



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
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 D. Ballard, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor A. Khalil.
  - **Council members absent:** Councilor C. Sperger.
  - **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: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion approving the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of payrolls dated March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the amount of \$241,407.67 and Invoices totaling \$278,411.27.** On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, the motion approving payrolls dated March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the amount of \$241,407.67 and invoices totaling \$278,411.27 were approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment (Not pertaining to the Conditional Use Hearing):** Maya Cheek, 614 Washington Lane, appeared before Council to discuss her treatment during the Conditional Use hearing last month. Mrs. Cheek wanted to express her displeasure at the way she felt that she was treated during the hearing and wanted apologies from Council for such. President D. Pancoe apologized that Mrs. Cheek felt as though she was humiliated.

Marguerite Del Giudice, 414 Vernon Road, appeared before Council to note that although the Councilor discussed social injustice and social equality were directed at the community at large which seemed offensive.

### 7. Public Hearing

- **821 Homestead Road Conditional Use:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, to open the public hearing for the Conditional Use hearing for 821 Homestead Road. 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.

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

### 8. Committee Reports

- **Administration and Finance:** Councilor D. Ballard noted that the monthly meeting materials were provided. Councilor D. Ballard noted that the Annual Borough Audit will take place in early February. Additionally, the Borough Administration is working to update the Coronavirus policy to reflect current CDC

guidelines. Councilor A. Khalil asked when the Sanitary Sewer evaluation would be reviewed, Councilor D. Ballard noted that it will be presented within a public meeting within the coming months.

- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that the monthly meeting materials were provided. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the conversation began about the vacant property ordinance. This conversation will be discussed again in January 2021.
- **Public Safety:** Councilor J. Lugar highlighted the monthly meeting materials were provided. Councilor J. Lugar noted that the Emergency management Coordination meeting is continuing biweekly. Additionally, the Borough is working with the Recreation Board and the Fire Department regarding Light Up the Square and Santa visit.
- **Public Works:** Vice President J. Conners noted that monthly meeting materials were provided. Vice President J. Conners highlighted that the Electronic Vehicle Charging stations are in place and there is discussion regarding mapping the charging stations to let drivers know they are here. Vice President J. Conners highlighted that the boy scouts completed their annual Town Square clean up with the assistance of Public Works. The Borough has awarded the paving project to Joseph Sucher and is waiting for the extension from Penn DOT to allow for paving.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. McGlenn noted that she will be holding another meeting with the President of the School Board, Maya Cheek, as well as Dr. Takacs and Borough Manager G. Locke regarding proposed development.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor K. Farrell noted that the JCA will be holding a scaled back Arts Festival this year.
- **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report.
- **Police Commission:** No Report.

8. **Engineers Report:** Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that Pennoni has provided assistance to the Borough for 821 Homestead Road. Additionally, they have been completing site inspections for 610 Summit Avenue in regards to their land development agreement.
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 he will be updating any public works matters within his report.
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 wanted to note that there is no overtime funds within the Police budget to assist in community events. Additionally, Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that the food bank will be expanding to Tuesday nights from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM by appointment only.
12. **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 the JYA for allowing Officer R. Tuffy to throw out the first pitch at the baseball game this past weekend.
13. **Manager's Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Manager Locke highlighted that the paving of the PECO gas project has been completed but there is still concrete and lawn restoration taking place. Additionally, the spring cleanup of public spaces have been completed. Manager Locke noted that the Borough roof is at the end of its life cycle and the Borough has begun searching for emergency funding regarding such.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution #2021-4: Appointment to Non-union & Union Pension Committees:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to Resolution #2021-4, appointing David Ballard to the Non-union & Union Pension Committees.

Motion approved 11-0

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** President D. Pancoe noted that earlier in the evening, Council held an executive session for discussion of matters of personnel.

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