



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING
September 28TH, 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, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor L. Durkin, Councilor, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Connors, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor C. Durkin, Councilor T. Danilak, and Councilor M. Marlowe.
 - **Council members absent:** J. Mixon.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Director of Finance B. Lucy, Public Works Foreman J. Riggins, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, and Engineer M. Saylor.
4. **Approval of Minutes: August 24th, 2015:** On motion of Councilor T. Danilak, seconded by Councilor L. Durkin, the motion approving the minutes from the August 24th, 2015 meeting of Borough Council passed unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated September 3rd and September 17th in the amount of \$133,147.46 and Invoices totaling \$222,679.76:** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, the motion approving payrolls and invoices passed unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Joseph McHugh of 600 Runnymede stated that the paving is 2/3 of the way complete and commended the employees of both the Borough and General Asphalt for doing a good job. However, he suggested a better way to complete the required curb and sidewalk repairs would be by using an engineer to calculate the estimated linear and square footage of the curb and sidewalk that would need to be replaced, then have the Borough go out and bid the entire concrete project allowing a bondable contractor to do the work, but having the homeowners pay for their individual curb and sidewalk replacements. This would allow the cost to be cheaper for homeowners but keep consistency in the work that was to be completed. Mr. McHugh did want to express that he did not believe the Borough should be in charge of the maintenance of the sidewalks and curbs.

William Gillespie, 602 Runnymede, voiced concerns with the administration being "pleased" with the paving project. Mr. Gillespie raised questions such as, why would you think this? Why was the permit discounted? He also expressed that he believed the process is wrong and needs to be changed. Borough Manager G. Locke described the process of inspections to Mr. Gillespie and that the Borough would take these considerations into thought when implementing the 2016 Paving Project.

Randy Garbin of 99 Runnymede suggested that the Borough needs a comprehensive plan that recognizes the public right of way. He believes that the Borough does not spell out that the sidewalk and curb is the homeowner's responsibility due to it being in the public right of way and that it is a Borough issue on maintaining the sidewalk and curbs. Mr. Garbin also wanted Council to note that the idea of "what we have always done" reasoning is wrong and that the Borough should look into further explanations on why these issues are arising.

The resident residing at 505 Rodman questioned the letter from the Borough in regards to the Borough repairing the sidewalks if it is not completed by the homeowner. Specifically how would the Borough pay for the repairs? Council President D. Pancoe explained there is a clause in the Borough Ordinance that states that the Borough

can perform the work and charge an extra 10% for administrative costs and lien the property for that amount. However due to the Borough not having money to potentially complete all of the work a citation would be issued to the property owner and they would go before the District Magistrate in the court.

7. Presentations

Earl Armitage from Pennoni Associates spoke of the pedestrian crossing at both York & Greenwood as well as York and Summit. He discussed that 2/3 of pedestrians crossed legally at York Road and Greenwood Avenue in the designated crosswalk and 1/3 of pedestrians crossed at Summit Avenue and York Road where there is no crosswalk. He produced three different scenarios. In the first situation, would be a red light signalization like there is in front of 440 York Road. However, PennDOT denied a signal for this area. The second was the idea of inserting flashers showing that pedestrians can cross there. The consensus though is that would create a false sense of safety and would not benefit the pedestrians. The third presented the idea of natural barriers along the road to guide pedestrians to the Greenwood crossing. The Borough could pursue a streetscape grant to fund the natural barriers such as trees, benches and bushes. A second plan, plan "B" is centered around two new flashing school zone lights, but this plan is still in the developmental planning stages.

Maggie and Marley from the County Planning Commission appeared before Council to discuss the Jenkintown2035 Comprehensive Plan. Maggie and Marley wanted to note that the survey has been distributed to the public, they've received 600 responses for this survey which has turned out to be very successful. Chairperson L. Durkin reminded the Committee that meetings for the comprehensive plan are the 1st Thursday every month.

John Cover from the County Planning Commission appeared before Council to present the Montgomery County Comp Plan which was adopted in February of 2015. This comp plan will be a web based data portal which will greatly benefit the grant application process. This plan will continue through 2040. Mr. Cover also wanted to note that the Flood Plain Ordinance update is due by March 2016.

8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** A packet has been placed in Dropbox.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** A packet has been placed in Dropbox.
- **Public Safety:** A packet has been placed in Dropbox.
- **Public Works:** A packet has been placed in Dropbox.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. Farrell stated the softball field is going along nicely and would be reopened by the Spring of 2016. The JSD is also looking for two new candidates for the Junior Councilor program, once more information is received Councilor K. Farrell will report it to Council. Councilor K. Farrell also wanted to report that the school will be 100% of asbestos by 2016 as they continue to renovate. These renovations will hopefully be utilized for classrooms.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor L. Durkin wanted to report that the Arts Fest was most successful and wanted to thank the Borough staff and Jenkintown Police Department for a great job with helping prepare for the annual festival.

9. Engineers Report: A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

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

11. Mayor's Report: No Report.

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

13. Director of Public Work's Report: A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman J. Riggins 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.

14. Manager's Report: A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Land Development Waiver – 215 York Road:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners to approve Land Development Waiver for 2015 York Road allowing Midgard Properties to renovate the commercial property on the first floor and the eight apartments on the second floor. This waiver is contingent on Midgard Properties complying with Borough parking requirements.

Motion passed 11-0

- 2. H2O Grant Auditor:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by President D. Pancoe to approve BBD LLP as the Auditor for the closeout of the H2O Sanitary Sewer Grant.

Motion passed 11-0

- 3. Ordinance #2015-3 Permission to Advertise:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden to approve Ordinance #2015-3, allowing the Borough to re-finance and finance the General Obligation Note with Republic Bank.

Motion passed 11-0

- 4. Resolution #2015-8 School Zone Safety Lights:** Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Durkin authorizing Pennoni Associates Inc. to submit the Application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Motion passed 11-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to move into Executive Session for discussion of matters of litigation and personnel 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 Councilor T. Danilak to go back into the public meeting passed unanimously

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

