MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member: Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks
Randy Faulkner
Kelly Laustsen
Steve Rose
Jim Ryder
Robin Schilling
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 (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.

PRESENTATION OF LIFE-SAVING COMMENDATIONS

Chief Schurr, Mayor Hollenbach and Council President Ryder presented commendations to Perkasie Police Officers Compas and Richardson, Fire Company personnel including Chief Trotter, Battalion Chief Bogen, Lieutenant Grossbach and Firefighter Boveri, and Grandview EMT Sandy Swartley and Paramedic Hank Lawrence for the life-saving measures they provided on an emergency call that occurred on May 21, 2025.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Nothing at this time.

PRESENTATION BY RE:VIVALS: POTENTIAL LSA GRANT APPLICATION

Jason Black & Laurie Hepler from Re:Vivals spoke to Council about the application for an LSA grant for approximately \$175,000 that they would like to submit to DCED to purchase a food truck, which would enable them to provide free meals to the community at popup and community events, respond to crisis or natural disaster events, provide mobile food rescue opportunities and provide fundraising opportunities to support existing programs. Since grant requirements do not permit them to submit the application themselves, they are asking the Borough to serve as the pass-through agency and submit it for them. They've completed all of the work on the application thus far, and just need the Borough to submit it.

The Borough Solicitor explained that the Borough can enter into an Indemnification Agreement with Re:Vivals so that the Borough will not be held responsible for any costs associated with the grant.

Councilwoman Schilling asked if meal delivery will be provided to house-bound folks, and also asked where the funds go that are raised through Re:Vivals programs. Mr. Black explained that Re:Vivals does in fact deliver to people who are house-bound, and explained that only a handful of their efforts will be for fundraising. He then provided an overview of all of the free services that they currently provide.

Council Vice-President Brooks thanked the Re:Vivals representatives for what the organization does for the community, and asked Council for a simple head nod if they were in favor of assisting Re:Vivals with submitting their grant application. It was the consensus of Council that they are in favor of submitting the application for Re:Vivals once they complete it, after an Indemnification Agreement has been prepared by the Solicitor, then reviewed and approved by Council.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously approved a motion to amend the agenda under the Public Safety Committee to include the review of a possible flood mitigation solution for a site identified in the Borough as a Phase 1 (top 20) priority location in the Perkiomen Flood Study.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Submission of TASA Pre-Application - Park Avenue Improvements Project

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the staff to submit a TASA pre-application for the Park Avenue Improvements Project.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Summary

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's July 2025 Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report provided by GDS Associates. Councilman Weaver commented on the report and gave an update on the monthly GDS call that he and the staff had with them today, adding that the Finance Director is reviewing cost information that GDS provided to the Borough for running the generators.

Installed Capacity Update

Councilman Weaver informed Council that two newsletters from Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association and NextEra Energy Resources were included in the packet with some good information.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

<u>Authorization to Accept & Record Easement Documents – Pleasant Spring Creek Streambank</u> Stabilization Project

Upon a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved a motion to accept the easements and authorize the Solicitor to record the easement documents for the Pleasant Spring Creek Streambank Stabilization Project.

Update on Construction Progress - Constitution Square

Council reviewed a written update from the Engineer on the punch list items currently being worked on by the developer, and a verbal update was also provided by the Engineer.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Committee.

Councilman Worthington thanked the Parks & Recreation Director, the Assistant Borough Manager and the Public Works Director for all of their work on the Summer Concert Series, adding that last week's concert had the largest crowd the Borough has ever had at a summer concert. He also thanked everyone for their work on the SEPTA freight car mural dedication.

Councilman Faulkner commented on how impressive it is that Menlo Pool runs as well as it does, and also complimented the organization of the Car Show.

Council Vice-President Brooks reminded Council of the upcoming Fall Fest on Sunday, October 5th and thanked everyone involved for all of their efforts with getting ready for the event.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Hiring of Two Crossing Guards

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Schilling, Council unanimously approved a motion to concur with the Borough Manager's decision to hire Michael Brozyno and William Marano to fill the two permanent part-time crossing guard positions at a starting hourly rate of \$18.13.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2025-41 – Application for Grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency – Civilian Community Relations Program

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

#2025-41, a resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasie, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the application for a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency.

<u>Consider Resolution #2025-42 – Consider Expenditure from Police Department Live Scan Funds – Records Management System (RMS)</u>

Upon a motion by Ryder, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2025-42, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasie approving the contract between the Borough of Perkasie and Cody Systems for the licensed software and/or professional services for the Perkasie Borough Police Department, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Perkasie.

Consider Expenditure for Substation Security Upgrades

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the Electric Department to proceed with purchasing enhanced perimeter fencing and access gates from Steve's Fence and Railing in the amount of \$4,140.00 and security cameras and monitoring equipment from Hunsberger Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$11,750.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consider Block Party Permit Application & Fee Waiver Request - Maize

Upon a motion by Schilling, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously approved the block party permit application from Maize/MLM Hospitality LLC for an AFSP Eagles Tailgate Fundraiser on Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 1:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Municipal Parking Lot on Penn Alley at Walnut Street, and the short section of Penn Alley by the Municipal Lot. The motion included the waiver of the \$100.00 application fee.

SEPTA Freight House Update

Council reviewed a memo prepared by the Assistant Borough Manager that included possible future actions for the Borough regarding the SEPTA Freight House, and Councilwoman Laustsen gave an overview of those options: a short-term lease/right of entry permit, a long-term lease, a third-party lease, or no lease. Councilman Bomboy asked how short a short-term lease would be, and the length of a long-term lease. The Borough Manager explained that a short-term lease is 5 years and a long-term lease would range from 20 to 30 years.

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Brooks, Council unanimously authorized the Borough Manager to seek a short-term lease with SEPTA that could be converted into a long-term lease, for consideration at a future Council meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Pennridge Music Association

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the request for Fire Police assistance from Pennridge Music Association for the Spectrum of Sound Band

Competition at Pennridge High School on October 11, 2025.

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance at Pennridge HS Home Football Games

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the request for Perkasie Fire Police to handle traffic control at all Pennridge home football games during the 2025 season.

Mayor Hollenbach informed everyone that this Friday night will be the 1,000th football game for the Rams.

Consider Retroactive Request for Fire Police Assistance

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously and retroactively approved the request for Fire Police Assistance from Bristol Township for the Line of Duty funeral for fallen Fire Police Officer Edward Margavich on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Discuss Traffic Complaints

Upon a motion by Brooks, seconded by Ryder, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance that would incorporate changes to mitigate the traffic issues at the intersection of South 9^{th} & Pine Streets, and at the intersection of Third & Market Streets.

Discuss Perkiomen Flood Study

The Borough Manager informed Council that an e-mail was received late today requesting feedback from the Borough regarding a possible flood mitigation solution for a site identified in the Borough as a Phase 1 (top 20) priority location in the Perkiomen Flood Study. Comments are requested from the Borough by September 8th.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

South Perkasie Covered Bridge Project Update

Councilman Bomboy provided an update on the Covered Bridge project.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILORS

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia informed Council that everyone is adjusting to the new online ID system. Council Vice-President Brooks recognized Colin and Shiv for their appearance in this month's Borough News magazine.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary