

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH
COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2026**

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Lilli Benner
Scott Bomboy
Jaclyn Cornelius
Emma Hawkins (Absent)
Kelly Laustsen (Absent)
Dale Schlegel
Robin Schilling
Dave Weaver
Dave Worthington
Jeff Hollenbach

Mayor:

Acting Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Police Chief:

Interim Electric Department Leader:

Public Works Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Linda Reid
Rebecca Deemer
Lauren Moll
Robert Schurr
Shane Huey
Jeff Tulone
Jeffrey Garton, Esq.
Doug Rossino, P.E. (Absent)

Council President Schilling convened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: HALLOWEEN

Mayor Jeff Hollenbach read a Proclamation declaring October 31, 2026 as Halloween in the Borough.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Darryl Bean expressed his concerns about the recent resurfacing of Fifth Street, stating that there are a lot of cracks and gouges, that he doesn't know how it's going to last through the winter, and he doesn't know why it wasn't done the right way.

The Public Works Director stated that the Borough has had multiple meetings with PennDOT, and explained that PennDOT has a 7-year plan to address what they consider low volume roads, and they consider Fifth Street to be a low volume road. PennDOT's plan is to clean gutters, do minimal patching of the worst areas, then come and do chip sealing because they don't have the funds to resurface. Mr. Tulone added that this is happening all across the state and unfortunately there is no good answer, but he does think it will last through the winter.

Council Member Worthington stated that previous Council members and the former Borough Manager sent numerous letters to PennDOT about what the Borough wanted done, and did involve Representatives Shelby Labs and Craig Staats, but PennDOT did not change their plan.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Council President Schilling thanked the Acting Borough Manager, the Parks & Recreation Director, the staff, and the Police & Fire Departments for all of their work on Fall Fest, stating that it was a wonderful day despite the weather.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hollenbach thanked the Acting Borough Manager for the improved format of the agenda and packet, adding that it is much easier to follow, and he also thanked the Finance Director for the great job she's doing on the 2027 budget.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Discuss Borough Recycling Center Hours

Council Member Worthington remarked on the recent Public Works Committee meeting and stated that it is the Committee's recommendation that the Recycling Center be open on one Saturday a month, the second Saturday, starting in January. The Committee is also recommending that the weekday hours be reduced to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, instead of being open until 8:30 pm. Mr. Worthington added that there is a lot less usage at the Recycling Center because of the weekly cardboard and paper pick-up.

Council Member Bomboy remarked that he would support these changes and that he thinks they are reasonable. Mr. Bomboy added that the Borough needs to cut where we can, stating that recycling costs have gone up a lot and that we need to make it as affordable for the residents as we can.

Council President Schilling stated that she thinks this is a good balance to save time and money.

Council Member Benner asked about letting people know as soon as possible, and the Acting Borough Manager stated that the Borough will send out a postcard mailer, put out yard signs, and update the Borough's website and social media. Ms. Schilling added that the signs at the Recycling Center can be updated as well.

Council Vice-President Cornelius stated that this is a great compromise and added that we should make sure to still put out some extra hours at the Center at the holidays. Ms. Reid stated that the staff will update the rules and regulations and will put a draft in front of Council for review before moving forward. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the staff to move forward with the process to implement these changes.

Review Draft 2027 Holiday Schedule/Collection Days

Council reviewed and agreed with the proposed 2027 holiday schedule and collection days.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Public Power Week 2026 – Proclamation

Mayor Hollenbach read a Proclamation declaring the week of October 4th through the 10th as Public Power Week in the Borough.

Perkasie Wholesale Power Cost Monthly Report

Council Member Weaver provided some highlights from the Wholesale Power Cost Monthly Report from GDS Associates for the month of August.

Installed Capacity Update

Council Member Weaver made some remarks on the Live Wire publication included in the packet.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Council Member Schlegel remarked that the Planning Commission had a good meeting in September and reviewed a second sketch plan for 135 South Main Street, which will come before Council at the next meeting.

There was no business to bring before the Planning and Zoning Committee.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Consider Park Event Application – Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy – Freeze-Up 5K

Upon a motion by Bomboy, seconded by Schlegel, Council unanimously approved the park event permit application from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy for the Freeze-Up 5K on Sunday, December 13, 2026 from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, contingent upon the PWC supplying the Borough with their approved PennDOT permit to cross over Constitution Avenue, prior to the event.

Recognition of Pickleball Donation

The Parks & Recreation Director commented on the very active pickleball community that uses the courts at Kulp Park, and noted that members of that community have been attending the Park & Recreation Board meetings over the past year and have discussed the possibility of fundraising amongst themselves to donate to the Borough for continued improvements at the pickleball courts. At the September Park & Rec Board meeting, Jim Soos, a member of the pickleball community, presented the Board with an \$800 check to use towards pickleball court improvements.

Council Member Worthington invited Mr. Soos, John Gatter and Kane Nguyen to come up and asked Mr. Soos to explain how they raised the money. Mr. Soos told Council that the courts are getting a lot of play and there are 150 people playing there consistently. Mr. Soos has written some children's books, and wrote an A-B-C book for adults for pickleball at Kulp that includes pickleball terms and names from the pickleball community. More than 50 have been sold, and all of the proceeds were donated to the Borough. Mr. Soos thanked the Borough on behalf of the pickleball community for putting in the courts, and stated that he hopes to sell more books so they can make another donation.

PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Consider Appointment of Youth Councilor

Council Vice-President welcomed the two candidates in attendance who applied for the Youth Councilor position – Elijah Kerzmann and Christian Rendina. Both applicants were asked the same questions. Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Bomboy, Council unanimously appointed Elijah Kerzmann and Christian Rendina as Youth Councilors to Borough Council.

Update on Potential Audio and/or Video Upgrades – Borough Council Room

The Borough staff recently obtained two estimates to update/upgrade the audio system and are waiting for a third. They also obtained an estimate earlier this year to add video cameras and supporting equipment to allow livestreaming from the Council room.

Council had a detailed discussion about potential audio and/or video upgrades to the Council room. It was the consensus of Council that they want to be mindful of how transparent they are with the public, improving audio and updating internet as a first step. Council Member Worthington stated that when the new Borough Manager comes on board, she will be able to offer her expertise and guidance through this process.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Consider Payment of the Bills

Upon a motion by Worthington, seconded by Schlegel, Council unanimously approved the payment of the bills for September 28, 2026, September 30, 2026 and October 5, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Consider Special Event Schedule for 2027

Upon a motion by Weaver, seconded by Cornelius, Council unanimously approved the schedule of special events for 2027.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council Member Worthington reminded Council of the Fire Company's open house this Thursday, October 8th and encouraged everyone to please come out and support the event.

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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Update on Covered Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Council Member Bomboy provided an update on the Borough's Historic District nomination and the Covered Bridge project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda J. Reid", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Linda J. Reid
Acting Borough Manager/Interim Secretary