



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
October 24<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 J. Lugar, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor D. Ballard.
  - **Council members absent:** Councilor M. Golden, and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
  - **Others Present:** Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Engineer T. Dymrik, Engineer M. Bickerton, Mayor A. Dobbs, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins and Director of Finance R. Ware.
4. **Approval of Minutes: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018:** On motion of Councilor J. Conners, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion approving the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$171,722.89 and Invoices totaling \$306,175.63.** On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, the motion approving payrolls dated September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$171,722.89 and Invoices totaling \$306,175.63 were approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Maureen Lucak, 115 Cedar Street, appeared before Council to express her frustration with the amount of speeding cars on the 100 block of Cedar Street. Ms. Lucak noted that a child was almost struck within the past few days and would like to have more police presence on the block. Vice President R. Bunker noted that she can take the license plate number and file a police complaint.
7. **Presentations:**
  - **Roizman Development Inc. 610 Summit Avenue:** Alyson Fritzges, Attorney for Roizman Development, appeared before Council to discuss the proposed building at 610 Summit Avenue. Ms. Fritzges noted that they are appearing before Council this evening to receive final Land Development approval. Ms. Fritzges noted that since the Conditional Use hearing before Council, the building is now a four-story, 64 apartment building with commercial on the first floor. Ms. Fritzges noted that they appeared before the Jenkintown Borough Planning Commission in August, September and October, receiving a recommendation for final approval. Additionally, Ms. Fritzges noted that they have also appeared before the Jenkintown Borough Design Review Board receiving a recommendation for final approval from that board as well.

Ms. Fritzges noted that the two comments the Planning Commission asked Council to review were pertaining to the openings of the garage as well as the color and texture of the sidewalk as it crosses over the garage apron. After discussions were held, Council agreed that they would like to see the opening reduced and agreed that the driveway access point should be changed from the sidewalk pattern to alert pedestrians that there is motor vehicular traffic that can enter and exit there.

Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that there is a resolution that is required to be passed in order to permit final Land Development Approval. This resolution is under the Order of Business section.

President D. Pancoe asked that the Resolution contain information pertaining to the traffic study that is to be completed as she would like the traffic study extended to include the intersection of York Road and Summit Avenue.

Both Borough Engineer M. Bickerton and Ms. Fritzges noted that the agreement does require Roizman Development to complete a traffic study approximately six months after opening they cannot require Roizman to complete a traffic study of that intersection as there was no traffic study completed to show if York Road currently has any traffic congestion or issues. President D. Pancoe was not thrilled with the response, however succumbed to the notion.

Ms. Fritzges asked what the next steps were if the Resolution passed. Engineer T. Dymrik noted that the next steps would include recording the reviews and land development agreements and proceeding with the financial security agreements.

## 8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** Vice President R. Bunker noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Vice President R. Bunker highlighted that the Borough has begun budget season and the next budget workshop is on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Vice President R. Bunker wanted to pass along the concern from a resident regarding a “don’t block the box” sign at the intersection of Township Line Road and Summit Avenue.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the Borough has received 46 property maintenance complaints and have resolved all but 15.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor C. Whitney noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor C. Whitney noted that the Fire Commission meeting will be held before the November Public Safety / Public Works committee meetings.
- **Public Works:** Councilor J. Conners noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor J. Conners highlighted the 2018 paving project will be commencing tomorrow, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. McGlenn noted that she met with the School District to which they discussed the proposed vestibule addition and a progress report on that. It was noted that the School District rejected all bids received and will be looking to rebid the work. There has been no vote on the final cost of the work that will be completed. Councilor K. McGlenn noted that the School District has been receiving a lot of criticism on the project.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that the JCA wanted to use funds raised through various activities including the annual Arts Fest to illuminate five trees within town square. JCA will pay for the lights and labor costs for the installation of these lights. The lights will be permanent in the trees and are expected to be low maintenance.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report.

**10. Engineers Report:** Engineer M. Bickerton noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Bickerton highlighted that the Borough met with PennDOT and the Borough’s Traffic Engineer regarding the intersection of Washington Lane and York Road. Engineer M. Bickerton highlighted that the meeting went well and PennDOT will be installing “skip marks” along York Road as well as installing reflectivity signage at their cost. PennDOT will also be evaluating the lighting at that intersection to see if more lighting needs to be installed. To have this work completed, Engineer M. Bickerton noted that the Borough must complete and approve at TE-160, which is a resolution supporting the work to be completed. The Resolution will be discussed under New Business tonight.

- 11. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor S. Kilkeny noted that the Solicitors Office is working with the Borough regarding various projects such as zoning code updates as well as land development matters. Additionally, Solicitor S. Kilkeny right to know submittals and other legal questions.
- 12. Mayor's Report:** Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that the Art Festival brought in approximately \$23,000.00. This coming year, 2019, Rachel Farrington will be in charge of the festival as Melissa and Sok want to take a more active role in finding ways that the funds can be used to promote art within Jenkintown. Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that the Sunset Run will be on Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 and the first run meeting will be held tomorrow. Additionally, tomorrow night is the annual bonfire which is being held on the baseball field. Due to the bonfire Walnut Street will be closed between West & Greenwood Avenues. Lastly, Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that they are reviewing the run signs and redesigning the signs which should be completed in the Spring of 2019.
- 13. 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 note that Halloween within the Borough was a success and they had extra patrol on to accommodate the foot traffic. Police Chief A. DiValentino also highlighted that the RMS system is up and running which replaced the visual alert system the Police Department used. RMS is a county wide program where as visual alert was a private company. The Police Department is hopeful this will save money. Additionally, Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the new speed trailer has been received.
- 14. Public Work's Report:** Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted that the CDBG handicap ramp project was approximately 95% completed. Additionally, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins highlighted that the 2018 paving project was to begin tomorrow. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins also noted that RoadCon will begin the removal of handicap ramps along York Road that were installed in locations that Council felt may be dangerous.
- 15. Manager's Report:** No Report.

Councilor C. Solystiak noted that Scare on the Square will be held this weekend, Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> in town Square.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Roizman Development Inc./Summit House Associates 2018 - 610 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pa. Final Land Development Approval:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve Resolution #2018-30 for the final land development proposal for the property located at 606-610 Summit Avenue.  
Motion approved 10-0
- 2. JCA Permission to Illuminate Trees In Town Center:** Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by President D. Ballard, to permit the Jenkintown Community Alliance to illuminate five "inside" trees. The hours of illumination will be determined.  
Motion passed 10-0.

Prior to the vote, President D. Pancoe asked that the Borough look into the lighting of the trees as she has been reading articles that noted that the trees need "rest." The motion was approved however the Borough is looking to install lighting timers to allow for the request.

- 3. 2019 Paving Project:** Councilor J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to approve the initial scope of work for the 2019 Paving Project to be Walnut Street between Greenwood and West Avenues as well as Highland Avenue between West and Hillside Avenues. The paving of these streets are in coordination with the AQUA watermain project.  
Motion approved 10-0.

4. **2016 Green Light Go Grant: Permission to Advertise:** Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to advertise the 2016 Green Light Go Grant in the amount of \$89,784.00 to complete the upgrading of the traffic lights to LED, install battery backup systems in all traffic lights as well as provide three small electronically stabilized generators for emergency situations.  
Motion approved 10-0.
5. **2017 2040 Montco Implementation Grant: Permission to Advertise:** Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to advertise the 2017 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant in the amount of \$73,902.00 to complete the welcome gateway into Jenkintown Borough from the southern entrance of York Road at Washington Lane  
Motion approved 10-0.
6. **Wireless Communication Letter of Opposition:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to write Representative Godshall, and cc'd Senator Art Haywood and Representative Steve McCarter regarding the Borough's opposition to House Bill 2564 regarding the Wireless Facilities Regulations. This bill strips municipalities of their current right to manage wireless poles and antennas within the public rights-of-ways, drastically cuts the fees that municipalities may assess for use of the rights-of-way to \$25 per site per year and fails to legally protect municipalities from accidents in the rights-of-ways involving wireless facilities.  
Motion approved 10-0.
7. **Interceptor A Improvement Costs Loan:** Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by President D. Pancoe, to seek a financing agreement for the borough's proration of construction costs for the Cheltenham Interceptor A project.  
Motion approved 10-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:**

1. Councilor J. Conners made a motion, seconded by President k. McGlenn, to adopt Resolution #2018-31, for the proposed intersection upgrades at Washington Lane and York Road. The scope of work includes "skip markers" and upgrading signage and delineators. This will all be listed on the TE-160 which is the Traffic Signal Approval Application. The application requires the resolution.  
Motion approved 10-0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Councilor C. Whitney, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.