



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
7:00 P.M.  
700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** President D. Pancoe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Due to live streaming the meeting, the Pledge of the Allegiance did not take place.
3. **Roll Call:**
  - **Council members present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor C. Sperger, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor J. Lugar and Councilor A. Khalil.
  - **Council members absent:** Councilor K. McGlonn and Councilor K. Farrell.
  - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Engineer K. Hassan, Mayor A. Dobbs, and Director of Finance R. Ware.
4. **Approval of Minutes: June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion approving the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of payrolls dated July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and July 16<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$173,103.95 and invoices totaling \$475,671.96.** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion approving payrolls dated July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and July 16<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$173,103.95 and invoices totaling \$475,671.96 approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** President D. Pancoe noted that an email had been received from Rebecca Poltis, stating the following: "Just reaching out to share the PPA's website about their native plant sale they have every year in the spring. They use it to raise money for conservation efforts. Maybe Jenkintown could do something similar, with native SE PA vegetation obviously. We could use the funds to maintain gardens in the town square, borough hall and the cedar street park. Perhaps at the sale we could also run an outreach table boasting volunteer opportunities, education programs and events in the park." President D. Pancoe noted that they will begin the discussion and look into the information.

**7. Committee Reports**

- **Administration and Finance:** Councilor D. Ballard noted that the committee meeting information can be found with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor D. Ballard noted that all Borough Departments are functioning and work effectively within the new rules and regulations. Councilor D. Ballard also noted that the budget process for 2021 will be beginning shortly due to the COVID pandemic.
- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** President D. Pancoe noted that the committee meeting information can be found with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that developments of various projects have continued. President D. Pancoe noted that the Planning Commission met last evening and are working on various project such as the fence ordinance. Additionally, the Planning Commission heard the mural presentation, that will be discussed later this evening.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor J. Lugar noted that the committee meeting information can be found with the monthly meeting materials. Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the Emergency Management Coordination

team continues to meet as well as monitor the COVID situation. Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the Borough has been working with the applicant to approve the plans for outdoor dining of four restaurants. Finally, Councilor J. Lugar noted that the work on the previous aerial fire apparatus. The work was delayed due to the pandemic, however is now beginning. Councilor A. Khalil wants to begin the discussion of no smoking in Town Square and Borough owned properties, such as Borough Hall.

- **Public Works:** Vice President J. Connors noted that the committee meeting information can be found with the monthly meeting materials. in the packets. Vice President J. Connors highlighted that PECO is moving along with the gas main replacement project. Additionally, the Victory Garden has been discussed and updated and wanted to thank Councilor A. Khalil for spearheading the project. Vice President J. Connors noted that discussion has begun regarding the Public Works Department purchasing gasoline through Cheltenham Township.
  - **Jenkintown School District:** None at this time. Councilor A. Khalil wanted to applaud the efforts of the School District during the COVID Pandemic.
  - **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** None at this time. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that Councilor K. Farrell noted that the JCA is working to host drive in movie night in Immaculate Conception parking lot. The next meeting will be this Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00. This movie night is also in conjunction with the Hiway Theatre.
  - **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report.
8. **Engineers Report:** Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the coordination is continuing with AQUA regarding the York Road water main process. Engineer K. Hassan also noted that 610 Summit Avenue is working on site work.
  9. **Public Works Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that they are continuing the beautification through the Borough as well as restriped the Borough Hall parking lot as well as the Town Square parking lot. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that public trash has been picked up every other day due to the volume of trash being produced near those who are doing take out.
  10. **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.
  11. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that she has been working with the Chief and residents throughout the town in regards to PPE and gatherings. Mayor A. Dobbs has begun discussion with Police Chief A. DiValentino regarding the 2021 budget.
  12. **Police Chief's Report:** Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino highlighted that the Borough is joining Abington's HUB project and will be attending the HUB meeting tomorrow. Councilor A. Khalil asked for follow up regarding the Washington Lane speeding. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that a police study has been completed and this roadway is also split with Abington Township. The study showed that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 31 mph or under. The Police Department noted that they would place their speed trailer on Washington Lane within the coming weeks.
  13. **Manager's Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that National Water Main Cleaning Company has begun the sewer lining project in town. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that they are working with a lot of residents regarding zoning questions in regards to residential dwellings. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that he along with Borough Administration and Borough Councilors held a kickoff meeting for the Cedar Street Park grant.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. 435 Johnson Street: Mural Design:

Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough received a zoning permit from Dr. Stuart Tollen and Brian Bowens to paint a mural on the side of the building at 435 Johnson Street. The mural code section requires that the mural go before Council as a Conditional Use hearing. In addition, the mural will require relief from two code sections, which would go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Brian Bowens reviewed the application / artist rendition of the mural with Borough Council and the public.

President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to support the application before the Zoning Hearing Board submitted by Brian Bowens and Dr. Stuart Tollen and wave all applicable fees.

Motion approved 10-0

**NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:** None at this time.

**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 real estate 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 real estate and litigation. A motion made by Vice President J. Conners seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to go back into the public meeting passed unanimously

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