

**MINUTES OF PERKASIE BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

620 West Chestnut Street  
Perkasie, Pennsylvania

ATTENDANCE:

Council Member:

Matt Aigeldinger (absent)

Scott Bomboy

Chuck Brooks

Aaron Clark

Randy Faulkner

Steve Pizzollo (absent)

Jim Purcell

Steve Rose

Jim Ryder

Ana McGrath

John Hollenbach

Andrea L. Coaxum

Glenn Dickerson

Jeff Garton

Doug Rossino (absent)

Jeff Tulone

Megan Prusienski (absent)

Harold Stone (absent)

Youth Delegate

Mayor:

Borough Manager:

Finance Director:

Borough Solicitor:

Borough Engineer:

Public Works Director:

Parks and Recreation Director:

Electric Superintendent:

Borough Council President Jim Ryder convened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hollenbach gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO DRAFT ORDINANCE RENAMING PINE STREET TO HILLIAS WAY**

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council authorized the Solicitor to draft an ordinance renaming a portion of Pine Street to Hillias Way.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Departmental Awards

Mayor Hollenbach and Acting Chief Detective Russ Closs presented Officer Ray Fox, Officer Joe Murray, Sergeant Alec Sprouse and Detective Eric Richter with departmental award for their involvement in the initial call and later investigation of the shooting that took place in October 2016 at Kulp Park.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### Ordinance #1024, Setting the Tax Rate for 2020

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an ordinance fixing the tax rate for 2020 at 6.25 mills. There were no comments from the public. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, the hearing was unanimously closed.

### Ordinance #1025, Stop Sign Ordinance, South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, South 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue

A public hearing was held to receive comments on an ordinance installing stop signs on Park Avenue at the intersection with Ninth Street and Fifth Street/Arthur Avenue at the intersection with Park Avenue. There were no comments from the public. Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, the hearing was unanimously closed.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

### Special Presentation

President Jim Ryder presented a plaque to former Fire Chief Dave Worthington for his service to the Borough over the last 43 years. He has been a member of the Fire department since 1988 and in the volunteer fire service since August of 1976.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the Council meeting minutes of November 18, 2019, and the Finance Committee minutes of October 7, 2019, October 14, 2019 and October 28, 2019.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

### Taxes Collected

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the report of taxes collected for November 2019.

### Budget Status

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted the budget status report for November 2019.

Engineer's Report

Upon motion by Purcell, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously accepted the engineer's monthly report for November 2019.

Planning Commission Report

The October 23, 2019 Planning Commission minutes were accepted.

Zoning Hearing Board Report

The November 25, 2019 Zoning Hearing Board minutes were accepted.

Police Report

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Purcell, the November monthly police department report was unanimously accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Public Works Committee Superintendent's report for November 2019.

Considering Approving Ordinance #1025, Stop Sign Park Avenue, Ninth Street and Fifth Street and Park Avenue

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 180 of the Perkasio Borough Code of Ordinances pertaining to the installation of stop signs at Park Avenue at the intersection with Ninth Street and Fifth Street/Arthur Avenue at the intersection with Park Avenue.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Superintendent's Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Electric Superintendent's report for November 2019.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

Code Enforcement Officer Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly reports for November 2019.

## PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Park and Recreation Director's monthly report for November 2019.

### Consider Park Facility Reservation: Terri Nilo

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved the park reservation request for the Pennridge Aquatic Club for July 25, 2020.

## PERSONNEL AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### Resolution #2019-33, 2020 Council Meeting Dates

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2019-33, establishing the Council meeting dates for 2020.

### Consider Vacation Buy Back for Police Officers

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Clark, Council unanimously approved a vacation buy back for police officers for vacation time remaining in 2019 as requested by officers.

### Review Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilmembers reviewed the list vacancies for boards and commissions for 2020 and agreed to make all the appointments at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

### Consider Fire Company Workers Comp Insurance

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously authorized the payment of \$7,290 to Porter and Curtis to pay the first installment of insurance.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### Authorization to Pay Bills

Upon a motion by Purcell, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously accepted payment of the bills as presented.

### Ordinance #1024, Setting the Tax Rate for 2020

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Ordinance #1024 setting the tax rate for the year 2020 at 4.75 mills for the general purposes and 1.5 mills for fire protection purposes.

Consider Resolution #2019-32, Approval of Final Budget

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2019-32, adoption of the 2020 budget for all funds.

Consider Resolution #2019-30, 2020 Wage Schedule

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2019-30, establishing the wage and salary schedule for the year 2020 for all non-uniformed employees.

Consider Resolution #2019-31, Consolidated Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Brooks, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2019-31 to establish a new consolidated fee schedule for the year 2020, effective January 1, 2020.

Consider Opening New Account-Covered Bridge Donations

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously established a new bank account to handle donation and expenses associated with the restoration of the covered bridge in Lenape Park.

Consider Appointment of Auditor to Perform the 2019 Audit

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Rose, Council unanimously approved the quote from Styer Associates for audit services for the 2019 fiscal year at a cost of \$15,705.

Consider Resolution #2019-35, Airport Escrow Release

Upon motion by Clark, seconded by Faulkner, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2019-35 to authorize a reduction in the escrow for the Pennridge Airport Business Park Lot 2 as approved by Gilmore and Associates, Inc in the amount of \$134,667.0 to reduce the total escrow to \$531,129.52 and to authorize the signature of the Borough Manager on the escrow reduction.

Consider Close Security Deposit Account Cliff Capital Management

Upon motion by Rose, seconded by Purcell, Council authorized the closing of the security deposit account for Cliff Capital Management and to transfer the remaining balance to the general fund.

Consider Resolution #2019-34 Escrow Release 40 North Main Street

Upon motion by Faulkner, seconded by Purcell, Council unanimously approved Resolution #2019-34, a resolution of the Borough Council authorizing a reduction in the escrow for the single family construction project at 40 North Main Street as approved by Gilmore and Associates, Inc. and authorizing the return of any remaining escrow balance to the applicant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Economic Development Director Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the Community and Economic Development Directors November 2019 report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No business to come before this committee.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Borough's historical Christmas tree lighting on December 7<sup>th</sup> was another successful event.

PUBLIC FORUM

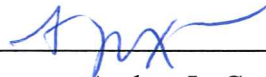
Nelson Hollenbach of 8<sup>th</sup> Street said he was proud to serve on the Perkasio Fire Company the same time as Dave Worthington.

PRESS FORUM

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.



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Andrea L. Coaxum  
Borough Manager/Secretary