

## JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30 P.M. 700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania

# MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order: President D. Pancoe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor A. Dobbs led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call:
  - <u>Council members present</u>: President D. Pancoe, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor M. Golden, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor J. Bruno, and Councilor A. Khalil.
  - Council members absent: None at this time.
  - <u>Others Present</u>: Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Mayor A. Dobbs, and Director of Finance R. Ware.
- **4. Approval of Minutes: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, the motion approving the November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council minutes were approved unanimously.
- **5.** Approval of payrolls dated December 5<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$90,193.29 and Invoices totaling \$126,188.14. On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, the motion approving payrolls dated December 5<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$90,193.29 and invoices totaling \$126,188.14 approved unanimously.
- 6. Public Comment: Louis Phanor, 403 Florence Avenue, appeared before Council to discuss his proposed addition at 403 Florence Avenue. It was noted that during the Design Review Board Phase, the Design Review Board asked that Mr. Phanor place a brick veneer instead of siding along the addition. Mr. Phanor would like to continue with the original plan which includes siding.

### 7. Presentations:

• Recognition of Service: Michael Golden, Chuck Whitney, Rick Bunker and Melissa Ashton Young: Jenkintown Borough Council along with Mayor A. Dobbs recognized and expressed their most sincere appreciation to Chuck Whitney, Rick Bunker and Melissa Ashton Young. Additionally, Jenkintown Borough Council along with Mayor A. Dobbs recognized and expressed their most sincere appreciation to Michael Golden for his continued support of the efforts of Jenkintown Borough and twenty years of continuous service within Jenkintown Borough. The Mayor and all members of Jenkintown Borough Council publicly acknowledged Michael Golden for his unwavering commitment to serving Jenkintown Borough and extended their utmost appreciation for his work and support. Councilor M. Golden thanked Borough Council as well as the staff and the residents of Jenkintown Borough.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to adopt Resolution #2019-28, recognizing Councilor Michael Golden for his service to Jenkintown Borough Council for the past twenty years.

Motion passed 12-0.

## **8.Committee Reports**

- Administration and Finance: Councilor D. Ballard noted that there was no monthly committee meeting during the month of December.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization**: Councilor K. Farrell noted that there was no monthly committee meeting during the month of December.
- **Public Safety**: Councilor J. Lugar noted that there was no monthly committee meeting during the month of December.
- **Public Works**: Vice President J. Conners noted that there was no monthly committee meeting during the month of December.
- Jenkintown School District: No Report.
- Jenkintown Community Alliance: Councilor K. Farrell noted that Jenkintown Community Alliance currently has a full board. Additionally, Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the Jenkintown Community Alliance will be hosting a public workshop meeting in late February or March.
- Multi-Municipal Group: No Report.
- **9. Engineers Report:** Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that demolition has been completed. The Borough along with the assistance of the Borough Engineer is working to complete the bid documents for the construction of the Cedar Street / Moretti Park. Councilor A. Khalil asked if the Borough has been receiving positive responses from the neighbors, Borough Manager G. Locke noted that they have been.
- **10.** Public Works Report: Public Works Foreman. K. Riggins noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that the bulk leaf collection is on schedule and is going well.
- **11. Solicitor's Report**: Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that the Solicitors Office is working with the Borough regarding various projects such as the ongoing historic register update, zoning code updates. Additionally, Solicitor S. Kilkenny noted that they are working with the Borough on right to know submittals and other legal questions such as conditional use and land development requirements. Solicitor S. Kilkenny thanked Michael Golden for his service on Council.
- **12. Mayor's Report**: Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that she has been working with PA Montco Counts for the 2020 Census.
- **13. Police Chief's Report**: Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino thanked Councilor M. Golden for his service. Councilor A. Khalil thanked Police Chief A. DiValentino for the manner in which the Police Department handled the Larry Curry Bridge Incident.
- 14. Manager's Report: Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough has been granted party status in regards to the Cheltenham SEPTA Zoning Hearing Board Hearing. Additionally, Borough Manager G. Locke noted that representatives from SEPTA, PennDOT and the Borough's solicitor for the case Rudolph Clarke, would be meeting to discuss the project at length in hopes to address the Borough's concerns regarding the project.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilor K. McGlonn was not present during the following votes.

1. Ordinance #2019-7: 2020 Tax Levy: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to adopt Ordinance 2019-7 setting the tax levy for 2020.

| General Fund           | 5.330 mills |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Street Light Fund      | 0.202 mills |
| Fire Protection Fund   | 0.600 mills |
| Fire Apparatus Reserve | 0.450 mills |
| Library Tax Fund       | 0.826 mills |
| Street Tax Fund        | 0.265 mills |
| Debt Service Fund      | 0.880 mills |
|                        |             |
| Total Tax Rate         | 8.553 mills |

Motion approved 10-1.

- 2020 Budget: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to approve the 2020 Borough budget as presented.
  - Motion approved 10-1
  - 403 Florence Avenue: Design Review Board Decision: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to approve the project as presented, including the vinyl siding. Motion passed 11-0
  - 4. Request for Proposal: 2018 SAFER Grant: Permission to Advertise: Councilor J. Lugar made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to advertise to advertise a Request for Proposal for the media marketing portion of the 2018 SAFER Grant. Motion passed 11-0
  - 5. Fire Department Training Standards Revision: Councilor J. Lugar made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to adopt the revision to the Fire Department training standards. These amendments include revisions to the requirements of a "Driver Only" and includes an additional section pertaining to "Officers".

Motion passed 11-0

6. Hiway Subordination Agreement: President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Golden, to approve the subordination agreement with the Hiway Theatre. Councilor A. Khalil asked what the agreement is regarding. Councilor M. Golden noted that the Hiway has asked the Borough to be subordination to their mortgage. The Hiway is currently refinancing their mortgage and the bank would like to have the first mortgage. Councilor M. Golden noted that the funds the Borough is asking to be paid back is part on an Anchor Building Grant that is used for such things. Motion passed 11-0

### NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to support the location of the EV Charging Station. The station is intended to be located within the Greenwood Avenue Parking lot, in two spaces close to the Pioneer Fire Company.

Motion passed 11-0.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to affirm the decision of the conditional use hearing for 93 York Road.

Motion passed 11-0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**: On motion of Vice President J. Conners, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.