



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:00 P.M.  
700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania  
MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice President J. Conners called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor A. Dobbs led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Roll Call:**
  - **Council members present:** Vice President J. Conners, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor J. Lugar and Councilor A. Khalil.
  - **Council members absent:** Councilor K. Farrell, President D. Pancoe, Councilor C. Sperger, and Councilor M. Marlowe were marked as excused.
  - **Others Present:** 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: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** On motion of Vice President J. Conners, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion approving the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 and February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of payrolls dated January 30<sup>th</sup>, and February 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$165,190.57 and invoices totaling \$213,417.81.** On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion approving January 30<sup>th</sup>, and February 13<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$165,190.57, which includes sick pay buy back and invoices totaling \$233,876.33 approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Joy Costrow, of Beaver Hill, appeared before Council to discuss the negotiations for the new contract between the Borough and the Police Department. Ms. Costrow also wanted to express that the Borough is fortunate enough to have the Canine Unit as she believes the measure of safety by having the Canine Unit is unmeasurable. Additionally, Ms. Costrow wanted to express that the Canine officers are being compensate with "200 hours" and not money.

Councilor D. Ballard noted that he is the chair of the negotiating group and that they have met with the Collective Bargaining Group on behalf of the Police Department. Councilor D. Ballard noted that these two groups are bringing the discussions back to the bodies they represent, which is where the approval for the agreement takes place. Councilor D. Ballard noted that the specifics of the negotiations cannot be discussed publicly. Councilor K. McGlenn thanked Ms. Costrow for her comments.

Gina Bachman, 427 Hillside Avenue, appeared before Council to discuss the Police Department Contract negotiations and understands that the negotiations are private. Additionally, Ms. Bachman understands that Council has a fiduciary responsibility to the community and as where the tax base has been changing, Ms. Bachman believes that Council needs to be upfront with the current state of the Borough and where the Borough stood regarding the negotiations.

Councilor D. Ballard noted that the negotiation teams have been upfront and honest and knew everything. Councilor A. Khalil noted that once the negotiation group appeared before Council, Council had a few questions regarding the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement. Councilor K. McGlenn thanked Ms. Bachman for her comments.

## 7. Public Hearing:

- **Karly Cleary, Houndstooth Studio, Greenwood Avenue: Conditional Use:** Vice President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard, to open the public hearing for the Conditional Use hearing for 807 Greenwood Avenue. The motion passed unanimously. Solicitor S. Kilkenny explained the Public hearing policies and procedures prior to the commencement of the hearing itself. A Court Stenographer was in attendance and transcribed the hearing.

Vice President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to go back into the Borough's monthly meeting, and continue with the agenda items listed. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor J. Lugar made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to approve the conditional use request with the suggested conditions for 807 Greenwood Avenue.

Motion approved 8-0

## 8. Presentations:

- **Leza Raffel, Communications Solutions Group Inc.; Fire Department Recruitment Program (FEMA Grant):** Leza Raffel on behalf of the Communications Solutions Group, appeared before Council to present and answer questions regarding the recruitment and retention portion of the FEMA SAFER Grant that the Borough has been awarded.
- **Jon McCandlish, Jenkintown Borough Planning Commission; Jenkintown Historic Resource Survey:** Jon McCandlish appeared before Council to update them regarding the Jenkintown Historic Resource Survey that was recently completed. In addition, the Borough Planning Commission would like to begin the process of updating the Historic Resource list, adding and amending existing designations. This update will be discussed during the Building, Zoning and Revitalization committee meetings in the coming months.

## 9. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** Councilor D. Ballard noted that the committee meeting information can be found in the packets. Councilor D. Ballard noted that the old unmarked k9 unit has been sold. Additionally, Councilor D. Ballard noted that the Borough has received the new trash truck, which has been placed in service, and the old trash truck has been sold.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** Councilor D. Ballard noted that the committee meeting information can be found in the packets. Councilor D. Ballard highlighted that six new businesses have been approved / opened within the Borough. Additionally, Councilor D. Ballard noted that the Jenkintown Community Alliance will be hosting the farmers market in conjunction with the Rec Board.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor J. Lugar noted that the committee meeting information can be found in the packets. Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the recruitment and retention portion of the SAFER Grant for the Fire Department has been awarded to the Communications Solutions Group. Councilor J. Lugar also noted that the Rec Board is proposing to close Leedom Street during the Summer Music Series Concerts.
- **Public Works:** Councilor C. Soltysiak noted that the committee meeting information can be found in the packets. Councilor C. Soltysiak highlighted that the trash truck has been delivered and the PECO gas main replacement project has commenced. Councilor C. Soltysiak highlighted that most of the roads on the PECO Project fall within the guidelines in the restoration ordinance and will be restored at no cost to the Borough. Finally, Councilor C. Soltysiak highlighted that the Borough was awarded the 2019 PECO Green Region Grant.
- **Jenkintown School District:** None at this time.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor C. Soltysiak noted that Jenkintown Community Alliance currently has a full board and will be hosting a community meeting at Church of Our Saviour on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

- **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report.

- 10. Engineers Report:** Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan reported that the School Zone can be extended down Walnut Street, however would need to be approved by PennDOT as this portion of Walnut Street is a state road. Additionally, the School District must be in favor of the extension. Additionally, Engineer K. Hassan noted that the push buttons along York Road have been evaluated and additional signage can be installed.
- 11. Public Works Report:** Public Works Foreman. K. Riggins noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials.
- 12. Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor S. Kilkeny 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. Kilkeny 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.
- 13. Mayor's Report:** Mayor A. Dobbs wanted to thank Borough Council and Mr. Smeal regarding the recent Police Department assessment meeting that has taken place. Mayor A. Dobbs also highlighted that she is excited to begin working with the churches regarding the upcoming 2020 Census and that Census day is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 14. Police Chief's Report:** Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Mayor A. Dobbs wanted to thank Police Chief A. DiValentino and the Department for the way the Department has been handling the recent fatal pedestrian struck case. Councilor A. Khalil asked if the Police Department can do anything regarding the noise outside of Kings Corner as well as the truck traffic on Washington Lane between York Road and Township Line Road. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that he will look into both and report back.
- 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 the trash truck has been delivered and looks wonderful. Additionally, Borough Manager G. Locke attended a leadership conference at Arcadia University, which was very informative. Finally, Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough has received \$397,000.00 in grant funding for the demolition and construction of the Cedar Street Moretti Park, which is expected to commence in 2020.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution#2020-4: Fire Commission Appointment:** Councilor J. Lugar made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to adopt Resolution #2020-4, appointing Nicholas Pettinati to the Jenkintown Fire Commission, for the unexpired term of Gary Bachman.  
Motion approved 8-0  
  
\* President D. Pancoe was present for the following votes, Councilor K. McGlenn was absent for the following votes.
- 2. Resolution#2020-6: Act 537 Special Study - Cheltenham Twp. Asset Sale:** Vice President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to adopt Resolution #2020-6 pertaining to the Act 537 Sanitary Sewer Sale in Cheltenham Township.  
Motion approved 8-0
- 3. Certificate of Payment: Cedar Street Park Demolition:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, to pay BRB Contractors in the amount of \$35,500 for the Demolition of 433 & 435 Cedar Street project as per Pennoni Associates recommendation.  
Motion approved 8-0
- 4. Closure of Leedom Street: Summer Music Series:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to allow the Recreation Board to close Leedom Street, between West Avenue and

Greenwood Avenue every Tuesday during the hours of 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. The Recreation Board will be responsible to place detour and road closure signs.

Motion approved 8-0

5. **Rejection of Request for Information: Borough Owned Properties:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to reject the two Request for Information submittals regarding Borough Owned Properties received on September 15th, 2017.

Motion approved 8-0

6. **Resolution #2020-7: C2P2 Grant Signatory:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, to designate George Locke, Borough Manager the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Jenkintown and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to facilitate and assist in the 2019 Community Conservation Partnership Program (C2P2) grant.

Motion approved 8-0

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

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to pay Schadler-Yesco in the amount of \$33,024.000 for the southern gateway banner poles.

After no public comment received, motion approved 8-0

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard, to pay Plymouth Environmental in the amount of \$40,800 for the remediation of the Cedar Street Moretti Park.

After no public comment received, motion approved 8-0

Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to pay GranTurk in the amount of \$72,620.00 and Mack in the amount of \$122,012.77 for the new Borough trash truck.

After no public comment received, motion approved 8-0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion to move into Executive Session for discussion of matters of personnel and litigation.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, President D. Pancoe announced that an Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing matters of personnel and litigation. A motion made by Vice President J. Conners seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to go back into the public meeting passed unanimously.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard, to adopt Resolution #2020-5, approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Jenkintown and the Jenkintown Police Benevolent Association.

After no public comment received, motion approved 8-0

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