



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2014
7:30 P.M.

700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President D. Pancoe called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor 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. Durkin, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor J. Mixon, and Councilor T. Danilak.
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor M. Boutcher.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Public Works Director T. Frank, Director of Finance B. Lucy, Solicitor S. Kilkenny.
4. **Approval of Minutes: September 22nd, 2014:** Councilor C. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, approving the minutes from the September 22nd, 2014 Borough Council Meeting.

Motion passed 11-0
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated October 2nd, and October 16th in the amount of \$130,673.09 and Invoices totaling \$525,292.35:** Vice-President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe to approve payrolls dated October 2nd, and October 16th in the amount of \$130,673.09 and invoices totaling \$525,292.35.

Motion passed 11-0
6. **Public Comment:** No Comment
7. **Presentations**
 - **Police Officer Swearing:** Mayor E. Foley swore in Police Officer Ralph James Burrows into the Jenkintown Police Department
 - **Police Department Accommodations:** Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to accommodate Helen "Muffin" Reiff, for her service as a school crossing guard and a parking enforcement officer for the past nine years. Helen will be retiring and moving to Florida. Police Chief A. DiValentino awarded Helen Reiff a certificate of appreciation.

Police Chief A DiValentino also wanted to commend three officers, Officer R. Tuffy, Officer R. Ulary, Detective M. Welsh. Each officer received a Class 3 accommodation for their actions on August 30th 2014 at 3:07am subduing a robbery suspect.
 - **Valley Forge Tourism Convention #MakeltMontCo:** Wanted to discuss the opportunity Jenkintown has for being a tourist community for Montgomery County. The President of the Montgomery County Tourism Convention Bill Fitzgerald stated that Jenkintown was chosen as one of the four towns to represent Montgomery County, as well as how to bring tourism into Jenkintown.

- **Resolution #2014-28 – Shade Tree Commission:** Tabled until November.
- **EAC:** John McCaul discussed the current events going on with the EAC as well as current projects they have just finished. Some things the EAC have recently done are the native blueberry plantings along the football field, the rain garden next to the basketball court, as well as the ongoing playground project and Jenkintown Safari.

8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** A written report was provided in the monthly meeting materials. Vice President R. Bunker noted that tax collection has been better monitored than previous years. Also noting that the pension is on track with projections. Vice President R. Bunker wanted to also highlight Dave Busch's report about the Sewer Rate Study. Vice President R. Bunker also stated they are close to choosing a firm to do the 511 tax compliance audit.
 - **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
 - **Public Safety:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
 - **Public Works:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor J. Conners wanted to note that the Public Works Department was in the process of buying a milling machine, which will allow small road repairs. Councilor J. Conners also wanted to note that they will be interviewing Engineering firms this Wednesday and are interviewing Gilmore & Associates, Pennoni, and Butcher & James.
 - **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. Farrell reported there was a joint meeting held on October 13th with the school board to discuss state of affairs. Councilor K. Farrell wanted to mention that an agreement was reached to formalize any future affairs between the school and the borough. Also, there has been two students selected as Junior Council Members, Derek Luiley and Sophia Adler. These two students would attend council meetings, and be a liaison between the school and council. These students will not have any voting power and will not sit in executive session.
 - **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor L. Durkin noted that they do not have a financial report on the 2014 Art Festival. The future of the Arts Festival has currently been the topic of discussion. Alyson Dobbs will chair the 2015 Art Festival but discussion on which entity would house the Art Festival is now at the forefront.
 - **Multi-Municipal Group:** Councilor M. Golden noted that the Multi-Municipal group would like to have a press release asking the public to come to the November Council meeting. The website is ready to be released and comments and or questions can be sent to Allison Hastings or Councilor M. Golden.
- 9. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor S. Kilkenny wanted to mention the memo he sent Borough Manager G. Locke and President D. Pancoe related to lost or stolen guns as well as a copy of the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance repeals the current lost or stolen gun ordinance and will further be discussed in the executive session. Also, Solicitor S. Kilkenny wanted to discuss the new ordinances relating to the subdivision of land and the removal of the word bond from those codes. This would change the bonding to receiving a letter of credit instead.
- 10. Mayor's Report:** Mayor E. Foley reported that Scare on the Square went well as well as having the Pumpkin Drop at 1pm this Saturday. The pumpkins that will be used during the drop will then be used as compost in Abington.
- 11. Police Chief's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- 12. Director of Public Work's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Director of Public Works T. Frank wanted to note that they will be completing the outdoor painting project this weekend. The curbs for the season have been completed and Public Works is currently in the process of beginning to make Brine.

- 13. Manager's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Administration and Finance has approved going paperless. Also, the small water sewer program grant was denied, the PennDOT TAP Grant for the school warning lights was denied, but the DCNR grant for the playground was approved for \$20,000.
- 14. Engineer's Report:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke stated the Remington Vernick and Beach had nothing new to report and asked to not appear at the October meeting. Also, a camera has been placed down the pipe underneath Cedar Street. They have found a blockage and may be blasted out. The line sags in the middle, which is one of the reasons it has been clogged.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Grant Writer for SCBA Replacement:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Durkin, to approve \$3,000 expenditure from the Fire Department's Contingency Fund to hire grant writers to apply for a grant for better Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Motion was passed 11-0

- 2. Resolution # 2014-23 Berkheimer Liaison:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to appoint Borough Manager G. Locke and Director of Finance B. Lucy as the authorized representatives for Berkheimer.

Motion was passed 11-0

- 3. Resolution # 2014-30 Clean Power Plan Resolution:** Councilor L. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve Resolution #2014-30 supporting the Clean Power Plan to cut carbon pollution from power plants in rural communities.

Motion passed 11-0

- 4. Resolution # 2014-31 Jenkintown Train Station:** Councilor L. Durkin made a motion, seconded by President D. Pancoe, to approve Resolution #2014-31 supporting the reconstruction of the Jenkintown Train Station.

Motion was passed 11-0

- 5. Resolution # 2014-29 Police Pension Plan:** Councilor C. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve Resolution #2014-29 ratifying the Police Pension Plan and DROP Ordinance, authorizing its execution.

Motion was passed 11-0

- 6. Trust Agreements & Amendments:** Councilor C. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, to approve the Trust Agreement & Amendments relating to the Police Pension Plan.

Motion was passed 11-0

- 7. Ordinance #2014-7 Amending Chapter 38, Article 3 Authorization to Advertise:** Councilor C. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Councilor T. Danilak, to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance #2014-7, establishing the 2011 Heart Compliance Act into the Police Pension Plan.

Motion was passed 11-0

- 8. Ordinance #2014-8 Amending Chapter 160, Authorization to Advertise:** Councilor L. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance #2014-8, amending contract requirements relating to the financial security by applicants for land development and/or subdivision approval.

Motion was passed 11-0

9. **Ordinance #2014-9 Amending Chapter 181, Authorization to Advertise:** Councilor L. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance #2014-9, amending contract requirements relating to the financial security by applicants for land developments and/or subdivision approval.

Motion was passed 11-0

10. **Ordinance #2014-10 Amending Chapter 154, Authorization to Advertise:** Councilor L. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to approve the advertisement of proposed ordinance #2014-10, amending contract requirements relating to financial security by applicants for land development and/or subdivision approval.

Motion was passed 11-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION: President D. Pancoe wanted to discuss the zoning issue regarding to the treehouse that is currently in discussion. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that a house on Summit started to erect a tree house with no permit. A resident stopped in to Borough hall to complain about this tree house. Borough Manager G. Locke talked to the contractors on site and have agreed to stop all work until permits have been submitted and approved. Mr. Locke is unsure about the zoning portion of this permit, because it is not conventional construction. The applications have not been received for permits yet and Borough Manager G. Locke will be working with the resident on this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On motion of Councilor M. Golden, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, 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 Vice President R. Bunker in to go back into the public meeting passed unanimously.

President Pancoe announced that the resignation of Councilor Boutcher had been received. The motion to accept Councilor Boutcher's resignation was made by President Pancoe and seconded by Councilor C. Durkin.

Motion was passed 11-0

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