



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

January 26, 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:** Mayor E. Foley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Roll Call:**
 - **Council members present:** President D. Pancoe, Councilor J. Conners, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor L. Durkin, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor T. Danilak and Junior Councilor D. Willey.
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor C. Durkin and Councilor K. McGlenn.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Public Works Director T. Frank, , Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Mayor E. Foley, and Engineer M. Eisold.
4. **Public Hearing Regarding Ordinances #2014-8, #2014-9 and #2014-10:** Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to call to order the public hearing for Ordinances #2014-8, #2014-9, and #2014-10.

A public hearing was held, and matters were discussed.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to call to close the public hearing for Ordinances #2014-8, #2014-9, and #2014-10.
5. **Approval of Minutes: December 15th, 2014 and December 30th 2014:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, approving the minutes from the December 15th, 2014 and December 30th 2014 Borough Council Meeting.

Motion passed 8-0
6. **Approval of Payrolls dated December 24th, and January 8th and January 22nd in the amount of \$204,714.13 and Invoices totaling \$350,096.95.** Vice-President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners to approve payrolls dated December 24th, and January 8th and January 22nd in the amount of \$204,714.13 and Invoices totaling \$350,096.95.

Motion passed 8-0
7. **Public Comment:** Mike Bast, residing at 211 Rodman Avenue had a question regarding the recent string of robberies on the 200 and 300 block of Rodman Avenue and Runnymede Avenue. Mr. Bast was inquiring why the robberies are not being placed in the paper and why the names aren't being released on who has been robbed in these sections. Police Chief A. DiValentino explained that there was seven burglaries down Rodman Avenue and Runnymede Avenue and a blast was sent out to inform residents of the incidents. Police Chief A. DiValentino also stated that there is still an active investigation with multiple jurisdictions regarding the burglaries. A task force has been formed to address these crimes and weekly meetings are held to continue to update all the municipalities on any information received. When an update is received on this incident the Chief will forward the information along

to the Mayor for his approval to send out to the residents. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to state that the investigation is still ongoing.

Mr. Bast also wanted to comment on the ice storm a few days prior. Mr. Bast took a walk on the morning of the ice storm and walked to Walnut Street. While on his walk Mr. Bast noticed cars not being able to make it up the hill on Walnut Street due to the ice. He then proceeded to call 911 to report the situation. Police did come to help the situation. Mr. Bast believes the Police Department and Public Works are fantastic at their job but may lack communication during the winter storms.

8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** The Report has been placed in Dropbox. Vice President R. Bunker did want to mention that the Borough is still looking at a loan to repave some of the streets in the Borough. As well as reorganizing Dropbox.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** A report has been placed in Dropbox. Councilor L. Durkin stated that letters will soon be going out regarding sidewalks to improve the paving project
- **Public Safety:** A report has been placed in Dropbox.
- **Public Works:** A report has been placed in Dropbox. Councilor J. Conners stated that Public Works has a lot of projects in the making and will keep Council informed of them.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. Farrell stated that the School District has more revenue coming in this year so far than they did in previous years. Also, Junior Councilor D. Willey presented his findings of Police and Student relations. He stated that it seems as though the relationship could be better. He wanted to state that the Police Department has not done anything wrong but when they run into the Police it is usually because they are in trouble and now have a negative relationship with authority,
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Steve Spindler stated that the events have gone well over the last year and wanted to know if Council knew of anything else that the Jenkintown Community Alliance could help with. Jenkintown Community Alliance wants to help the Borough if the Borough has any areas that need filled. President D. Pancoe wanted to mention that the Borough wants Jenkintown Community Alliance to continue hosting the events such as the Arts Festival and the 5k Run, she would also like a member of Jenkintown Community Alliance to step up and hold the leadership position for Jenkintown Community Alliance.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report

9. **Solicitor's Report:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Solicitor S. Kilkenny wanted to discuss that the SALDO Ordinances were not on the agenda. He wanted to state that they should be adopted during new business to allow for public comment. Solicitor S. Kilkenny also stated that there was a need for Executive Session tonight so that he may provide an update regarding the Salem Baptist Church litigation

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

11. **Police Chief's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that the Police Department is staffed for the storm. Also, Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to mention that in 2010 the Royal Bank in Jenkintown was robbed by two males. Since then the case has went cold, but with new evidence brought before the Police Department they are hoping to provide DNA and close the case. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to discuss the option of going into a state of emergency tonight, January 26th. A State of Emergency is a tool used to clear cars off of major Emergency Roadways to allow the plows to go through. Whereas the Borough has not towed a car this is used as a soft reminder that if you can move your car off of the street it would help immensely. Therefore a State of Emergency has been declared.

12. **Director of Public Work's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Director T. Frank reported that Public Works is currently handling the storms and wants to mention that

the brine has been helping tremendously. He also wanted to report that they have been helping Siravo with the wall. Public Works Director T. Frank stated that he would be more than happy to answer any questions.

- 13. Manager's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough had several night meetings last week. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to mention that the Zoning Hearing Board Hearing for 101 York Road has been postponed until February 19th. The end of the year financials have been closed out with the accountants, which a lot of good news was highlighted. Each fund was positive but the general fund did exceptionally well. Vice President R. Bunker wanted to inform Council that both Borough Manager G. Locke and Police Chief A. DiValentino have been very careful spending tax payer money and wanted to thank both of them. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough does have a few grant opportunities taking place at this time such as the school warning lights, the 611 traffic light study.
- 14. Engineer's Report:** Engineer M. Eisold reported that his report is in Dropbox. He did however want to mention January 14th and met with the previous engineering firm to discuss the projects that were currently ongoing. The first part of the retaining wall foundation was poured last week and weather permitting hopefully will be half finished by the end of this week. The H2O grant will be in the forefront and will now be receiving work in phases. Engineer M. Eisold will be updating both the Committee and Council as this project continues.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Solid Waste Disposal Contract: Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to award the Solid Waste Disposal Contract to BFI Transfer Systems of Pennsylvania LLC. This contract will be for a 23 month period and the expiration of this contract will coincide with the current collection contract.

Motion passed 8-0

2. Union and Non-Union Pension Boards: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to appoint Councilor Christian Soltysiak to the Union and Non-Union Pension Boards.

Motion passed 8-0

3. Public Safety Committee Chairperson: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to appoint Councilor Kieran Farrell as the Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee.

Motion passed 8-0

4. Borough Fire Commission Chairperson: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, to appoint Councilor Kieran Farrell as the Chairperson of the Borough Fire Commission.

Motion passed 8-0

5. Montgomery County Planning Commission Partnership: Councilor L. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to enter into a three year partnership agreement with the MCPC to provide Professional Planning Assistance in writing the Borough Comprehensive Plan as well as all other aspects of formal Borough Planning.

Motion passed 8-0

6. Engineering Proposal: Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, to approve the Boucher & James proposal to provide Engineering, Construction Management and Inspection Services for the television inspection, cleaning and grouting on the remainder of the H2O sewer rehabilitation project. This proposal is not to exceed price of \$7,500.

Motion passed 8-0

7. 2015 Fee Schedule: Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, to approve the 2015 Fee Schedule for Jenkintown Borough.

Motion passed 8-0

8. Liquid Fuel Paving Program: Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance for the Liquid Fuel Paving Project Loan in the amount of \$400,000 to repave Borough roads.

Motion passed 8-0

9. Advertisement of Pension Spouse Amendment: Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, to authorize the advertisement of the Pension Spouse Amendment.

Motion passed 8-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

1. RACP Funding Opportunity: Borough Manager G. Locke explained that the government will be looking back into grants that had not been funded nine or ten years ago. Jenkintown Borough had four grants on that list, but are only allowed to refund one of those grants. Two grants were for the Hiway Theatre, one was for a new fire department, and the fourth one was regarding a multi-level parking garage. The Hiway Theatre has been complete since the date of the application of the grant. The grant for the fire department was for \$500,000 and the grant funding for the parking garage was for 6 million dollars. 1 million of the 6 million was used on the municipal parking lots, but Representative McCarter stated that the Borough can apply to receive up to 5 million. The downside of this project is that it has to be a 50% match. The application is due February 9th. Solicitor S. Kilkenny suggested to reach out to County Redevelopment Authority.

2. Ordinance No. 2014-8: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, to approve Ordinance #2014-8 amending Chapter 160 regarding SALDO.

Motion passed 8-0

3. Ordinance No. 2014-9: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve Ordinance #2014-9 amending Chapter 181 regarding SALDO.

Motion passed 8-0

4. Ordinance No. 2014-10: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to approve Ordinance #2014-10 amending Chapters 154, 63, and 156 regarding SALDO.

Motion passed 8-0

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 litigation passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor T. Danliak, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.