

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2026**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Lilli Benner
Scott Bomboy (Absent)
Jaclyn Cornelius
Emma Hawkins
Kelly Laustsen
Dale Schlegel
Robin Schilling
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington (via telephone)
Jeff Hollenbach
Linda Reid
Rebecca Deemer
Lauren Moll (Absent)
Robert Schurr
Harold Stone
Jeff Tulone
Brendan Callahan, Esq.
Doug Rossino, P.E.

Mayor:

Acting Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Electric Superintendent:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Council President Schilling convened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Mayor Hollenbach asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Archie Knight, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: ARCHIE KNIGHT DAY

Mayor Hollenbach read a proclamation declaring August 29th as Archie Knight Day in the Borough.

The Mayor then mentioned some upcoming events in the Borough, including National Night Out on August 4th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Under the Stars Car Show on August 15th and the start of Pennridge football, with the first home game being on August 28th.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Mayor Hollenbach recognized Electric Department Superintendent Harold Stone for his 36 years of service to the Borough.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Public Works Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed Perkasie's June 2026 Wholesale Power Cost Summary Report provided by GDS Associates. Council Member Weaver provided an update on the monthly call with GDS.

Installed Capacity Update

The Committee reviewed the latest Live Wire publication from PMEA.

LIHEAP Compliance Discussion

Council Member Weaver summarized the memo that the Finance Director provided to Council regarding the Borough's compliance with LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program).

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Project Update – Data Center Ordinance

Council Member Schlegel provided an update on the data center ordinance project.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Park & Recreation Committee.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Authorization to Hire Meyner Center

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved the hiring of the Meyner Center to assist with the appointment of a new Electric Department Superintendent for the amounts listed in their proposal dated July 24, 2026.

Consider Resolution #2026-51 – Consulting Agreement

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Laustsen, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2026-51, a resolution of the Perkasie Borough Council approving the engagement of Harold Stone as an independent contractor and approving the Consulting Agreement between Perkasie Borough and Harold Stone and authorizing the President of the Perkasie Borough Council to execute the Consulting Agreement on behalf of Perkasie Borough.

Update on Borough Manager Search

Council President Schilling reported that there were 20 applicants for the Borough Manager position. The Search Committee narrowed it down to 8 candidates for the first round of interviews, then down to 5 candidates for the second round, and today Council narrowed it down to the final one, so a conditional offer will be made, and the person will have to go through background checks. Pending

successful completion of background checks & reference checks, Council will aim to appoint a new Borough Manager at the next meeting.

The Solicitor announced that an Executive Session was held before the start of tonight's meeting to discuss this personnel matter.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Schilling distributed and reviewed a revised list of Council Committees, and stated that she tried to have all 3 wards represented on each Committee. The Solicitor stated that the recommendation is that there should be a motion for Council to accept the Committee changes.

Council Member Benner noted that she was only listed on 3 committees, whereas new Council Member Schlegel was placed on 5 committees, instead of 4, like other Council members. Ms. Schilling stated that the Committee listing will be updated and presented at the September 8th Council meeting. Solicitor Callahan noted he will verify whether or not a motion is needed to accept the revised Committees.

The Acting Borough Manager recognized and thanked Olivia Slamm, the Borough's summer intern, for all of her hard work this summer and noted all of the different projects that Olivia worked on, adding that she has been a great asset to the Borough.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Payment of the Bills

Upon a motion by Benner, seconded by Hawkins, Council unanimously approved the payment of the bills for July 27, 2026 and August 3, 2026.

Budget Planning Schedule

The Committee reviewed the budget planning schedule for the 2027 budget.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consider Special Event Permit Application – The Craftery Market

Upon a motion by Schlegel, seconded by Weaver, Council unanimously approved The Craftery Market special event application for an event in Perkasio's Town Center on Saturday, November 21, 2026.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

There was no business to bring before the Public Safety Committee.

Council Member Benner reminded everyone about National Night Out on August 4th and noted that Cone with a Cop on July 22nd was a success.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Update on SHPO Grant – Covered Bridge Project

Council Member Hawkins referenced the letter in the packet that the Borough sent to the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program office formally requesting an extension of the Covered Bridge grant period so that it aligns with FEMA's approved project extension.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Weaver stated that volunteers are still needed for the Under the Stars Car Show and encouraged people to sign up.

Council Member Cornelius reminded everyone that this Saturday is Beach Day at Menlo Aquatics Center.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Kim Bedillion asked for an update on live streaming for the Council meetings, and the Acting Borough Manager stated that the Borough received one set of quotes, and the staff is working with the Personnel & Policy Committee to identify what level of functionality and coverage they would like to have, adding that we are looking to budget this in next year's budget.

Ms. Bedillion also asked about the Behind-the-Meter Solar Project Update, which was listed on the agenda but not discussed earlier in the meeting. She then asked if there was ever a ceiling for the feasibility study for this project.

The Finance Director explained how the Borough has handled any excess revenue and that it had been anticipated during last year's budget discussions that any surplus could be used towards helping to balance future budgets. Once the budget discussions start for next year, it can be determined whether or not the \$140,000 could've been used to offset any variants for 2026 and if not, whether it could have gone towards helping to balance the 2027 budget.

Ms. Bedillion asked if there was ever a discussion on the limit of expenses, when the study was initiated. Council President Schilling stated that she would have to look back and see if a limit was put on the project. Council Member Weaver stated that Council was working to meet a tax incentive that was expiring July 3rd and that was the main goal we were working toward.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Reid", is written over a horizontal line.

Linda J. Reid
Acting Borough Manager/Interim Secretary