



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
May 22nd, 2019
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, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor C. Whitney, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor J. Lugar and Councilor D. Ballard.
 - **Council members absent:** Vice President J. Conners and Councilor K. McGlonn.
 - **Others Present:** Solicitor P. Hitchens, Engineer K. Hassan, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, and Director of Finance R. Ware.
4. **Approval of Minutes: April 24th, 2019:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil the motion approving the April 24th, 2019 Council Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated April 25th and May 9th in the amount of \$166,552.49 and Invoices totaling \$134,362.31.** On motion of Councilor D. Ballard seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion approving payrolls dated April 25th and May 9th in the amount of \$166,552.49 and Invoices totaling \$134,362.31 were approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** None at this time.
7. **Presentations:**

Edmund Fosu-Laryea, of Barbicane, Thorton & Company LLP, appeared before Council to present the 2018 Borough Audit. Mr. Fosu-Laryea noted that there were no findings on the Borough audit, nor are there any significant recommendations. Mr. Fosu-Laryea noted that the payroll company, Evolution, does not complete a soci report audit, and the Borough should have their payroll company complete one. Additionally, the DCED filing was deadline was completed and the monthly reports mirror the DCED reports.

Bill Metzler appeared before Council to present the H.R. 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. Mr. Metzler noted the United Nations' IPCC has issued the warning that, due to burning fossil fuels for over a century, our global society must begin now to reduce carbon emissions in the atmosphere by 40% within the next 12 years, in order to avoid catastrophic and irreversible consequences of climate change. Mr. Metzler would like the Borough to pass Resolution #2019-14, endorsing H.R. 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019; and respectfully requests that our U.S. Representative Madeleine Dean cosponsor and vote for this bill and that our two Senators Robert Casey and Pat Toomey co-sponsor and vote for the Senate Companion Bill to H.R. 763 as soon as it is introduced in the U.S. Senate. After discussion, this item was voted on under the Order of Business.

Nick Rose, Protract Engineering, appeared before Council to present the plans that will be going before the Jenkintown Borough Council for 441 / 443 Leedom Street land development waiver next month. Mr. Rose noted he is appeared to see if Council would support the project. Mr. Rose noted that the plans have been sent to the County Planning Commission, Borough Planning Commission and the Borough Engineer for review. Currently, the Borough

Planning Commission noted their approval contingent on the compliance with the County Planning Commission review and the Borough Engineer review. This will be coming before Council on the June 26th Council meeting.

8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** Councilor D. Ballard noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor D. Ballard highlighted that the Borough met with Abington and the Borough Engineer to identify change orders that may not have been needed to be billed to the Borough. Additionally, the Borough has continued to work with E-Collect regarding Act 511 taxes.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the Terra Vida's headquarters will be located within the Borough at 500 York Road. Additionally, the southern gateway project is underway. Councilor K. Farrell also wanted to thank the Borough Administration who handles property maintenance complaints as they have been responsive and proactive.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor C. Whitney noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor C. Whitney highlighted that the Fire Commission has been working on recruitment and retention on volunteers within the Department, however nothing is currently set in the standards. Councilor C. Whitney noted that the discussion is that the Borough would give a monetary incentive to those who actively participate in the Fire Department.
- **Public Works:** Councilor C. Soltysiak noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor C. Soltysiak highlighted that the committee discussed banning smoking on Borough property, specifically Cedar Street / Moretti Park and Town Square. Additionally, conversations were held regarding Verizon pole removal.
- **Jenkintown School District:** No Report.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** No Report.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** Councilor M. Golden noted there is a sustainability conference on June 11th. Additionally, the latest plans regarding the Galman Development on Washington Lane show that the balconies have been moved. President D. Pancoe noted that there is a workshop on residential agriculture on Wednesday May 29th.

10. Engineers Report: Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that he ran preliminary and rough drainage area calculations for a section of the Borough that discharges at Greenwood and Washington. This information was share with the Galman Group's professional team for them to determine if this drainage area can be routed thru their system as per an agreement they executed with the Borough. Additionally, Engineer K. Hassan also attended the pre-construction meeting for 610 Summit Avenue and noted site construction will begin momentarily. Finally, Notice of Award for the 2017 Green Light Go has been issued and we are finalizing the contract for execution.

11. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that the Solicitors Office is working with the Borough regarding various projects such as the ongoing land development projects, zoning code updates. Additionally, Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that they are working with the Borough on right to know submittals and other legal questions.

12. Mayor's Report: Mayor A. Dobbs noted that she has two interns, Molly DiMaria & Jack Herr, who attended the Montgomery County Commissioners meeting where the Borough was award the 2019 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant. Additionally, the Kiwanis run markers have been installed for the Sunset 5K run on June 4th.

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 thank those who attended the tour of the Montgomery County Communications Center. Police Chief A. DiValentino would like to eventually put together a tour for residents to attend the call center. Additionally, Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that JUMP visited today as well.

- 14. Public Work's Report:** Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that there was information provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- 15. Manager's Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that there are currently 110 Knox boxes installed in town, 47 new Knox boxes thanks to the help of Fire Marshal K. Lynch. Additionally, the University of Penn students will be making an appearance before Council in the coming months regarding their school papers on the study they completed of Jenkintown. Additionally, the Borough will be working with CGI on the video of Jenkintown.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Appointment of Part-Time Police Officer:** Councilor C. Whitney made a motion, seconded by J. Lugar, to appoint Treavor Johnston as a part-time Police Officer with the Jenkintown Police Department.
Motion approved 9-0.
- 2. Resolution 2019-14 The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President J. Conners, to approve Resolution #2019-12 endorsing H.R. 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019; and respectfully requests that our U.S. Representative Madeleine Dean cosponsor and vote for this bill and that our two Senators Robert Casey and Pat Toomey co-sponsor and vote for the Senate Companion Bill to H.R. 763 as soon as it is introduced in the U.S. Senate.
Motion approved 9-1.
- 3. 2019 Paving Project:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to engage Pennoni Associates Inc for the engineering & management to include field inspections on the 2019 paving project for an estimated cost of \$5,400.
Motion approved 10-0.
- 4. 2018 Small Water & Sewer Grant: Permission to Advertise:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to advertise the construction specifications for the 2018 Small Water & Sewer Grant
Motion approved 10-0.
- 5. 2019 EPA – Brownfield Cleanup Fund: Permission to Advertise:** Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to advertise the 2019 EPA Brownfield Cleanup Fund project for the 433 / 435 Cedar Street Moretti Park
Motion approved 10-0.
- 6. 441 / 443 Leedom Street: Request for Waiver of Land Development:** At the request of the Borough Solicitor, this item was tabled until the June Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION: Councilor K. Farrell wanted to thank the Library and the Shade Tree Commission for the donation of space and the tree for the student who recently passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilor M. Golden, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.