



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
6:30 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 J. Conners, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor D. Ballard, and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
  - **Council members absent:** Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor K. McGlonn, and Councilor J. Lugar
  - **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: March 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 29<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$170,910.65 and Invoices totaling \$348,554.96.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion approving payrolls dated March 29th and April 12th in the amount of \$170,910.65 and invoices totaling \$348,554.96 approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Alyson Fritzges, attorney for Taco Bell, appeared before Council to state that Taco Bell is still interested in Councils support. If Council was to continue supporting the project, Taco Bell can file within 48 hours, and that the reason they have not filed as of today is because Taco Bell is waiting to see if Council still supports the project.

Peggy Downs, 301 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council to inform them that she is not nor ever has operated a business out of her home at 301 Runnymede Avenue. Ms. Downs feels as though she is being falsely accused by the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor. To date legal fees have been \$6,000 which does not include the \$1,000 Zoning Hearing Board application fee. Ms. Downs noted that she has asked to be provided with the evidence that the Borough has against her, and to date the Borough has denied the request. Ms. Downs is now asking that residents attend the Zoning Hearing Board Hearing in support.

Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that because this is a matter of litigation the Borough cannot comment.

President D. Pancoe asked if Ms. Downs would receive her application fee back should her appeal be successful. Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that the returned fee is stated within the Municipal Planning Code should the applicant be successful.

Shirley Breslin, 226 Mather Road, appeared before Council to state that she is appalled by Council's behavior lately and that Council should be appalled with themselves.

Danielle Downs, 221 Runnymede Avenue, appeared before Council in support of her son, David, and daughter in law, Peggy. Ms. Downs noted that she will testify that there never has been a business operated out of 301 Runnymede Avenue. Solicitor P. Hitchens stated that the burden of proof is placed on the municipality.

Peggy Downs, 301 Runnymede Avenue, noted that she did go in front of the Judge and the Borough presented legal briefs. Ms. Downs stated that the Borough “could have had one meeting however she wasn’t giving that opportunity.”

Alex Khalil, 514 Greenwood Avenue, appeared before Council to ask why they were not in attendance at two important events. One even was the stone laying of Benjamin Lay and the second being the Colored Troops ceremony and Camp William Penn. Ms. Khalil would like to see Borough Council attend these events and represent Jenkintown Borough.

**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:** President D. Pancoe noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. President D. Pancoe highlighted that the Planning Commission is reviewing the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and making their recommendations.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor C. Whitney noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Public Works:** Councilor J. Conners noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Jenkintown School District:** No Report.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** No Report.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** Councilor M. Golden noted that the Pennsylvania Municipal League is hosting an event regarding sustainability on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the Delaware Valley Smart Growth Alliance will be hosting a presentation of revitalization.
- **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 of 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 Route 611 detour plans were given to the Borough for distribution. Councilor C. Soltysiak asked if there was an additional route for trucks, to which Engineer K. Hassan responded that there has not been an alternate route for trucks.

**10. Solicitor’s Report:** No Report.

**11. Mayor’s Report:** Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that the girl’s basketball team State Championship parade will be held this Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:15 PM. This parade is to honor the historic win. Additionally, Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that she, Councilor C. Soltysiak, and Public Works Foreman K. Riggins have been working with the Kwanis Club on permanent Sunset 5K Run signs. The signs will go on existing poles and will hopefully be installed before the race.

**12. Police Chief’s Report:** Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that the Police Department has been receiving a lot of phone calls pertaining to phone scams. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to remind residents to not give out personal information over the phone and to hang up should someone ask for it.

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. Borough Manager G. Locke did note that the Borough currently has fourteen grants open and is also working on two important bid projects.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **2018 Paving Project: Permission to Advertise:** Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, to advertise the 2018 Paving project. This year's project includes Hillside Avenue (Walnut Street to York Road), Leedom Street (Hillside Avenue to Cloverly Avenue), Florence Avenue (Runnymede Avenue to West Avenue) and Elm Avenue (at Hillside Avenue).  
Motion approved 9-0

It was noted that Councilor K. McGlenn appeared and is present for the following votes.

2. **2016/2017 CDBG Grant: Permission to Advertise:** Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, advertise the 2016 / 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This grant is to replace 42 handicap ramps and up to 14 alternate handicap ramps throughout the Borough  
Motion approved 10-0
3. **Engagement of Bond Council:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to engage Bond Council (Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell and Hippel) in regards to the funding/borrowing for the Borough's portion of Sanitary Sewer Repairs on Cheltenham - Interceptor A  
Motion passed 10-0.
4. **Civil Service List:** Councilor C. Whitney made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to accept the active civil service list pertaining to the Sergeants Exam  
Motion approved 10-0
5. **Promotion to Sergeant:** Councilor C. Whitney made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners motion, to promote Detective Mark Welsh as a Sergeant with the Jenkintown Police Department.  
Motion passed 8-2.
6. **Borough Council Re: Proposed Taco Bell Development:** Councilor M. Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Whitney, to withdraw support of Borough Council for zoning application submitted by Summerwood for the proposed Taco Bell project that was tabled at the February 28th and March 28th meeting  
Motion denied 8-2.

It was noted that Councilor K. Farrell appeared and is present for the following votes.

7. **Proposed 2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle (Ladder truck):** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to authorize placing the order of the vehicle due to the extended 445 day lead time to complete outfitting specifications and construction of the vehicle  
Motion passed 11-0.

**NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to approve Resolution #2018-13 recognizing and awarding the 2017-2018 Jenkintown Lady Drakes for their win for the PIAA State Championship.  
Motion passed 11-0.

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.

**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.