

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026**

620 West Chestnut Street
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Lilli Benner Jaclyn Cornelius Collin Garr (Absent) Joe Green Emma Hawkins (Absent) Kelly Laustsen Robin Schilling Dave Weaver Dave Worthington
Youth Councilor:	Shiv Gandevia
Mayor:	Jeff Hollenbach
Borough Manager:	Andrea L. Coaxum
Assistant Borough Manager:	Linda Reid (Absent)
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, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Tim Wallace, P.E.

Council President Robin Schilling convened the meeting at 7:01 PM. An invocation was given by Pastor Nick Campagna from Living Hope in Dublin, who also serves as the Fire Company Chaplain. The invocation was then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER ORDINANCE #1069 – AMEND FEE STRUCTURE FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would amend the fee structure for parking violations. The Solicitor provided an overview of the ordinance, which was advertised appropriately, and there were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Jenna Hall from 508 Amherst Circle approached Council about the bulk trash program and asked if once a month is an appropriate use of that; she keeps seeing a lot of comments on Facebook groups, and wanted to bring it to attention that some people don't feel like the program is working very well, and are hoping that maybe there is an alternative to that. Ms. Hall asked if there could be a tiered structure added to each week, and added that she appreciates everything the Borough does, but stated that it's hard to think about paying for a second item. She stated that she would love to know the process if there's something that people could do to change the program.

Council Member Weaver explained that the Borough made the change to the bulk waste program

last year in response to abuse of the program, which led to additional tonnage, more cost to dispose of the items and more time for the crews to collect them. Mr. Weaver stated that he has noticed a positive response as far as the tonnage, and the time spent by the crews on picking up bulk items, but this is something that can definitely be discussed with the Public Works Committee.

Council Member Worthington stated that residents have their first bulk item picked up for free, and pay \$20.00 per additional item, for as many items as they want. He also referenced local recycling companies and bulk contractors that the residents could reach out to for disposal of bulk items.

Council Member Cornelius stated that she is aware that this is the time of year for spring cleaning, and perhaps the Borough could do a little more pick-up at certain times of the year.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Schilling remarked on the recent fire on Walnut Street and thanked the Fire Company and Police Department for their fast response. Ms. Schilling also commented on the recent opening of Grow Perkasio, the grand opening of the Ram rooftop and the upcoming ribbon cutting & grand opening of the Re:Vivals thrift shop at 520 W. Callowhill Street. Ms. Schilling then informed Council that Council Member Cornelius has agreed to attend the Municipalities Meeting on March 26th as the representative for Perkasio Borough Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the minutes from the Council meeting on February 17, 2026 and the minutes from the Committee meeting on March 3, 2026.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hollenbach remarked on the Chief for a Day event that was held last Wednesday morning, commenting on how great an event it was. He also congratulated Grow Perkasio on their recent opening.

The Mayor then deferred to Council Member Laustsen, who distributed a flyer to Council for an Easter Basket Donation Event that is being sponsored by Bloom and will benefit Pennridge FISH.

The Mayor also mentioned the upcoming groundbreaking of the Re:Vivals thrift shop and provided a brief history of the location of the Glassworks building.

Assistant Borough Manager's Report

The Borough Manager informed Council that she and the Assistant Borough Manager attended a recent CCATO event on data centers, adding that it was a really good learning opportunity.

Council President Schilling remarked on the great presentation on the Economic Development Plan update at the Public Meeting on March 11th.

Council reviewed the Assistant Borough Manager's report dated March 4, 2026.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer provided updates on the 306 N. 5th Street project, the Green Ridge Estates West project, the 2025 Road Program, the Lenape Park Amphitheater Accessibility Project and the Behind-the-Meter Solar Project.

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved the Borough Engineer's monthly report.

New Business

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Public Works Superintendent reported that a lot of snow was moved during the month of February. Mr. Tulone also informed Council that the trash fees have gone up \$25.83 from 2020 to 2026 and provided an update on the Borough's two open salt orders.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Superintendent's report for the month of February, 2026.

Perkasie Regional Authority Report

Council reviewed the minutes from the Perkasie Regional Authority meeting on February 9, 2026.

Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Report

Council Member Weaver provided an update from the most recent PWTA Board meeting.

Council reviewed the minutes from the Pennridge Wastewater Treatment Authority Board meeting on January 26, 2026.

Consider Resolution #2026-23 – Handicap Parking Spot at 115 North 7th Street

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-23, a resolution of the Borough of Perkasie for the creation of parking space reserved for a handicapped person or disabled veteran at 115 North 7th Street.

Update on Bucks County Consortium of Municipal Managers – Salt Contract

The Public Works Director reported that the Borough has received salt, per an earlier order.

Change Order Request – Pleasant Spring Creek Streambank Stabilization Project

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously authorized Change Order #1 for the Pleasant Spring Creek Stabilization Project, Bid Number 2025-04, for an amount not to exceed \$11,200 utilizing excess funds from the 2026 Capital Budget surplus.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Electric Department Superintendent reported that the Department has been proactive with tree trimming and removal, and they replaced meters at the substation that were 30 years old.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for the month of February, 2026.

Update on Behind-the-Meter Solar Project

The Borough Manager reported that the Borough's structural engineer was out to review Borough-owned rooftops and sent the information to GDS to include in their feasibility study.

Council Member Green spoke briefly about a potential funding option for the project.

AMP Potomac Energy Combined Cycle Project Information

GDS Associates made a presentation to Council on the AMP Potomac Energy Combined Cycle Project. The staff will present GDS' final recommendations on both this project and the Bright Mountain Solar Project at the first meeting in April.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Administrator Report

The Committee reviewed the Code Enforcement Administrator's monthly reports for January and February.

Planning Commission Report

The Committee reviewed the Planning & Zoning reports for the months of January and February.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

The Committee reviewed the Zoning Hearing Board reports for the months of January and February.

Consider Ordinance #1069 – Amend Chapter 180 – Fee Structure for Parking Violations

Upon a motion by Cornelius, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously adopted Ordinance #1069, an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 180 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to vehicles and traffic specifically subsections §180-25 and §180-25.7 pertaining to violations and penalties.

Review Sketch Plan Submission – Perkasio Place, LLC Recycling Facility Plan

Council reviewed a sketch plan submission for a proposed recycling facility that was presented by a representative of Perkasio Place LLC and Gary Riley, the owner of the businesses and potential tenant.

Council asked various questions regarding the hours of operation, truck traffic, a traffic plan, and if there were any concerns by the applicant with addressing resident complaints. Council also expressed several concerns, some of which included the crushing of concrete and the potential for debris to get into the creek.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks and Recreation Department Report

The Parks & Recreation Director informed Council that the Aquatic Facilities Manager has been conducting interviews for Menlo over the last two weekends, and reported that 4 new backwash valves were installed, along with 2 new pool pumps. Ms. Moll also stated that the latest newsletter is in the proofing stages, and that a QR code will be added to this edition that will direct people to the Borough's website to see what Council is working on.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Parks and Recreation Director's report for the month of February, 2026.

Consider Park Event Application – Good Time Motorvators Car Show

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved the Goodtime Motorvators Car Show at Lenape Park Skate Park on May 24, 2026 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, with a rain date of May 25, 2026.

Consider Park Event Application & Request for Fee Waiver – Lions Chicken BBQ

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously approved the Perkasio Lions Club annual Chicken BBQ event on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm at Menlo Pavilions 1 & 2. This motion included the approval of setup at the Pavilion on Saturday, September 12, 2026, and the waiver of any rental fees for the event.

Consider Authorization to Apply for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant – Technological Improvements at the Amphitheatre

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the submittal of a grant application for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant to install a projector screen at the Amphitheatre.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Personnel and Policy Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Taxes Collected Report

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved the Taxes Collected report for February, 2026.

Budget Status

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved the Budget Status report for February, 2026.

Authorization to Pay Bills

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community & Economic Development Report

The Committee reviewed the Community & Economic Development Report dated March 5, 2026.

Special Events Report

The Committee reviewed the Special Events Report dated March 16, 2026.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police Report

The Police Chief informed Council that the Chief for a Day event was a huge success.

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously accepted the Police Department report for the month of February, 2026.

Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief thanked the Mayor, Police Chief and Council Member Benner for attending the Fire Company Banquet. Mayor Hollenbach informed Council that the banquet will be held on the first Saturday in March next year and highly recommended that they attend. Chief Schoeller then spoke about the Line of Duty Deaths Remembrance Event coming upon April 1st.

The Fire Chief spoke briefly about the recent fire on Walnut Street, stating that there were 9 other fire companies who came to assist Perkasio with this very in-depth fire. Chief Schoeller thanked the Police Department and Electric Department for their assistance, and stated that they don't know the cause of the fire yet, but neither house had working smoke detectors.

Council Member Laustsen stated how impressed she was with the Fire Department and Police Department and how they went right into the home. Mayor Hollenbach added that Perkasio Borough's fire responders are top notch.

Council reviewed the Fire Department reports for the month of February, 2026.

Consider Resolution #2026-24 – Oxygen Forensics Renewal for Police Department

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-24, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the service order between the

Perkasie Borough Police Department and Oxygen Forensics and authorizing the execution of the Agreement by the Perkasie Borough Manager.

Consider Expenditure for Police Department Community Services Vehicle

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved an expenditure of \$900.00 for the Police Department Community Services Vehicle purchase.

Consider Special Event Permit Application – Perkasie Fire Company, Line of Duty Deaths Remembrance Event

Upon a motion by Benner, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the special event application from the Perkasie Fire Company to close Arch Street from N. 5th Street to N. 6th Street on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 5:00 pm to 7:35 pm.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Historical Committee.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia reported that there was an In-Service Day last Friday, and all practices were cancelled today due to the bad weather.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PRESS FORUM

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss the Zoning Hearing Board appeal for Perkasie Place, LLC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary