

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2025**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members:

Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks
Kelly Laustsen
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder (absent)
Robin Schilling
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 (absent)

Parks and Recreation Director:

Lauren Moll

Police Chief:

Robert Schurr

Electric Superintendent:

Harold Stone

Public Works Director:

Jeff Tulone

Borough Solicitor:

Jeffrey Garton, Esq.

Borough Engineer:

Douglas Rossino, P.E.

Council Vice-President Chuck 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 PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Hollenbach read a proclamation declaring the week of May 18th as National Public Works Week in the Borough. He thanked the Public Works Superintendent and the Department for all of the work they do, and thanked the Assistant Borough Manager for coordinating the fun event at Guth Elementary today, where the Public Works team took trucks over and were recognized by the students. The Public Works Superintendent thanked the Mayor and thanked the guys in his Department for all of their hard work.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER DRAFT ORDINANCE 1065 TO AMEND CODE BOOK – CHAPTER 70: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 132: PLUMBING & CHAPTER 133: MECHANICAL CODE

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would amend Chapter 70, Building Construction, Chapter 132, Plumbing, and Chapter 133, Mechanical Code, by deleting said sections from the Perkasie Borough Code of Ordinances. The ordinance was advertised appropriately, and there were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Bomboy, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER DRAFT ORDINANCE 1066 TO ESTABLISH NEW SPEED LIMITS – 7TH & 9TH STREETS

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would establish maximum speed limits for the entire length of Ninth Street and Seventh Street in Perkasi Borough at 25 miles per hour. The ordinance was advertised appropriately.

Tanya Bahn from 1010 North 7th Street stated that she would like Council to approve the speed limit change and that the change would be really good for the neighborhood. She added that she has called the police a couple of times on the non-emergency line because of speeding.

Mary Antczak from 718 Shadywood Drive approached Council about the volume of cars along 7th Street, and being inundated with student parking in their neighborhood, adding that she hasn't heard anything from Council about something being done to address that. Vice-President Brooks stated that Council is currently reviewing the ordinance pertaining to 7th and 9th Streets, and asked that if Ms. Antczak has other issues she would like to discuss, to please come back up during public forum. Ms. Antczak stated that she is filing a complaint right now that she disagrees with the speed limit change, and went back to her seat.

Denise Monaco from 511 South 9th Street stated that she supports the speed limit change since there are a lot of kids on the block, and also suggested a speed bump.

John Reavy from 701 South 9th Street stated that he doesn't feel strongly one way or the other, but asked how the speed limit will be enforced if it's changed, and if there will really be a difference in speeding. He stated that he doesn't know how lowering the speed limit will help with the speeding unless it's going to be enforced, and added that in the 22 years he has lived there, he's only seen 2 cars pulled over during that time. Mr. Brooks stated they have reviewed this with the Police Chief and he is looking into this in terms of enforcement, as well.

Suzanne Bower from 413 South 9th Street stated that she is greatly in favor of the change, adding that she sincerely hopes Chief Schurr can enforce it because it is dangerous and scary for people who have driveways that front onto 9th Street.

Paul Saylor from 428 South 9th Street wholly concurs with the proposed speed limit change.

Gil Bishop from 601 South 9th Street expressed concerns about the speeding and the kids doubling up on scooters and bikes; he supports the speed limit change, adding that there has to be a way we can slow them down.

Vanessa Derby from 1109 North 7th Street stated that she has been talking to the Police Department for the last 2 years and is on board with the proposed change.

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Faulkner, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:22 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the Council meeting on April 21, 2025 and minutes from the Committee meeting on May 5, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach announced that Community Day will be early this year, on Saturday, June 28th, and he encouraged Council and the different departments to participate in the cornhole tournament. He also reminded everyone that tomorrow is the Primary Election and encouraged people to let their voices be heard. Lastly, Mayor Hollenbach announced that this Saturday is the Memorial Day Parade and Service, and the Assistant Borough Manager came up to provide an overview of the event.

Taxes Collected

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the Taxes Collected Report for April, 2025.

Budget Status

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the Budget Status report for the month of April, 2025.

Engineer's Report

The Borough Engineer reported that the storm sewer piping project that was part of the 2024 Road Program is now complete. The 2025 Concrete and Road Programs are out to bid; the bid opening will be held next week, and Gilmore should have recommendations for Council at the June 2nd meeting. The Phase 1 assessment of the Community Garden is complete, as is the acquisition of the Garden.

Councilman Worthington commented that everything worked great at Fifth Street & Race Street during all of the recent rain. Councilman Rose asked if there was a Park Avenue update, and the Borough Manager provided one.

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the Engineer's monthly report for the month of April, 2025.

Planning Commission Report

The Planning Commission met in April to discuss roadside stands and the keeping of fowl, and will continue that discussion at their May meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet in May to review an application from WP Perkasio who is requesting a variance pertaining to the drive-thru at the proposed Starbucks at Fifth Street and Blooming Glen Road.

Police Report

The Police Chief reported that the Department received 500 calls for service in April – 300 in Perkasio and 200 in Sellersville. Chris Doheny has volunteered to process defendants and has done a great job for the Department.

Chief Schurr informed Council that the Department has been effectively using ENRADD, which automatically times vehicle speeds, and that they are sharing this device with Bedminster Township. He added that Pennsylvania is currently the only state that is not permitted to use radar.

Mayor Hollenbach stated that he appreciates the proactiveness of the Department, adding that it is frustrating that the Borough can't use radar.

Councilwoman Laustsen stated that she loves seeing the officers at Guth Elementary, and added that maybe there could be a police presence along 7th Street where the students park.

Councilman Faulkner asked if the Department will use the digital sign to advise of the speed limit change, and Chief Schurr informed Council that the Department cannot issue violations for the first 30 days after the change is made.

The Borough Manager informed Council that a letter was mailed to all residents of 7th and 9th Streets to advise them of the public hearing and proposed changes.

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for the month of April, 2025.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reminded everyone that the Fire Company Carnival will be from June 24th through June 28th. Chief Trotter reported that there have been 177 calls for the year so far, and also informed Council that the Fire Company is doing joint training with Sellersville Fire Company on Thursdays.

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the month of April, 2025.

Perkasie Regional Authority Report

Council reviewed the minutes from the Perkasie Regional Authority meeting on April 14, 2025.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

Council reviewed the minutes from the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Board meeting on March 24, 2025.

New Business

Council Vice-President Brooks announced that the Council meeting schedule for the months of July and August will be as follows: July 21st and August 4th.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Public Works Superintendent reported that line striping will be done on Ninth Street from the

Borough line to Race Street on Thursday, weather permitting; the Borough hopes to get line striping done on Seventh Street before school starts in the Fall. Mr. Tulone commented on the wonderful event at Guth Elementary, adding that he and the Public Works Department really appreciated it. The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for the month of April, 2025.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for April, 2025.

Consider Resolution #2025-32 – Power Purchase Contract

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a motion to approve Resolution #2025-32, a resolution regarding entering into a power supply contract consistent with the Power Supply Master Plan and authorizing the Borough Manager to obtain final pricing through the Borough's power supply consultants, GDS Associates, for the purchase of those products as indicated below:

a) Fixed Load Shape Monthly Blocks for CY 2026-2028 at PPL Zone or Perkasio Residual Aggregate if the final pricing does not exceed 3.0% more than the lowest indicative price of \$51.40/MWh *unless the two-year pricing is lower*, OR if the pricing exceeds 3%, then for the purchase of

b) Fixed Load Shape Monthly Blocks for CY 2026-2027 at PPL Zone or Perkasio Residual Aggregate if the final pricing does not exceed 5% more than the lowest indicative price of \$52.15/MWh, and

c) For either product term, CY 2026-2028 or CY 2026-2027, whichever is applicable based on the above criteria, the basis shall be calculated by subtracting the final pricing at PPL Zone from the final pricing at Perkasio Residual Aggregate, and if the basis is less than or equal to \$0.65/MWh, the product will be purchased at Perkasio Residual Aggregate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we grant authority to the Borough Manager to commit to the purchase of such a supply contract as listed in this resolution for CY 2026-2028, provided that the final pricing does not exceed 3% more than the lowest indicative offer of \$51.40/MWh, or if the pricing exceeds 3% for CY 2026-2028, then for CY 2026-2027, provided the final pricing does not exceed 5% more than the lowest indicative offer of \$52.15/MWh.

Installed Capacity Update

Nothing at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Administrator Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Administrator's monthly report for April, 2025.

Consider Ordinance 1065 to Amend Code Book – Chapter 70: Building Construction, Chapter 132: Plumbing & Chapter 133: Mechanical Code

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance #1065, an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasie, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 70: Building Construction, Chapter 132: Plumbing and Chapter 133: Mechanical Code by deleting said sections all which said amendments are to the Perkasie Borough Code of Ordinances.

Consider Ordinance 1066 to Establish New Speed Limits on 9th & 7th Streets

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance #1066, an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasie, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, establishing a speed limit of 25 mph for motor vehicles on the entire length of both 7th and 9th Streets located in Perkasie Borough.

Update on Construction Progress – Constitution Square

There was no new update at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Department Report

The Parks & Recreation Director reported that there will be an open house at Menlo Aquatics Center on Saturday, May 24th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Memorial Day Parade takes place that day and ends at Menlo Park, and Rita's will be open at the pool.

Ms. Moll also informed Council that there are currently 903 memberships to the pool, which is 30 more than there were at this time last year. 150 kids have signed up for various summer camps.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for April, 2025.

Consider Reservation Request – Guth Elementary Fall Fest

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the reservation request from Guth Elementary to use Menlo Pavilions 1 & 2 for their annual Fall Festival on Friday, September 26, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Consider Reservation Request & Request for Fee Waiver – Perkasie Lions Club Chicken BBQ

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the Perkasie Lions Club annual Chicken BBQ event on Sunday, September 7, 2025 from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm at Menlo Pavilions 1 & 2. The motion also included the approval of setup at the pavilion on Saturday, September 6, 2025, and included the waiver of any rental fees for this event.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of Seasonal Staff – Menlo Aquatics Center

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously authorized the hiring of returning or new staff members at Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2025 season, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, background clearances and certification courses, at the hourly rates listed in the updated 2025 fee schedule.

Consider Termination of Employee #401029

Council adjourned the meeting for approximately 5 minutes to discuss a matter of personnel.

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Worthington, Council concurred with the Borough Manager's decision to terminate the employment of Employee #401029 effective end of business day Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

Consider Resolution #2025-29 – Green Ridge Estates East – Escrow Release #5

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Weaver, Council approved Resolution #2025-29, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Green Ridge Estates – East project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$25,898.85 to reduce the total escrow to \$151,493.92 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction. Councilman Faulkner abstained.

Consider Resolution #2025-30 – Comcast Franchise Agreement

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-30, a resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving and authorizing the execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Perkasio and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC.

Consider Resolution #2025-31 – Upgrade of Comcast Internet Services

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously tabled this item until additional clarification could be provided by the Finance Director.

Consider Donation Request – Perkasio Fire Company Carnival

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved a donation of six daily passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2025 season to the Perkasio Fire Company for the raffle fundraiser at this year's carnival.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community & Economic Development Report

The Committee reviewed the Community & Economic Development Report dated May 15, 2025.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Discuss South Main Street Parking Complaint

Councilman Faulkner reviewed some of the items discussed at the May 5th Public Safety Committee meeting, which included complaints from residents whose driveways are being blocked by

vehicles belonging to patrons of The Perk. He added that it was the consensus of the Committee to hold off on painting curbs yellow to delineate where people can and can't park, and that the next Committee meeting will be on June 2nd to review information from the Police Chief and Engineer.

Councilman Bomboy thanked resident Paige Christiansen for bringing this issue to Council's attention, stating that it is a complicated issue because it's a state-owned road. Mr. Bomboy further stated that he thinks the Borough should paint the curbs, adding that something needs to be done.

Councilwoman Laustsen stated that she is also in favor of painting the curbs, adding that it would definitely help the situation.

Councilman Faulkner stated that perhaps Ms. Christiansen could reach out to neighbors to get their opinions about the yellow curbs, and suggested that she come to the next Public Safety Committee meeting. He added that the problem does seem to be worse, and the Committee is going to do something, but has to determine what can be done, since it's a state-owned road.

Paige Christiansen from 118 South Main Street informed Council that the situation has gotten worse with driveways being blocked along South Main Street, and provided a few examples of instances where this has been affecting her personally.

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Milford Township

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved the request for Fire Police assistance at the Milford Township AG-Daze event on Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Consider Perkasio Covered Bridge Project Change of Scope #2

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Covered Bridge Project Change of Scope Request #2 and authorized the Borough Manager to submit the request to FEMA and PEMA.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia reported that a lot of students have been arriving five minutes late because of the construction on Fifth Street, but they are trying their best to get there on time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Matt Lynch from 503 Race Street approached Council and asked if the Borough is appealing to FEMA regarding the amount of money they've given us, and asked if this will set the project back, and Councilman Bomboy confirmed that it will not. The Borough Manager also provided an update on the project.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary