



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
February 27th, 2017
7:30 P.M.
700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President R. Bunker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Police Chief A. DiValentino led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Roll Call:**
 - **Council members present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor M. Ashton Young, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor J. Lugar and Councilor A. MacHaffie.
 - **Council members absent:** President D. Pancoe, and Councilor T. Danilak.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Engineer K. Hassan, Mayor E. Foley, Director of Finance R. Ware and Public Works Foreman K. Riggins.
4. **Approval of Minutes: January 23rd, 2017 & February 8th 2017:** On motion of Councilor C. Whitney, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion approving the January 23rd 2017 & February 8th 2017 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated February 2nd 2017 and February 16th 2017 in the amount of \$135,536.78 and Invoices totaling \$363,626.23.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, the motion approving payrolls and invoices passed unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Alexandria Khalil, 514 Greenwood Avenue, appeared before Council to discuss the possibility of making Jenkintown a technology and manufacturing hub. Vice President R. Bunker invited Ms. Khalil to appear before the Administration & Finance Committee to help brainstorm her ideas.

Randy Garbin, 99 Runnymede Avenue, wanted to discuss the Cedar Street acquisition. Mr. Garbin wanted to point out “fallacies” to the statement that the Borough had released regarding the acquisition and purchase of this property. The biggest issue Mr. Garbin had was the public disclosure. Mr. Garbin agrees that the Borough followed the letter of the law but believes the Borough could have done better in notifying the public.

7. **Presentations: Police Department Commendation – Jenkintown / Wyncote Train Station Accident:** Police Chief A. DiValentino gave commendations to two motorists who helped a driver. This driver went into a medical emergency, and drove off the Jenkintown / Wyncote Train Station Bridge. These motorists pulled the unconscious driver out of the vehicle before their vehicle burst into flames.

8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Vice President R. Bunker highlighted that there are several grants that the Borough is applying for. Vice President R. Bunker was also pleased to announce that the Borough is in negotiations to reduce the cost of maintenance on the streetlights from \$90 an hour to \$65 an hour.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that Sarah Richardson from the Montgomery County Planning Commission appeared before

the Building, Zoning and Revitalization Committee to present a concept design of the gateway signage at the southern end of the Borough. Councilor K. Farrell wanted to note that the Zoning Hearing Board Hearing for 501 Washington Lane was last Thursday, February 23rd. The hearing was well attended and the decision will be rendered at the March 23rd meeting. Councilor K. Farrell wanted to highlight that the EAC's visioning meeting for the Cedar Street Properties was well attended and a great initial opportunity for public input.

- **Public Safety:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor C. Whitney highlighted the final Fire Training Report. Short term recommendations including tracking the departments training more effectively and possibly implementing software to help. Long term recommendations included consolidating the two fire departments into one.
- **Public Works:** A written report was provided in Dropbox.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. McGlenn reported that work session on the 13th had good attendance. The Jenkintown School Board voted to approve the preliminary budget. The School District also plans to approach Borough Council to have their fees waived for upcoming renovation project.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the JCA did not meet this month.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** Councilor M. Golden highlighted that there is an education transformation symposium on March 3rd. Also on April 18th Pennsylvania Association of Community Development Corporations 25th anniversary. Finally, Councilor M. Golden highlighted that CEO of William Penn foundation was on the team that did the Borough's revitalization plan.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Councilor K. Farrell highlighted the 2035 Open House that is taking place on March 22nd. The 2035 Steering Committee and the Borough is excited for this open house and hoping it is well attended.

9. Public Work's Report: A written report was provided in Dropbox.

10. Engineers Report: A written report was provided in Dropbox. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that Pennoni Associates has been working on the Welcome Sign with Glanzmann Subaru and has been assisting the County in the preparation of the 2040 Implementation Grant. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that seven out of eight emergency sewer repairs have been completed. The final repair is in an easement transversing private property.

11. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor S. Kilkenny highlighted that the medical marijuana ordinance will be voted on to be advertised, limiting the dispensaries to frontages on York Road. Secondly, Council is voting on the telecommunication ordinances. Solicitor S. Kilkenny read a memo highlighting the solid waste & recycling collection and disposal contract. This memo highlighted the four contracts received by Keystone, BFI (Republic Services), Advanced and JP Mascaro were reviewed to which Keystone and Advanced were rejected due to errors on the bid packages. Due to these discrepancies, BFI (Republic Services) was the lowest responsible bidder and the recommendation of the Law Offices of Sean Kilkenny be awarded to BFI.

12. Mayor's Report: No Report.

13. Police Chief's Report: A written report was provided in Dropbox.

14. Manager's Report: A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to highlight LED Lighting Procurement Project made settlement within the past few weeks. Installation is going to begin in July. AQUA is replacing watermain work on Washington Lane between York Road and Greenwood Avenue as well as Township Line Road between Washington Lane and Summit Avenue. PECO is proceeding with their gas main project. They have completed Cloverly Avenue and are proceeding onto Hillside Avenue next. Abington Township is also applying for the 2040 Implementation Grant for work that will be completed in front of Abington Friends School including new sidewalk and sidewalk replacement. Abington Township is looking for support from Jenkintown Borough for the work.

Mayor E. Foley asked Borough Manager G. Locke when construction would begin on the Noble Train Station Bridge. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the last he heard it was to begin mid-year in 2017.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **2017 Paving Project – Shoemaker Avenue:** Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to approve the addition of Shoemaker Avenue between Cedar Street and Leedom Street as an alternate road on the 2017 Paving Project.
Motion passed 10-0
2. **Ordinance #2017-1 Medical Marijuana Permission to Advertise:** Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to advertise Ordinance #2017-1 pertaining to the Medical Marijuana Act.
Motion passed 10-0
3. **Ordinance #2017-2 Wireless Communications Permission to Advertise:** Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to advertise Ordinance #2017-2 pertaining to Wireless Communications.
Motion passed 10-0
4. **Resolution #2017-4 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to approve Resolution #2017-4 authorizing the application to the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant and commitment of match funds not to exceed \$20,000.
Motion passed 10-0
5. **Release of Escrow #1 – OYR Holdings LP:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to approve the escrow release #1 in the amount of \$262,610.85 to OYR Holdings LP. This escrow is for 90% of the funds as the developer still has four outstanding items per Pennoni Associates recommendation of release letter.
Motion passed 10-0
6. **Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Award:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak to issue an intent to award the solid waste contract to BFI in the amount of \$869,777 for once per week curbside collection and disposal of municipal waste and recycling for a period of 3 years effective March 1st 2017
Motion passed 10-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION: Vice President R. Bunker highlighted that Abington Township is looking to install sidewalk along Washington Lane by Abington Friends School. The plan shows curb from Greenwood Avenue to Newbold Road then curb and sidewalk from Newbold Road to Autumn Lane. Since this project borders the Borough, Abington Township has asked for a letter of support.

Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners to write a letter of support for Abington Townships' 2040 Implementation Grant.
Motion passed 10-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, the motion to move into Executive Session for discussion of matters of real estate and litigation.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Vice President R. Bunker announced that an Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing matters of real estate and litigation. A motion made by Vice President R. Bunker seconded by Councilor J. Conners to go back into the public meeting passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.