



## JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING  
AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
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:** Chief A. DiValentino led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Roll Call:**
  - **Council members present:** President D. Pancoe, Councilor L. Durkin, Councilor J. Mixon, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlonn, and Councilor M. Marlowe.
  - **Council members absent:** Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor C. Durkin, and Councilor T. Danilak.
  - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Director of Finance B. Lucy, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, and Engineer D. Jones.
4. **Approval of Minutes: July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** On motion of Councilor J. Conners, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, the motion approving the minutes from the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of Borough Council passed unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$133,188.81 and Invoices totaling \$299,214.35:** On motion of Councilor K. McGlonn, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, the motion approving payrolls and invoices passed unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Randy Garbin, 99 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council to ask a few questions regarding multiple items. First, Mr. Garbin wanted to ask when the Agendas and Minutes will be posted to the website since they had not been posted since March and April. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that not all of the minutes and agendas transferred over to the new website when we launched it. Since it has been brought to our attention the Borough has now uploaded all the previous agendas and minutes for the public to view. The second question Mr. Garbin had asked was regarding the Budget page on the website. Mr. Garbin wanted to know why a summary of the budget was posted and not the full budget. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough does have the capability to put the whole budget on the website but instead states that the budget is available for review at Borough Hall and can easily be acquired in a Right to Know. Mr. Garbin also asked specific questions for the specific line items in the budget, Mr. Garbin was encouraged by Council to attend the Budget workshops in the coming months. Mr. Garbin was looking into what the lien process is and how to have his house placed on lien and the work completed for him. President D. Pancoe explained the lien process as well as the enforcement process to the public that was in attendance. It was noted that Borough Council is looking to pursue an enforcement action through the District Magistrate rather than a lien process.

William Hackett, 404 Runnymede Avenue, spoke concerning the 2015 Paving Project and the curb and sidewalk work that was marked out across the Borough. Mr. Hackett was the resident that organized D&D Concrete which did the majority of the work on Runnymede Avenue. Mr. Hackett was pleased with this process and having the curb and sidewalk done, however had a few problems with the implementation of the project. Mr. Hackett believed that the timing to have the curb and sidewalks replaced was too short, and believed that the residents should be informed further out to plan for this project. He also stated that the aesthetics look terrible. Borough Manager G. Locke confirmed that he too believed the notices should go out sooner and have already started working on next year's paving project and plans to send the letters out in the middle of October. He also commented that the color of the concrete will fade as time passes.

## 7. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in August.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in August.
- **Public Safety:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in August.
- **Public Works:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in August.
- **Jenkintown School District:** No Report. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough, the Engineers and the School District had their pre-construction meeting for the softball field. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the meeting went well, however the school would like to remove four trees off of their property. Engineer M. Eisold stated that early in the review process the engineers noticed that some of the inlets were fairly close to the trees and the school was asked to adjust the inlets away from the trees. The School District then came back and wanted to remove the trees. The engineers went out to look at the layout and noticed that there is enough room to adjust the inlets without removing the trees. The School is now looking into how far they can move the inlets to get the same stormwater affect without disturbing the trees.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** No Report.

**8. Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Eisold stated that the Paving began today and will continue to pave for the next few weeks. The H2O Grant for the Sanitary Sewer repairs has been completed and the DCED has accepted the closeout.

**9. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor S. Kilkenny stated that the items to be discussed in Executive Session in the matters of litigation.

**10. Mayor's Report:** No Report.

**11. Police Chief's Report:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. The Police Department has been preparing for the Papal's visit. Also the Police Benevolent Association has had their preliminary meeting with Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, Vice President R. Bunker and President D. Pancoe to discuss the new Contract that starts January 1<sup>st</sup>. These meetings will continue.

**12. Director of Public Work's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Director of Public Works T. Frank stated that the Public Works Department is very busy with the paving project along with repairing storm inlets. The Public Works Department has also been doing base repair on Linda Vista Road which will hopefully extend the life of the road a few more years.

**13. Manager's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to highlight that paving has been started today. Greenwood Avenue was completed, except for 100 feet on Walnut Street. Florence Avenue and Hillside Avenue will be completed tomorrow and will start Runnymede Avenue on Wednesday. There has been no need for any subbase repair for the project yet. Cheltona Avenue and Elm Avenue have both been milled as well. EDU Approval for the basement at 309 York Road as well as the offices on the second floor. This was an 18 month process but it has officially been approved and have finished their final inspections of the club. The Borough is waiting for the payment of the EDU's before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued. The Liability Insurance has been renewed and the Borough saved \$16,000 over the quoted renewal cost.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance #2015-3 Permission to Advertise:** Councilor K. McGlenn made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners to approve the advertisement of Ordinance #2015-3, allowing the re-finance and finance of the General Obligation Debt.

Motion passed 7-0

**NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:**

- Alyson Dobbs and Jonathan Wilt wanted to thank the Borough for the \$5,000 allocation that the Borough made to the Hiway Theatre. Mrs. Dobbs and Mr. Wilt state that this money will be put towards their continuing their community and cultural resources and to promote the access to the arts for all members of the community.
- Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to also share that PECO sent a check for \$500 towards the Shade Tree Commission.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** President D. Pancoe, explained that the Borough didn't need to move into Executive Session for discussion of matters of litigation and personnel.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Councilor J. Mixon, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.

