



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**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 A. Dobbs 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 D. Ballard, Councilor M. Ashton Young, and Councilor K. McGlonn.
  - **Council members absent:** None.
  - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor P. Hitchens, Engineer K. Hassan, Mayor A. Dobbs, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, and Director of Finance R. Ware.
4. **Approval of Minutes: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** On motion of Councilor J. Conners, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion approving the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$172,825.30 and Invoices totaling \$302,844.21.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion approving payrolls dated March 1st and March 15th in the amount of \$172,825.30 and invoices totaling \$302,844.21 were approved unanimously.

President D. Pancoe wanted the public to know that the Borough is live streaming the meeting tonight on to the Boroughs website. President D. Pancoe noted that there also is a conditional use hearing scheduled for tonight, and due to the hearing scheduled President D. Pancoe will be limiting public comments to three (3) minutes for each speaker.

6. **Public Comment:** Peggy Downs, 301 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council to read a statement that has been posted on Facebook regarding her property at 301 Runnymede Avenue. Ms. Downs read a statement pertaining to the Enforcement Notice the Borough issued to her property for the potential business operation. Ms. Downs believes that the Borough is spending unnecessary money attempting to prosecute her family and asks that Borough Council put an end to this.

President D. Pancoe thanked Ms. Downs for her comments and noted that because this is a matter of litigation the Borough cannot comment.

Mark Gerhadt, 607 Willow Street, appeared before Council to ask for party status for the conditional use hearing. Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that there will be a time during the hearing for residents to ask for party status.

Diane Griffin, 95 Runnymede Avenue, wanted to give her time to Ms. Downs to allow for Ms. Downs to continue. President D. Pancoe noted that they could not pass time to others for public comment. Ms. Griffin noted that she supports Ms. Downs and that the Borough has no cause for the actions being taken and are wasting tax payer money by continuing.

David Downs, 301 Runnymede Avenue, wanted to congratulate the girls basketball team for winning the State Championship. Mr. Downs also wanted to ask Council that if they were running a business why aren't the Police

looking into it as the Police Department would say that they are not running a business. Mr. Downs wanted Council to know that he works at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Danielle Downs, 221 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council in support of her son, David, and daughter in law, Peggy. Ms. Downs noted that David and Peggy have lived there for 28 years and there is no evidence of a business of any kind taking place “then, now or ever.”

Elaine Ferrara, 301 Rodman Avenue, appeared before Council to support Peggy and David Downs. Ms. Ferrara noted that the Downs family is a fine upstanding family and respected members of the community. Ms. Ferrara noted that David and Margaret Downs never provided any services to her nor has she ever been billed or paid the Downs.

Louise Garbin, 99 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council to express her support for the Downs family. Ms. Garbin noted that she drives past their house and has never seen any evidence of a business.

Jane Gee, 300 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council to express her support for the Downs family. Ms. Gee noted that “this has to stop.”

Joanne O’Conner, 301 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council to express her support for the Downs family and has not seen any evidence of a business.

John McGrath, 234 Wyncote Road, appeared before Council to express his support for the Downs family. Mr. McGrath stated that he “wished the Borough would stop pursuing this frivolous complaint.” Mr. McGrath noted that Borough Council has the power to tell the Borough Solicitor to not pursue the complaint as Judge McHugh already threw the case out before. Mr. McGrath noted that the Downs family has volunteered for the community more than most people as they volunteer for the Breathing Room and the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. McGrath noted that the Downs family are good people and that he “hopes the Borough is seeing what it is doing to this town” and that they are “tearing the town apart.”

**7. Presentations:** None at this time.

## **8. Committee Reports**

- **Administration and Finance:** Vice President R. Bunker noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor C. Whitney noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor C. Whitney did note that the Fire Commission meeting has been moved until Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Public Works:** Councilor J. Connors noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Jenkintown School District:** No Report.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that the Arts Fest will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 and planning has begun. Councilor K. Farrell noted that currently JCA is looking for a new treasurer.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** Councilor M. Golden noted that the Pennsylvania Municipal League will be attending a meeting in the near future to discuss ways and projects in which the League can benefit the Borough.
- **2035 Comprehensive Plan:** President D. Pancoe highlighted that the 2035 Comprehensive Plan is under public review. President D. Pancoe noted that there are copies of the draft plan located at Borough Hall

and the Library as well as the draft plan can be found on the Borough's website. The Borough is looking to adopt the 2035 Comprehensive Plan in May.

9. **Engineers Report:** Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the PA Small Water Grant sewer lining project is substantially complete.
10. **Solicitor's Report:** No Report.
11. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that the girl's basketball team won the State Championship and wanted to thank Pam Lynch, a member of the Rec Board, for organizing the escort of the girls basketball team which included the organization of the Police and the Fire Department. Mayor A. Dobbs would like to formally recognize the girls basketball team during the April Council meeting. Mayor A. Dobbs also wanted to congratulate Chief A. DiValentino on passing their fifth accreditation.
12. **Police Chief's Report:** Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials.
13. **Public Work's Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials.
14. **Manager's Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution #2018-11: DEP 902 Recycling Grant:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to approve Resolution #2018-11, pertaining to the Department of Environmental Protection's 902 Recycling Grant, which the Borough is looking to apply for to purchase a new recycling truck. The Borough's required match is not to exceed \$20,000.  
Motion approved 12-0
2. **Payment to National Water Main Cleaning Company:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to approve payment to National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount of \$126,607.05 for the work performed pertaining to the 2017 PA Small Water & Sewer Grant.  
Motion approved 12-0
3. **Borough Council Re: Proposed Taco Bell Development:** There was a motion that was tabled from the February 28th meeting to withdraw support of Borough Council for zoning application submitted by Summerwood for the proposed Taco Bell project.

Solicitor P. Hitchens asked if the attorney for Summerwood present. Solicitor Alyson Fritzges noted that she was present. Solicitor P. Hitchens asked if an application has been submitted for the proposed Taco Bell. Solicitor A. Fritzges noted that a zoning application was submitted to the Borough and an initial review was completed by the Zoning Officer. Currently, the applicant is revising the plans and will be resubmitting.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to table the motion pertaining the Borough Council's support on the proposed Taco Bell Development until the April Council meeting.  
Motion passed 12-0.

Jenkintown Borough Council moved into a conditional use hearing pertaining to the application submitted by the equitable property owner, Summit House Associates 2018 LLC, to construct an age restricted, 75-unit apartment building at 606-610 Summit Avenue.

**NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:** None at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None at this time.

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