

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
MAY 4, 2026**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:	Lilli Benner Jaclyn Cornelius Collin Garr Joe Green (Absent) Emma Hawkins 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
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:	Doug Rossino, P.E.

Council President Schilling convened the meeting at 7:01 pm. An invocation was given by Mayor Hollenbach, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Garr read his resignation letter to Council, with an effective date of May 4, 2026. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously accepted Council Member Garr's resignation, effective May 4, 2026.

PRESENTATION: KEY TO THE BOROUGH AWARD

Mayor Hollenbach presented the Key to the Borough award to Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia. The Mayor recognized Shiv's accomplishments and involvement in various activities and thanked him for his time and dedication.

PRESENTATION OF APPA SAFETY AND RELIABILITY AWARDS

Council Member Weaver presented the APPA Safety Award of Excellence and the Certificate of Excellence in Reliability to the Electric Department Superintendent. Council President Schilling thanked Mr. Stone and his team for all that they do.

PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDER ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 180 PERTAINING TO PROHIBITED TURNS

A Public Hearing was held to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would amend the time to restrict right turns from West Callowhill Street on to Hunters Run. The Solicitor provided an overview of the ordinance, which was advertised appropriately. Chad Davis from 140 North 7th Street asked for clarification on the location of where the right turns will be restricted, and it was clarified that the location won't be changing, it's on West Callowhill Street if you're making a right turn onto Hunters Run; the hours will be extended a half an hour, and it will now be from 6:30 am to 8:00 am that you cannot make those right turns. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chad Davis from 140 North 7th Street approached Council and said that it's come to his attention that Council wants to go ahead and purchase solar panels tonight, for the behind-the-meter solar project. Council President Schilling explained that Council is voting on whether or not to put out the request for information, which would be collecting quotes that can be put together for the full return on investment analysis to make that decision. Mr. Davis asked if they plan to bypass that step, and Ms. Schilling stated that she doesn't know what will come out of it, but it is their plan going in that Council has it ready to go to put the RFI out.

Mr. Davis further expressed his concerns that Council is trying to rush this project, and doesn't have all of the information yet, and that they are pushing to spend \$5,000,000, stating that the Borough has already spent \$50,000 so far, and adding that he thinks the Borough has spent more than that, but hasn't been billed yet. The Borough Manager clarified that the Borough has spent \$57,000 through the end of March, and has not received the invoices for the month of April yet. Mr. Davis asked how much those bills are going to be, and Ms. Coaxum stated that we should know soon.

Ms. Schilling stated that David Hammes is here from Exact Solar because Council wanted to get some more information about a service agreement so he can explain what another funding mechanism is that actually gives the Borough more time. Ms. Schilling added that she wanted everyone to hear that discussion, and wanted to walk away basically knowing exactly what we need. GDS Associates, who does all of the Borough's analysis and makes recommendations on what we should do for power purchases, has been doing analysis on all of the buildings and locations for potential sites, and has prepared an RFI for all of the locations that we're considering so we can determine tonight what we need and can go out and get the exact cost, for May 18th. Ms. Schilling stated that there's some initial costs, which we'll walk through tonight, and we still will probably save \$1,000,000, even if we have to put out another \$1,000,000 on top of this. Ms. Schilling explained that it's the 30% or 40% discount that we can get, which is why it's so critical and why it's so expensive because we've been trying to do our due diligence, adding that we don't want to make a bad mistake because we know electricity is going up, and we really want to make sure that electricity stays stable. Ms. Schilling told Mr. Davis that she hears him, and that she appreciates Mr. Davis holding Council accountable, to make sure we do our analysis.

Kim Bedillion from 123 South 3rd Street asked about May 18th, since that meeting has been cancelled, and Ms. Schilling clarified that May 18th is when the Borough would ask the RFI to be returned, so that it can be taken up and potentially voted on at the May 26th meeting. Ms. Bedillion acknowledged Council's commitment to evaluating the feasibility of a behind-the-meter solar project, adding it's an important step and she believes that there is broad agreement that such an initiative should only move forward if it demonstrates a meaningful and justifiable return on investment.

Ms. Bedillion asked Council the following questions: What does AMP think of the proposed solar project? Who is the point person on Council for the solar project? If Council Member Joe Green, the

Chair of the Public Utility Committee who made the motion to engage the consultants to investigate the feasibility of the project, were to leave the Council at some point, who would replace him to spearhead the project? If Mr. Green does leave, would the Borough engage him as a consultant on the project? What are the Borough Manager's thoughts on the solar project? Does the Electric Department Superintendent think the Borough's transformers have the capability to handle solar transmissions? Ms. Bedillion stated that it's her understanding that the prior Council ended the year with \$120,000 in surplus, and that this Council has paid GDS \$50,000 to conduct the solar project feasibility study. Since that consulting fee was not part of the budget, where did money come from? And if it came from the surplus, doesn't that reduce the reserves that we have to pay for unexpected and unplanned things? Why has Council not had a public meeting or round table discussion regarding the solar project? It is Ms. Bedillion's understanding that the Borough must break ground in exactly 2 months in order to qualify for this federal tax credit, but that does not leave enough time to engage the community and get their input, which she thinks is important.

Council President Schilling and the Borough Manager provided an explanation of the fees and the analysis that has been involved thus far in the feasibility study, as well as more information about AMP, GDS Associates and Utility Engineers, and their roles in the study. Ms. Coaxum also spoke about PPL's involvement, and the need for a specialized attorney in order to negotiate with PPL if the Borough would do a larger scale project that would require those negotiations.

Ms. Schilling stated that electric is important for a lot of people on Council, not just Council Member Green, and when the new Council members came in, a lot of people in the community had been talking about this. She further explained that the Public Utility Committee took the lead, and Council Member Green is the Chair because of his background he does have the experience, but this is not the work that his company does, so there was no conflict of interest, which was cleared with the Borough attorney, and it wouldn't be something that Council Member Green would pick up, if he was no longer on Council. Ms. Schilling added that Council Member Weaver is the Vice-Chair of the Committee, and Council Members Cornelius and Garr are on the Committee as well, and when Mr. Garr could not attend, Council Member Worthington stepped in quite a few times and Ms. Schilling did a few times as well, so they've been having very active discussions. She further commented that she doesn't see it as relying on one person, it's become a team effort with the Borough Manager, Electric Department Superintendent and the staff, who have been doing an amazing job gathering all the information. She stated that we want to make sure it's what's best, and are not looking to just bring solar in for the sake of bringing solar in, we're looking to see if this makes sense to help the community.

In terms of being open and honest, Ms. Schilling stated that Council has had the solar item on the agenda for every meeting since January and she has often spoken about it in public forum at the beginning of several meetings, as well as putting it in the Borough newsletter and having a website on it. Ms. Bedillion recommended that a post be put on the Borough's Facebook page since there are people who are not aware of the project.

Ms. Coaxum explained that the Borough does have a reserve fund policy, passed by resolution, and the excess that is being talked about is above and beyond the budget, and is a percentage that's considered a rainy day fund. If something catastrophic or unexpected would happen, it would fall under that policy, but this is in excess of that. The initial vote by Council to get started on this project would take it out of that excess above the reserve fund, so it's not impacting the actual fund balance yet for the electric department.

Council Member Weaver stated that Council tapped the brakes on the survey so that we could get a bit more information first on costs and benefits, because we want to make sure the benefits exceed the costs. Mr. Weaver added that we want to hone in on things a little bit more before we take any more steps.

Council Member Laustsen wanted to add that she knows she mentioned a few meetings ago that she does think it is important, and with echoing what Ms. Bedillion said, to host a public meeting. Ms. Laustsen stated that this is something she would like the Public Utility Committee to look into, and it should be sooner rather than later, to inform the general public of where we're at and where we're going, and it would be great for the rest of us on Council to be able to attend that meeting, since with Committee meetings, you're only allowed so many Council members in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Schilling stated that one of her favorite books, which she highly recommends everyone reads, is *The Wisdom of Crowds*, and she commented on the thank you letter that was shared with the Council members for the donation of a pool membership. Ms. Schilling informed Council that, she's just going to run through it because there are a lot of action items, and she'll ask each Committee Chair if they have anything else they want to discuss, and then she'll have the Committee Chairs run the other meeting, which has all the reports.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Consider Authorization to Submit 902 Grant Application for Mulch Grinder

The Public Works Director informed Council that 902 grants have enabled the Borough to purchase the baler at the Recycling Center and the building itself, to do the paving and to purchase the chipper for the Electric Department. Mr. Tulone added that the 902 Grant program has been very good for the Borough, and the Department is trying to eliminate the third-party contractor who hauls away the yard waste, since it is a \$30,000 yearly expense to the Borough. The grinder would allow the Department to do the work themselves, offer the mulch to the residents, and possibly find someone who would purchase it.

Council Member Weaver asked Mr. Tulone to share the cost information, and Mr. Tulone stated that the cost of the grinder would be \$170,000, with a 90/10 split; the grant would cover 90% of the cost and the Borough would pay the \$17,000.

Mayor Hollenbach thanked the Mr. Tulone for all that he's doing and stated that he thinks this is a great idea.

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously authorized the staff to submit a 902 Recycling Grant application to the Department of Environmental Protection Act 101 Program, in order to purchase a horizontal grinder for the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's March 2026 Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report

provided by GDS Associates. Council Member Weaver provided an update on today's monthly call with GDS.

Installed Capacity Update

Council Member Weaver commented on some items in the latest Live Wire publication from PMEA.

Council Member Worthington remarked that Governor Shapiro has now approved the re-starting of several coal generation plants to help offset some of the electrical demand.

Update: Behind-the-Meter (BTM) Solar Project

Council Member Weaver began the discussions on this project by stating that this is the RFI that the Borough has been working on with GDS, and that the goal would be to send this out to a number of vendors to get costs on solar facilities. The Public Utility Committee initially looked at 23 potential sites and have narrowed it down to five – 4 structural locations and 1 ground-mount location. Mr. Weaver added that this will be an important step to really get an idea of what those costs are.

Mr. Garr asked what the benefit is, and Mr. Weaver stated that we're going to need some help from GDS Associates and some of the vendors we're working with to help us look at the benefit and help us make decisions as to what we want to do.

Council Member Worthington asked Mr. Weaver about the statement made by Ms. Schilling tonight about the RFIs being returned May 18th, and that the packet says it was June 1st, and further asked if we're sticking to the June 1st date and the 30 days.

Ms. Schilling stated that she forgot to mention in her President's remarks that we're moving the next Council meeting, and Mr. Worthington further asked if we're only going to give potential vendors 14 days to turn around a proposal, and evaluate GDS's proposal in only 14 days, and stated that they should be given 30 days to look at the proposal, digest it and give the Borough a presentation, not just a number on a piece of paper.

Ms. Schilling stated that we are changing the June 1st meeting because it is the PSAB Conference, and Council Members Schilling, Cornelius and Worthington and Mayor Hollenbach are attending, and there were also going to be a few Council members missing the May 18th meeting, which is why the decision was made to reschedule the meeting to May 26th. Ms. Schilling added that she started to think about how we could get this done in sufficient time without having to miss out on anything, so she is proposing that we give the two-week turnaround so we can have the information for May 26th so we don't lose time by pushing it to June 15th.

Mr. Worthington expressed concerns that it's pushing something too quickly and that you have to give vendors an opportunity to evaluate what you have in your proposal, give them the chance to look at the sites and see what they're dealing with, adding that a two-week turnaround isn't sufficient time.

Council Member Laustsen asked if we gave vendors until June 15th, what the Borough's next steps would be after that. Council Vice-President Cornelius stated that we were originally requesting June 1st, which was four weeks.

Ms. Coaxum stated that two things that will come out of the RFI will be the size of the panels, and the cost for buying and installing. Once the proposals are received, the consultant will review the proposals received and will give the Borough an analysis of the proposals. Two other things that still need to happen are: once we receive the size of the panels, we would need to have our conversations with the technical consultants to determine the estimated cost for connecting the systems to the Borough's system, and, the other item would be to determine whether we have to have conversations with PPL about installing the DTT switch if we're getting close to that 1 megawatt. The majority of that work would be on PPL, so the Borough would be at the whims of PPL for getting their estimated costs to the Borough that the Borough would be required to pay, and we would need to get legal assistance for that as well. Once we have the sizing, then those two things can go forward and happen, and hopefully we'll have enough time and most of those numbers to complete the feasibility study.

Ms. Cornelius stated that vendors don't necessarily need to come to the site to complete their evaluation, and that while that's important, there are satellite images and terrain data that is available to the industry, and programs that people in the industry should have access to. Ms. Cornelius added that she doesn't think it's a necessity based on the technology that we currently have, not to go against what Mr. Worthington is saying as far as giving people time, just saying that it's not a necessity for all vendors.

Mr. Worthington stated that, as a general contractor who bids public work all the time, he prefers to be able to go out to the job site, put feet on the ground and take a look at things, adding that a two-week turnaround is too aggressive and that it needs to be a four-week turnaround to give people a chance to evaluate. Mr. Worthington stated that nobody has seen this other than Exact Solar, no other bidders have gotten into this, and he has an advantage right now because he's been involved through Ms. Schilling from the very beginning. He added that you've got other contractors or suppliers that were mentioned that GDS had found on Co-Stars and this needs to go out publicly on the bid services so they can pull down the bid documents and evaluate, and he stands by it needs to stay at 30 days.

Mr. Weaver added that one of the other things we need to consider is if the site is larger than an acre, there would be some permitting involved and land development and it's a PennDOT road, so there are other details we would have to work out before it would go to construction.

Ms. Schilling stated that what she wanted to walk away with today is basically that we all have discussed it and what the next steps are and what the RFI does and does not include, and what the return of investment would look like.

David Hammes from Exact Solar stated that people have voiced good concerns, and that he is not opposed to having it go out to bid, adding that he is quite comfortable with it. Mr. Hammes stated that the Borough is currently spending \$.095 cents per KWH for comparison, which is for transmission, supply and delivery. It would be \$.048 cents per KWH to install a solar panel system and get it operating, but does not include the clearing of trees, the transformers, clearing of land and other fees. Mr. Hammes added that if you used an energy management service, instead of paying AMP, the Borough would pay themselves or an investor in the community, at \$.067, and would be replacing more expensive energy with less expensive energy.

Mr. Worthington stated that at the last meeting, Council purchased power at \$.05 per KWH for 25 years, without any risk to the Borough. He added that if the Borough went with the landfill site option, we would have to clear land, go through land development changes, do site prep, and add in engineering costs, stating that we were told the canopies are a much more expensive option than the ground mount units; these are all factors that have to be evaluated by GDS and Utility Engineers. Mr.

Worthington further stated that the Borough's power portfolio currently includes solar, and that it needs to be something we can get a return on, adding that we have to talk about financing, and that we're trying to expedite things so we can make a deadline on a tax incentive credit that exists – at the moment.

Mr. Hammes stated that the goal is to come in with something that saves money, and that he doesn't understand the risk yet. He explained that an EMSA is a service agreement where it's the responsibility of the contract to fulfill and be responsible for operation and maintenance if they don't deliver the blocks of power that they commit to in the contract, adding that there may be other risks, but he just doesn't know what they are off hand. Mr. Hammes stated that the Borough could purchase the energy ahead of time and own it themselves, or with an EMSA, it would cost \$.067 in a localized cost and be spread over a 20-year term of an agreement which would give the Borough control over your costs.

Mr. Hammes informed Council that Exact Solar safe harbored some projects in 2025 before certain incentives ended, and an EMSA allows Exact Solar to use those projects, and the incentives can't be taken away, and the projects were designed for municipalities and non-profits. He added if the Borough would start from scratch right now, there is no way that someone could come in and evaluate the land and make a proposal and expect to get started and underway with construction by the July deadline. There's another approach where if you miss the July deadline, you could commit to a project probably up until September and still be eligible for the 30% tax credit, but the project would have to be done, operating and have permissions to operate by the end of 2027, whereas an EMSA project would allow you 4 years to finish, it takes all the pressure off and makes good sense.

Ms. Schilling asked what the deadline would be to start, in order to finish by the end of 2027. Mr. Hammes said that would be your risk – if you had an order sized by September 30, 2026, to have it up with permission to operate by the end of 2027, that would be tight, that's if everything went perfectly well, it's possible. He stated that whoever is financing the project would not guarantee because they can't control things that could stop that from happening.

Ms. Coaxum asked if the permitting and PPL work would have to be done before September, and when someone would need to start construction. Mr. Hammes stated that you would have to start six months from the time that the agreement was signed, and permitting would be on the Borough.

Ms. Schilling summarized the 2 options reviewed and stated that she doesn't think we can discuss it forever, that at some point, we have to make a decision.

Mr. Weaver stated that getting back the RFI bids will help, that we want to do our due diligence, and that the other thing that is important, maybe to supplement what Mr. Hammes is saying, is, what is our return, from an objective view – we want to verify that, to be fair to our residents and our Borough, and we want to get real costs together and real benefits, and GDS does this sort of thing every day, that's their business and they can look at it and say what it is.

After some additional discussion, upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved a motion to authorize the staff and consultants to release the Request for Information (RFI) for the Behind-the-Meter (BTM) Solar Project for locations including the Borough-owned lot at Ridge Road & Market Street (aka the Perkasio Landfill), the Borough-owned parking lot at Market Street & Ridge Road (aka The Revivals lot), the Borough-owned parking lots at 7th Street &

Chestnut Street and 7th Street & Walnut Street, and the parking lots in the Borough's park system for Menlo and Lenape Parks, contingent upon all RFIs being returned by May 26, 2026.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Consider Resolution #2026-26 – Stormwater Agreement for 1229 N. Ridge Road

Upon a motion by Hawkins, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-26, a resolution of the Borough Council in and for the Borough of Perkasie, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the Stormwater Controls and Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the 1229 North Ridge Road project.

Consider Authorization for Planning Commission to Begin Discussions for a Data Center Ordinance

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously authorized the staff to work with the Planning Commission to draft a data center ordinance for Council to review at the June 15th meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Park Event Application – Run Out of the Darkness 5k

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the park event application from the Perkasie Rotary Club for the 988 Run Out of the Darkness 5k / 10k event on Sunday, August 30, 2026 in Lenape Park from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Consider Park Event Application – Grow a Pair 5k

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously approved the use of Kulp Park for the Grow a Pair 5k on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm, contingent upon receipt of a letter from PennDOT that permits the 5k participants to cross over Callowhill Street.

Councilman Worthington asked about the status of the e-bike ordinance, and the Solicitor stated that he will have it to the Parks & Recreation Director shortly.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Accept Resignation of Borough Manager

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Andrea Coaxum, the Borough Manager, with regret.

Consider Authorization to Hire Meyner Center for Recruitment Services

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the hiring of the Meyner Center to assist with recruiting a new Borough Manager, for the amounts listed in their proposal dated April 24, 2026, which totals \$14,500.

Accept Resignation of Crossing Guard

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously accepted the resignation of Crossing Guard Leah Scutching.

Consider Hiring of Seasonal Staff for Menlo Aquatics Center

Upon a Laustsen, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously authorized the hiring of returning or new staff members at Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2026 season, contingent upon the completion of all necessary paperwork, background clearances and certification courses, at the hourly rates listed in the 2026 fee schedule.

Appoint PSAB Conference Voting Delegate

Upon a motion by Benner, seconded by Worthington, Council unanimously appointed Jeff Hollenbach as the voting delegate for Perkasio Borough at the 2026 PSAB Conference.

Review Minutes from March Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee Meeting

Council review the minutes from the Pennridge Area Coordinating Committee meeting on April 23, 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Payment of the Bills

Upon a motion by Hawkins, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved payment of the bills.

Donation Request – Quakertown Community Day

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved a donation of 4 daily passes to Menlo Aquatics Center for the 2026 season to the Quakertown Community Day event on July 4, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Review Final Draft of Economic Development Plan Update

Council Member Laustsen stated that the Economic Development Committee and the Steering Committee, with input from the public, have prepared a draft of the Economic Development Plan for Council's review. Ms. Laustsen noted some specific pages that she would like Council to look at while they are reviewing the plan document, and she read a statement to give Council a synopsis of what they have been working on. She stated that the report includes extensive research on Perkasio's economic conditions, comparisons to surrounding communities and most importantly, feedback from our residents and stakeholders as to what they want Perkasio to be moving forward. A major theme throughout the document is continuing to strengthen our downtown, supporting our business and encouraging thoughtful growth while maintaining the character and identity that makes Perkasio what it is.

Ms. Laustsen stated that there is a recommendation in the report to explore a Main Street Manager program and potential designation, but her suggestion at this time is that Council focus on reviewing all of the materials first and adopting the Economic Development Plan so we can formally begin implementation. The Committee would like to meet again to specifically discuss the Main Street Manager program in more detail and come back to Council with recommendations and a clearer path forward. As part of the process, the Committee will also take into consideration and review all feedback received from the Historical Committee to be sure there is enough detail included, particularly related to historic preservation, so it can be appropriately tied to any future updates in the Comprehensive Plan. There will also be a presentation by Gilmore & Associates at the June 15th Council meeting, who have already been in discussions with our Steering Committee, presented to the Planning Commission and will come here to present to Council and the public. Ms. Laustsen stated that the Planning Commission recently reviewed the plan and formally recommended adoption of the plan, and added that once adopted, she thinks the next step is continuing the momentum of the Steering Committee and transitioning that into a more formal Economic Vitality Committee. That group could help prioritize the recommendations and create an action plan so we can start seeing progress in the short term.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Consider Ordinance to Amend Chapter 180 Pertaining to Prohibited Turns

Upon a motion by Laustsen, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1070, an ordinance of the Borough of Perkasio, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 180 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to prohibited turns.

Consider Resolution #2026-34 – Police Department Internship Agreement with Kutztown University

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-34, a resolution of the Council of the Borough of Perkasio approving the agreement between Kutztown University and Perkasio Borough for the purpose of the Perkasio Borough Police Department to provide practical experience and serve as an internship site and authorizing the Police Chief to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough of Perkasio.

Consider Request for Fire Police Assistance – Milford Township AG-Daze

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved the request from Milford Township for fire police assistance at their annual AG-Daze event on Saturday, September 12, 2026.

Discuss Civil Service Commission Residence Requirements for Police Officers

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously authorized the Solicitor to advertise a public hearing for discussion and consideration of an ordinance to amend Chapter 40 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Police Department by removing the provisions of Article II of Subchapter 40 related to residency requirements for police officers.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Council Member Hawkins reported that FEMA has been funded until September 30, 2026, so hopefully the Borough can see some progress with the Covered Bridge project. Ms. Hawkins also noted

a section in the Economic Development Plan update about the goals, implementation plans and measurable outcomes of a Historic District, with emphasis on maintaining authenticity as it relates to development and historic preservation.

There was no business to bring before the Historical Committee.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COUNCILOR

Youth Councilor Shiv Gandevia reported the senior field trip is happening for the class of 2026, a Hershey trip took place on May 1st, and there will be a trip tomorrow to a Phillies game. The fourth annual April Showers event was held recently, which is awareness for 4 Diamonds.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Worthington noted the letter that Council received in their packet with a resident's concerns about May 9th, and asked what the process is for someone applying for a block party permit and if they are required to notify the neighbors. The Borough Manager stated that a commercial block party permit applicant is required to notify the neighbors. Mayor Hollenbach stated that he and the Police Chief met with the owners involved, which was great, and that concern was addressed by the salon owner.

PUBLIC FORUM

Matt Lynch from 503 Race Street thanked the Borough Manager for her years of service and asked who will be taking over the behind-the-meter solar project when she leaves. Council President Schilling stated that it's been committee-led, and Ms. Coaxum has been working closely with the Electric Department Superintendent on it, along with the Assistant Borough Manager and Finance Director. Ms. Schilling added that Ms. Coaxum is putting together a transition plan and has agreed to come on as a consultant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Solicitor announced that Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel, but would not be taking any action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.



Andrea L. Coaxum
Borough Manager/Secretary