



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

June 27th, 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:** Mayor E. Foley 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 K. McGlonn, Councilor L. Durkin, Councilor C. Whitney, and Councilor M. Ashton-Young.
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor J. Mixon and Councilor M. Golden.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Mayor E. Foley, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Director of Finance R. Ware, and Engineer M. Saylor.
4. **Approval of Minutes: May 27th 2016:** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, the motion approving the May 27th 2016 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated May 26th and June 9th in the amount of \$141,362.52 and Invoices totaling \$581,718.44.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, the motion approving payrolls and invoices passed unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Dave Doyle, 108 Cedar Street, appeared before Council to discuss the manhole cover and inlet grate that has been making noise in front of his house each time a car drives over it. Mr. Doyle explained that Borough Manager G. Locke and the Public Works Department have been out to assess and attempt to rectify the situation however it is still continuing. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that they have since ordered a new inlet grate and will be changing the grate as soon as it arrives. Borough Manager G. Locke also stated that they will check the manhole to make sure it has the pan insert which has helped eliminate the noise. Borough Manager G. Locke will continue to monitor this situation.
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 due to the length of the meeting minutes have not been provided yet. Vice President R. Bunker wanted to highlight that the Borough is joining in with forty-one other municipalities on a negotiation with Verizon. Once more information is received on this, it will be discussed it Administration and Finance Committee. Vice President R. Bunker did want to quickly give a background on the Lindy appeal. Lindy had an assessment done in 2013 which raised their taxes. They since appealed it to the County and both Jenkintown School District and Montgomery County have decided that a settlement is best. Both the School District and the County have since signed off on the settlement, the Borough is the last to sign off in agreement. Solicitor S. Kilkenny feels as though this is the Borough's best option without Borough Council spending a lot of money to fight this settlement.

- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor L. Durkin stated that there are two things on the agenda from her meeting as well. Councilor L. Durkin also wanted to note that there is a number of things that “are percolating at the moment but nothing to note at this time.” Councilor L. Durkin highlighted that the Recreation Board did appear before Administration & Finance as they are going through a transition period since Rick Pescatore stepped down. Stephen Tolton has since stepped up in Mr. Pescatore’s place, and is actively seeking volunteers to help with the Rec Board events.
 - **Public Safety** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor K. Farrell is not in attendance tonight, however Vice President R. Bunker wanted to highlight that the School Safety Zone on Greenwood Avenue is on the agenda tonight. This study for the safety zone only supported a static sign like the one currently on Walnut Street. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that PennDOT stated that they will be bidding the project in August of 2016, starting the project in December of 2016 and are planning to be completed by March 2017. Councilor C. Soltysiak wanted to highlight that the Borough did testing of their lead level in the water and the independent test showed that the lead levels in the Borough’s water are lower than that required by the state.
 - **Public Works:** A written report was provided in Dropbox. Councilor J. Conners was not in attendance tonight, however Vice President R. Bunker wanted to highlight the Borough’s work on the analysis of the sanitary sewers in the Borough. Due to the analysis, the Borough will be working on Washington Lane shortly as it appears to be in bad shape. Vice President R. Bunker wanted to inform Council that the Borough is ahead of Cheltenham in videotaping the systems and scheduling repairs. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to inform Council that he received an alarming call from PECO a few days ago regarding work within the Borough. PECO sent out a one call, or a public utilities marking call, to all the streets the Borough had paved last year, as well as what the Borough will be paving this year. When he spoke with Suzanne Ryan she stated that PECO is looking to replace gas mains on these streets in 2017. Borough Manager G. Locke is waiting to hear back from PECO regarding the severity of this work. While reviewing the Ordinance from last year regarding street restoration, Borough Manager G. Locke noticed that it does not call for the full width of the cartway to be paved. Solicitor S. Kilkenny stated that he has since been working with Borough Manager G. Locke to get this corrected, and if Council makes a motion tonight to advertise the Borough will fall within what is known as a Pending Doctrine, which will require PECO to repave the full width of the cartway should they do the intended work in 2017. President D. Pancoe stated that the motion will be made under new business on this evenings agenda.
 - **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. Farrell stated that there was a well-attended School Board meeting on the 16th of May in which the parents presented a petition to keep the class size small. There is much concern with the incoming kindergarten class has 54 kids. The School Board has verified that they have been watching that and that they have hired two additional teachers however, it is unsure how this will impact the school’s budget. The superintendent also has been appointed.
 - **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor L. Durkin stated that they will be updating the bylaws for the Jenkintown Community Alliance. The JCA has currently been working on the Inside Out Art Program with the Philadelphia Art Museum.
 - **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report
 - **Comprehensive Plan:** Councilor L. Durkin stated that the consultants will be doing a summer study on the parking details of the Borough. The last time the Borough did an inventory of parking was in 2006. The consultants are also going to do field visits for the parking and as where there will not be a detailed study, they will however have a broad brush of the demand vs opportunity of parking. Also during this study, they will be doing a vacancy study, listing all the vacant properties within the Borough.
- 9. Engineers Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Saylor stated that she will be working with Borough Manager G. Locke to finish closing out the 2015 Paving Program now that the punch list has been completed. Boucher & James has been working on the third quarter Sanitary Sewer Report, which should be completed by the end of this month. The Borough also submitted their CDBG Grant application on April 15th which would replace ADA handicap ramps across town.

10. Solicitor’s Report: No Report.

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 owners of 206 Township Line Road have asked for an extension due to the Borough Planning Commission and the Borough Engineer having questions and comments. Borough Manager G. Locke also wanted to highlight that the Borough is working with the School District on the pathway to the playground.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Resolution #2016-15 Appointment to Jenkintown Shade Tree:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, to approve Resolution #2016-15 appointing Bill McMann, Henry Mitchell, George Gazonas, Phil Miller and Ryan Lafferty to the Jenkintown Shade Tree.
Motion passed 8-0
2. **Resolution #2016-16 Appointments to the Jenkintown Zoning Hearing Board:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve Resolution #2016-16, appointing Penelope Cutler and David Ballard to the Jenkintown Zoning Hearing Board.
Motion passed 8-0
3. **Ninety-Day Development Extension Request:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, approving the ninety-day land development extension request for 206 Township Lien Road, allowing the owners, Jenk Properties LLC to address the remaining comments from the Planning Commission and the Borough Engineer.
Motion passed 8-0
4. **Greenwood School Safety Zone:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by President D. Pancoe, authorizing Pennoni Associates to apply with PennDOT on behalf of Jenkintown Borough for the Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone.
Motion passed 8-0
5. **Lindy Properties Tax Settlement:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, to approve and settle the Assessment Appeal Vs Lindy-Jenkintown LP, Montco Court of Common Pleas #,2012-27921 which has already been executed by the School District and the County resulting in a refund to Lindy-Jenkintown LP in the amount of \$7,461.00 for the years 2013 to 2016.
Motion passed 8-0
6. **Final Payment of the 2015 Paving Project:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, to table the final payment for the 2015 Paving Project until next month when all the paper work is received from General Asphalt and approved by the Borough.
Motion passed 8-0
7. **Jenkintown Welcome Sign with Glanzmann Subaru:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, approving the Jenkintown Welcome Sign agreement between Jenkintown Borough and Glanzmann Subaru.
Motion passed 8-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. McGlonn, approving the advertisement of Ordinance #2016-2 revising the street restoration ordinance.

Vice President R. Bunker made a motion that the Borough reinstate the Lost and Stolen Firearm Ordinance that they repealed last year. Councilor T. Danilak asked that Vice President R. Bunker wait to make this motion as it could be overturned in court yet again. After much discussion Vice President R. Bunker withdrew his motion as to wait to see where it goes within the court system and have the Solicitor provide a legal opinion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor M. Ashton-Young, the motion to move into Executive Session for discussion of matters of personnel.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, President D. Pancoe announced that an Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel. A motion made by President D. Pancoe seconded by Councilor K. McGlenn 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.