



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
December 11th, 2017
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 K. Farrell, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor M. Ashton Young, and Councilor K. McGlonn.
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor T. Danilak.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Solicitor A. Ciuca, Engineer K. Hassan, Mayor E. Foley, and Director of Finance R. Ware.
4. **Approval of Minutes: November 27th, 2017:** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion approving the November 27th, 2017 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated December 7th in the amount of \$138,610.16 and Invoices totaling \$271,711.22.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion approving payrolls dated December 7th in the amount of \$138,610.16 and invoices totaling \$271,711.22 were approved unanimously. Vice President R. Bunker noted that the payroll amount of \$138,610.16 included the sick buyback time for the Police Department as noted in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
6. **Public Comment:** Christine Glass, 303 Runnymede Avenue, stated that she is appeared before Council to receive an update regarding the complaint she filed to the Borough regarding the possible landscape business being run out of 221/301 Runnymede Avenue.

Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that the Borough is receipt of the evidence and a violation has been issued. The owners of the property at 301 Runnymede Avenue have the right to appeal before the Zoning Hearing Board. If not, a citation will be issued.

President D. Pancoe reported that Councilor Tom Danilak has chosen to resign. Councilor T. Danilak submitted his letter of resignation to President D. Pancoe. President D. Pancoe wanted to thank Councilor T. Danilak for his years of service and his background in architecture and city planning.

Councilor M. Golden asked Solicitor S. Kilkenny if the Borough had thirty days to accept Councilor T. Danilak's resignation and if they can delay.

Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that they do have thirty days to accept Councilor T. Danilak's resignation and recommends accepting the resignation today.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to accept Councilor T. Danilak's resignation.
7. **Presentations:** President D. Pancoe wanted to recognize Mayor Ed Foley for his continuous years of service. Stephanie Berardi appeared before Council to present a citation to Mayor Ed Foley on behalf of Representative

Steve McCarter's Office and the House of Representatives. President D. Pancoe added that Mayor Ed Foley did a great job overseeing the Police Department and served as a thirteenth member of Council.

Mayor Ed Foley thanks the residents, appoint officials, elected officials, Borough Manager G. Locke and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Jerry Nugent, Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority, appeared before Council to discuss the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority and how the RDA can help to convey a lease or agreement through a negotiated process of the Borough owned property that was recently out for a Request for Information.

Solicitor S. Kilkenny asked how the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority is paid. Mr. Nugent explained that the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority is paid on an hourly basis between \$85 an hour and \$150 an hour with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority's Solicitor being \$175 an hour.

Vice President R. Bunker asked how this works and is still legal without going with the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Nugent responded by stating that Pennsylvania Statute provides an exception for Redevelopment Authorities to negotiate sales pursuant to a cooperation agreement.

8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in December.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in December.
- **Public Safety:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in December.
- **Public Works:** No Report due to no meeting taking place in December.
- **Jenkintown School District:** No Report.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** No Report.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report.

9. Engineers Report: Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that they are currently working on improvement matters on Florence Avenue pertaining to the drainage issues. Engineer K. Hassan also noted that they are currently working with the School District on the bollard matters that were discussed during the November Public Safety Committee.

10. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that his office worked with the Borough on Right to Know Documentation as well as zoning matters pertaining to 301 Runnymede Avenue. Solicitor S. Kilkenny also highlighted that his office has been in attendance at meetings pertaining to the Taco Bell proposal.

11. Mayor's Report: No Report.

12. Police Chief's Report: Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Police Department is scheduled for their re-accreditation this coming Friday, December 15th. Police Chief A. DiValentino highlighted that he sat in on mediation at Jenkintown School District and believes that it went well.

Vice President R. Bunker asked Police Chief A. DiValentino to discuss the incident on West Avenue.

Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a very serious incident on December 7th at 1:42pm where motorist went the wrong way on West Avenue toward York Road at Leedom Street. The Police Department had a fast response time and subdued the motorist on York Road. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted Council to know that the motorist was very combative.

Vice President R. Bunker thanked Police Chief A. DiValentino and the officers on scene for not using excessive force.

13. Public Work's Report: No Report.

14. Manager's Report: Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough had successfully completed their first snowstorm of the season. Borough Manager G. Locke also highlighted that Wednesday December 13th at 6:30 PM is the Menorah Lighting in Town Square. Additionally, Borough Manager G. Locke noted that on December 7th there was a partial building collapse on Leedom Street due to the delivery of shingles. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Management, and Building Department was on scene. The demolition team removed the roof structure and the third floor.

Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to thank the Borough Administration for their work and actions taken during the collapse.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance #2017– 9: 2018 Tax Levy:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to adopt Ordinance #2017-9 setting the tax levy for 2018.
Motion passed 11-0
- 2. Solid Waste Collection Fee:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to set the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Fee at \$212 annually. The \$10 full payment discount will still apply. Vice President R. Bunker noted that the Borough contracted with the least expensive most responsible bidder.
Motion passed 11-0
- 3. 2018 Budget:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Whitney, to approve the 2018 Borough Budget as presented. Vice President R. Bunker highlighted that the Borough was able to find ways to deliver services without a tax increase.
Motion passed 11-0
- 4. 2018 Meeting Schedule:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to adopt the 2018 Council and Committee meeting schedule as presented.
Motion passed 11-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

Borough Manager G. Locke wanted Council to know that the Resolution for prohibiting category 4 casinos has been removed from the agenda per the recommendation of the Borough Solicitor. Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that Montgomery County is exempt due to Valley Forge Casino.

Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to engage with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority for the possible sale of Borough owned properties.
Motion passed 11-0

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 real estate.

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

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