: Jeff Tulone

Borough Solicitor: Jeff Garton, Esquire

Borough Engineer: Doug Rossino, P.E. (absent)

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

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing at this time.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Council President Ryder commented on the Fire Company banquet, and the sense of family and commitment with the Fire Company, adding that we really need to keep the organization going and be as involved as we can, since the Fire Company does a lot of great work for this area.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

The Public Works Superintendent reported that the crew is taking down blown-over trees in the parks, and patching potholes in the streets. He added that the Department has purchased the most salt this year, compared to prior years.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE**

# Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

Councilman Weaver reported that Perkasie's January 2025 Wholesale Power Cost Summary report came in later than usual, so he and the staff are still reviewing it and will speak with GDS to discuss the costs shown in the report that are higher than what was budgeted.

## Installed Capacity Update

Councilman Weaver informed Council that the next installed capacity auction will be the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

# Update on Construction Progress - Constitution Square

The Borough Manager reported that work will resume in March at Constitution Square.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Parks & Recreation Committee.

#### PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Vice-President Brooks stated that this afternoon, the first AFSCME contract negotiations meeting was held, adding that it was an excellent meeting and thanking those who attended. Mr. Brooks informed Council that there are two more negotiations meetings scheduled for April, and that the current AFSCME contract expires on December 31, 2025, so the goal is to have the contract wrapped up by the end of this summer.

## Consider Resolution #2025-14 – Records Disposition for 2025

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-15, which authorizes the staff to dispose of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Act.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Consider Resolution #2025-15 - Escrow Release - Order of Owls Grading Project

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-15, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing the return of the grading permit escrow in the amount of \$792.37 for the Order of Owls Nest pole barn project located at 602 Elm Avenue and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the grading permit escrow release and close out of the account.

Consider Resolution #2025-16 - Escrow Release - 431 Juliana Way Grading Project

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-16, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing the return of the grading permit escrow in the amount of \$265.52 for the Davis pool project located at 431 Juliana Way and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the grading permit escrow release and close out of the account.

# <u>Consider Resolution #2025-17 – Escrow Release & Release of 18-Month Maintenance Bond – Hidden</u> <u>Meadow Subdivision</u>

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-17, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council authorizing the release of the financial security for Phases I and II, the remainder of money left in the professional services escrow, and release of the 18-month maintenance bond for the Hidden Meadow Subdivision Project (Kratz tract).

# Consider Resolution #2025-18 – Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant Agreement for Kulp Park Baseball Field Project

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-18, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasie approving the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Agreement and authorizing the Borough Manager and/or the Perkasie Borough Council President to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough of Perkasie.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

# Consider Special Event Permit Application – Pennridge Little League Opening Day Parade

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Special Event Permit Application for the Pennridge Little League Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The motion also includes the approval of the requested road closures.

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Police Chief spoke about the recent Chief for the Day event with students from Guth Elementary and thanked Chris Doheny for organizing the event. He also thanked Mayor Hollenbach for participating, adding that it was a great event that had a positive impact on a lot of students, and they plan to continue to have it every year. He thanked Council for their support and added that it was a great representation of the Borough and the Police Department.

#### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to come before the Historical Committee.

## REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Colin Moyer reported that the School Board decided to implement full-day kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. There will be a lottery system for Year 1, and then it will be available to all students moving forward.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

# **PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing at this time.

# PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum Borough Manager/Secretary