



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Chairperson C. Whitney called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson C. Whitney, Councilor J. Conners J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Councilor M. Golden, Councilor A. Khalil, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Chief G. Bachman and Fire Marshal K. Lynch.

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino highlighted that Hatboro and Ambler Police Departments have started their Accreditation process.  
  
Mayor A. Dobbs wanted to commend Police Chief A. DiValentino for the various and multiple meetings and speeches he has given to the groups within Jenkintown Borough. In addition, Councilor A. Khalil wanted to thank Police Chief A. DiValentino for allowing her to stop in to the Police Department for a visit and discuss how the Jenkintown Police Department operates.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Independent Fire Company-** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Fire Police** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

**New Business**

1. **Fire Commission Meeting**– Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the April Fire Commission meeting will be held next week, Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. During this meeting, Chris Gabriel will be in attendance to discuss ACT 172 legislation.

2. **Traffic Accident Walnut Street / Runnymede Avenue** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that there was a non-weather related accident that occurred at this intersection. Chief DiValentino has asked the Borough Traffic Engineer to investigate having traffic strobe lights installed at this intersection. Engineer K. Hassan noted that the Traffic Engineer have reviewed and noted that the strobe red lights can be installed. The Borough’s Traffic Engineer have reached out to a vendor to price out the strobe light changes.
3. **EPA Brownfields Meeting: 433 & 435 Cedar Street** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the RDA is proposing to use \$60,000 of EPA Brownfields RLF grant to fund remediation at the 433 and 435 Cedar Street properties in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. The proposed funds will be used to conduct asbestos abatement, lead paint, and universal waste removal and disposal prior to demolition of the existing structures.
4. **JSD Vestibule Project** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the vestibule is being built at the turn-about for school drop off/ Pick up. The project is coming along well and the Borough has been completing site visits as requested and / or necessary. The project is expected to be completed in July 2019.
5. **Washington Lane/Walnut Street Truck Traffic** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the truck traffic has been damaging the properties in the 100 block of Walnut Street. The Borough traffic Engineers preliminary review appears that Washington Lane is restricted to 6 Ton traffic and would not allow trucks. PW has verified signage at the approaches to Washington Lane at York Road and Township Line Road. Efforts to correct this situation are being coordinated with the Borough Engineer and Jenkintown Police Department. The resident that has issued the concern is being kept up to date on any developments.

## Old Business

1. **Fire Department Ordinance** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the Fire Commission has been tasked with bringing the command structure of the Jenkintown Fire Department into compliance with the legally adopted minimum training requirements. The two Fire Companies met twice within the past month and have provided their requested revisions to the Borough Solicitor. The Borough Solicitor has worked to incorporate their revisions. The Ordinance will be advertised on April 14th.
2. **2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that Independent Fire Company and the Borough Administration continue to move the purchase process forward.
3. **Washington Lane Safety Measures: Update** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that PaDOT has performed the line painting adding “skip-marks” that delineate the path of travel for cars navigating the bend in the road. Signage will be installed with directional chevrons as well.
4. **2018 ARLE Grant application with Cheltenham & Abington Townships regarding signal at Washington Lane & Township Line Road** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that the grant was applied for prior to deadline, is expected to have awards announced in the Spring of 2019. Any progress will be monitored and reported on at this Committee.

- 5. Fire Department Training – Update** - Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the training records have been submitted and will be discussed more at the Fire Commission meeting.

Fire Marshal K. Lynch noted that the Borough has been awarded the Radio Grant and the radios have been received and distributed. The Borough will be finalizing the billing with the supplier.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Chairperson C. Whitney, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.