

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2025**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Scott Bomboy
Chuck Brooks (absent)
Randy Faulkner
Kelly Laustsen
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Robin Schilling
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington (absent)

Youth Councilors:

Shiv Gandevia (absent)
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

Public Works Director:

Jeff Tulone

Borough Solicitor:

Jeff Garton, Esquire

Borough Engineer:

Doug Rossino, P.E.

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

RECOGNITION OF PENNRIDGE 12U LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Mayor Hollenbach recognized the Pennridge 12U Little League Team for finishing in the top four teams in Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Ryder reminded everyone that there will not be a second Council meeting in the month of August. He added that National Night Out is tomorrow night, the Car Show is coming up on August 16th, the summer concerts are going well, and the Farmers Market is going strong.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Director updated Council on the latest from PennDOT regarding Fifth Street, stating that it will be tar and chipped next year. He added that there will be a meet and greet in August with the new District 6 PennDOT contact, where he hopes to find out more information.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's June 2025 Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report provided by GDS Associates. Councilman Weaver provided an update on the call that he and the staff had today with GDS.

The Electric Department Superintendent reported on the brief power outage that occurred this morning, which was the result of an issue with a PPL transmission line that goes into the Borough's substation. Councilman Weaver thanked the Department for all that they did to restore power so quickly.

Discuss Review of AMP Tallgrass Project

Councilman Weaver reported on GDS' recommendation for the Borough not to move forward with AMP's Tallgrass project.

Installed Capacity Update

Councilman Weaver reported that the results of the auction were 22% greater than last year's auction. AMP is currently evaluating cost information and more details will be forthcoming.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-37 – WP Perkasie, LLC – Starbucks Drive-Thru – Preliminary As Final Land Development Plan

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-37, a resolution of the Borough Council in and for the Borough of Perkasie, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the WP Perkasie, LLC Preliminary As Final Land Development Plan.

Consider Resolution #2025-38 – Stormwater Agreement for Green Ridge Estates West

Upon a motion by Rose, seconded by Weaver, Council approved Resolution #2025-38, a resolution of the Borough Council in and for the Borough of Perkasie, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the Stormwater Best Management Practices, Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the Green Ridge Estates West project. Councilman Faulkner abstained.

Update on Construction Progress – Constitution Square

The Engineer reported that the final wearing course was put on all driveways and interior roadways, and the necessary concrete repairs were made prior to the laying of that wearing course. He also provided an update on the remaining tasks that still need to be completed.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of First Class Lineman

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously concurred with the Borough Manager's decision to hire Ryan Thomas for the position of First Class Lineman at an hourly rate of \$53.76, with a start date of August 25, 2025, conditioned upon him passing a pre-employment drug screening and physical, and the necessary background checks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-39 – Constitution Square Escrow Release #6

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-39, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the Constitution Square project as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$90,285.31 to reduce the total escrow to \$328,723.44 and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction, conditioned upon the developer replenishing the escrow account in the amount of \$5,284.68.

Consider Resolution #2025-40 – 1017 N. Ridge Road – Final As-Built Escrow Release

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-40, a resolution of the Perkasio Borough Council authorizing a release of the escrow for the Nyce Minor Subdivision as approved by Gilmore & Associates, Inc., for the as-built temporary certificate of occupancy in the amount of \$8,030.00 and the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy, and authorizing the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Laustsen reminded everyone about the Block pARTy event to celebrate the new SEPTA freight car mural on Tuesday, August 26th, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm where people will be able to meet the mural artist, and there will be face painting and other fun activities. Ms. Laustsen also informed Council that the Steering Committee will have their next meeting in mid-September to continue working on the update of the Borough's Economic Development Plan, and added that the Committee is also currently working through the detailed aspects of the Main Streets Program to see if Perkasio Borough would be eligible.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Councilman Faulkner reminded everyone that National Night Out is tomorrow night from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and he will work on coordinating a Public Safety Committee meeting to continue discussions on parking issues on Main Street.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Consider Award of Bid #2025-05 – South Perkasio Covered Bridge – Timber Superstructure

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a motion to award the base bid for the South Perkasio Covered Bridge – Timber Superstructure Project to the qualified lowest bidder, Eastern Highway Specialists, Inc., in the amount of \$1,412,500.00, if PEMA/FEMA guarantee the release of the funds to cover the cost of the project, and a required extension is given.

Consider Award of Bid #2025-06 – South Perkasio Covered Bridge – Abutments

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a motion to award the base bid for the South Perkasio Covered Bridge – Abutments Project, to the lowest bidder, T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$336,938.00, if PEMA/FEMA guarantee the release of the funds to cover the cost of the project, and a required extension is given.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

The Youth Councilors were not in attendance.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary