



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

July 25th, 2016

7:30 P.M.

700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President D. Pancoe 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:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor T. Danilak, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor L. Durkin, Councilor C. Whitney, and Councilor M. Golden.
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor M. Ashton-Young.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Director of Finance R. Ware, and Engineer M. Saylor.
4. **Approval of Minutes: June 27th 2016:** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, the motion approving the June 27th 2016 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated June 23rd and July 7th in the amount of \$136,869.42 and Invoices totaling \$85,138.97.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, the motion approving payrolls and invoices passed unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Allyson Dobbs, 410 Rodman Avenue, appeared before Council on behalf of the Jenkintown Festival of the Arts to discuss the funding for the Emergency Medical Services that need to be provided for the event. The Emergency Medical Services are a crucial part of the Annual Arts Fest to make sure all patrons are safe. The Emergency Medical Services are going to be provided by Second Alarmers, who the Borough contracts with to handle the day to day operations. Ms. Dobbs is requesting that Council helps relieve the costs by covering up to \$1,000 of the Emergency Medical Costs.
Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to approve the support of the Emergency Medical Services being onsite for public safety reason up to \$1,000.
Motion passed 9-0
7. **Presentations:** None at this time.
8. **Committee Reports**
 - **Administration and Finance:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Vice President R. Bunker stated that the Borough is beginning to look into other tax collectors besides Berkheimer, this is only in its preliminary stages and will continued to be discussed at the Administration & Finance committee meetings. Vice President R. Bunker also wanted to highlight that there were no findings in the Auditor General's liquid fuel audit.
 - **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Chairperson L. Durkin highlighted that at her request, Borough Manager G. Locke would begin to mark out the properties on West Avenue and Greenwood Avenue that need their sidewalk and curb replaced. The obelisk for the welcome

sign was discussed and although many questions have been raised regarding the height of the obelisk, the drawing is only a concept drawing and will be built according to standard.

- **Public Safety** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the Committee and Pennoni, the Borough's Traffic Engineer, are looking into solutions on the lower portion of Walnut Street, from Cheltena Avenue to Runnymede Avenue, as it is a dangerous intersection. The Borough is looking into more options to alert motorists of the bend that is in the road. Pennoni has begun their assessment and will be reporting back to the Borough as soon as possible. Chairperson K. Farrell also wanted to mention that a resident appeared before the Public Safety Committee with a petition to have the no turn on red sign on West Avenue at the Greenwood Avenue Bridge removed. Chairperson K. Farrell mentioned that the committee is looking into remedies.
 - **Public Works:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor J. Conners highlighted that the Borough did receive funds for the Community Development Block Grant. Chairperson J. Conners also wanted to highlight that the Borough was recently informed that PECO intends to replace gas mains throughout the Borough, including Runnymede Avenue, Cheltena Avenue, Rodman Avenue and Linda Vista Avenue. The Borough is looking into options regarding Runnymede Avenue and Cheltena Avenue and not replacing the mains yet, however, Rodman Avenue and Linda Vista Avenue will be getting new gas mains beginning next year. The Borough will continue to be in contact with Suzanne Ryan, the municipal services representative from PECO.
 - **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. Farrell stated that the Borough is working with the Jenkintown School District to complete the accessible path between the parking lot and the playground. The Jenkintown School District is excited over this path and the Borough is excited to complete the work.
 - **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** No Report
 - **Multi-Municipal Group:** Councilor M. Golden wanted to highlight that in September the federal reserve is doing its annual forum on "Reinventing Our Communities." Councilor M. Golden encourages Council members to attend.
 - **Comprehensive Plan:** Chairperson L. Durkin highlighted that they are not meeting during the summer, however, the consultants have been analyzing and visiting the Borough to complete a parking study, vacancy rates and vacancy ordinances.
- 9. Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Saylor stated that there are not many new things happening. Boucher & James have received the correct and final invoice for the paving project, which Boucher & James recommends paying. Engineer M. Saylor stated that they also have submitted the Sanitary Sewer Report for the second quarter of this year. They also had a preconstruction meeting with Glanzmann Subaru and Engineer M. Saylor believes that they will begin construction shortly.
- 10. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor S. Kilkenny wanted to highlight that Natasha Smith has been working with both Borough Manager G. Locke and Glanzmann Subaru to finish securing the escrow so that the construction may begin. Also, Solicitor S. Kilkenny highlighted that they have been working with Borough Manager G. Locke regarding the lost and stolen gun ordinance that the Borough had in place several years ago, which they had to retract a few years ago due to legalities. The State Supreme Court has since struck down the appeal and the Boroughs are allowed to reinstate this ordinance without fear or reprimand. Solicitor S. Kilkenny put together a memo analyzing the pro's and con's or reinstating the ordinance. Solicitor S. Kilkenny also asked Council if they would like to support an amicus brief with the Colonial School District. After much discussion, Council politely declined the offer as Jenkintown School District stated that they would sign it.
- 11. Mayor's Report:** No Report.
- 12. Police Chief's Report:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that there was nothing significant to report.
- 13. Public Work's Report:** A written report was provided in Dropbox.
- 14. Manager's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manger G. Locke wanted to highlight that the Borough did take a tree down at 500 Rodman Avenue as it was a danger to public

safety. Borough Manager G. Locke was excited to announce that the first judge has moved into 117 York Road on July 18th. The County appears to be very happy at the timeline that is taking place.

Aside from his managers' report, Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to inform Council that the owner of 207 West Avenue, Mr. Joseph Zeccardi, had applied for a zoning application as well as a demolition application at the Borough to demolish the existing garage, and build a two story single family home on the lot which already is occupied by a structure. Mr. Zeccardi appeared before Zoning Hearing Board earlier this year to build an apartment on the top of the existing garage however that application was denied. He did appeal it to the Court of Common Pleas in Montgomery County, in which the decision was upheld that the Zoning Hearing Board had rendered. Mr. Zeccardi's new plan does meet all applicable zoning codes. Borough Manager G. Locke did ask that the Solicitor's office look into it to see if it can be approved. Natasha Smith reviewed the application and informed Borough Manager G. Locke that Mr. Zeccardi's application does meet the zoning code. The zoning permit has been approved, however a demolition permit and building permit have not been approved yet as information is still needed. Borough Manager G. Locke informed Council that if they would like, they can appeal his decision to the Zoning Hearing Board if they do not want it approved. Borough Council has thirty days to appeal this decision.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance #2016-2 Street Restoration:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to approve Ordinance #2016-2, requiring all parties who perform a road opening of a road that has been paved within the last five (5) years and/or the street is disturbed for more than twenty-five (25) feet to restore the street. Restoration will include base repair, surface milling and overlay according to Borough specifications to the extent of the entire block, not to be less than 100 feet in length and full width of cartway.
Motion passed 9-0
2. **Final Payment for 2015 Paving Project:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by President D. Pancoe, to approve the final payment to General Asphalt for the 2015 Paving Project in the amount of \$24,566.49.
Motion passed 9-0
3. **Approval of General Asphalt as Paving Contractor:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, approving General Asphalt as the 2016 Paving Project contractor with the condition that they must meet the criteria of the Responsible Contractor Ordinance. Due to the unforeseen circumstances with PECO and the proposed gas main installations, the Borough must delete bid items and alternates that pertain to Rodman and Linda Vista Avenues, and award the Contract General Asphalt for Washington Lane based on alternate #3 and #3A-9 for a total of \$26,974.92
Motion passed 9-0
4. **Collaborative Effort for the Accessible Playground Route:** Council K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to continue the cooperative effort with the Jenkintown School District regarding the accessible route for the playground to make the playground accessible to all and allow DCN&R grand funds to be utilized on upkeep and upgrades to the playground.
Motion passed 9-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, approving the advertisement of Ordinance #2016-3 reinstating the lost and stolen gun ordinance.

Motion passed 9-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion to move into Executive Session for discussion of matters of real estate.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, President D. Pancoe announced that an Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing matters of real estate. A motion made by President D. Pancoe seconded by Councilor C. Whitney to go back into the public meeting passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.