



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
February 24th, 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 C. Sperger, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor A. Khalil.
 - **Council members absent:** None at this time.
 - **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: January 27th, 2021:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Vice President J. Bruno, the motion approving the January 27th, 2021 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of payrolls dated January 28th and February 11th in the amount of \$232,213.86* and invoices totaling \$150,268.21 *Includes Sick Buyback.** On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion approving payrolls dated January 28th, 2021 and February 11th, 2021 in the amount of \$232,213.86, which includes the contractual 2020 sick buy back time with the Jenkintown Police Department and invoices totaling \$150,268.21 were approved unanimously.
6. **Presentation:**
 - **Midgard Properties, 821 Homestead Road:** Alyson Fritzges, attorney for Midgard Properties, appeared before Council to present a proposed plan for development at 821 Homestead Road.
7. **Public Comment:** Alyson Lester, 315 Greenwood Avenue, asked if the plans for the presentation were provided on the Borough website. The Borough responded that they were not as they have not been submitted for a formal application.

Megan O'Brien, 305 Vernon Road, asked if the report on how families choose housing, related to the presentation, can be shared. President D. Pancoe noted that the report can be found on the DVRPC website.
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 has taken place. Additionally, the Borough Administration is working to update the Coronavirus policy to reflect current CDC guidelines. Councilor D. Ballard noted the draft sewer valuation study has been completed by the contractor. There is no urgency about the study findings, and the consultant (P.F.M.) will likely brief these results at the Council meeting in March.
 - **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 properties

ordinance. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the Borough has worked to partner with Young Lungs at Play. Young Lungs at Play is a program which works to prohibit use of tobacco products in public parks and recreation areas.

- **Public Safety:** Councilor J. Lugar highlighted the monthly meeting materials were provided. Councilor J. Lugar noted that the Jenkintown Borough Fire Commission worked diligently to complete a combined set of Standard Operating Guidelines. Currently, a final version of the draft guidelines has been distributed to Fire Commission for review.
- **Public Works:** Vice President J. Conners noted that monthly meeting materials were provided. Vice President J. Conners highlighted that PECO has completed the 2020 AGIMP project and all temporary trench has been completed. All of these roads will be paved curb to curb at PECO's expense with the exception of Walnut Street which is a State Road in the springtime. Due to the timing of the AGIMP Project completion and the winter weather, the 2020 road paving project will be completed in the Spring 2021 as soon as weather allows.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor K. McGlenn noted that the Jenkintown School District has been working to keep the District open.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor C. Sperger noted that the JCA has sponsored the Art Hearts program around the gazebo and scattered around the Borough. Councilor C. Sperger highlighted the JCA is moving forward with planning for the 2021 Arts Fest.
- **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 Pennoni is continuing to work with 610 Summit Avenue regarding site work and land development.
9. **Public Works Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials.
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 P. Hitchens 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 thank the Emergency Services for the response of the winter storm. Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that the Kwanis won the statewide award for the 2021 signature project winner for the Sunset 5k run.
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 advise residents on scams specifically relating to the IRS. Additionally, Police DiValentino wanted to thank residents for posting their phone numbers to assist other residents in shoveling sidewalks.
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 winter storm responses have taken a majority of the time of Public Works. Borough Hall is still open by appointment only, 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Borough Manger G. Locke noted that 93 York Road is advancing, via paperwork, and are hoping to begin construction in two months.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Certificate of Payment #5: National Water Main Cleaning Company (PA Small Water Grant):** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to approve the assessment appeal settlement for the property located at 115 West Avenue.
Motion approved 11-0 (President D. Pancoe was not present for the vote)

2. **Resolution#2021-2: Foreclosure Moratorium:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Sperger, to adopt Resolution #2021-2, supporting the enactment of legislation that would temporarily suspend foreclosures and evictions during COVID-19 pandemic and requesting the Pennsylvania legislature and federal government to take immediate action to address the same.
Motion approved 11-0 (President D. Pancoe was not present for the vote)
3. **Resolution#2021-3: Redistricting:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to adopt Resolution #2021-3, supporting a Citizens Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting.
Motion approved 11-0 (President D. Pancoe was not present for the vote)
4. **Contract 20-02: Cedar Street Moretti Park Award:** Councilor K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to award Contract 20-02, the construction of the Cedar Street Moretti Park, to G&B Construction Inc in the amount of \$319,670.00 as per the Pennoni Associates Inc. recommendation.
Motion approved 11-0 (President D. Pancoe was not present for the vote)
5. **Approval / Adoption of the Jenkintown Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines:** Councilor J. Lugar made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, to approve and adopt the Standard Operating Guidelines for the Jenkintown Fire Department.
Motion approved 11-0 (President D. Pancoe was not present for the vote)
6. **Appointment of the Joshua Everetts to the Fire Police of Jenkintown:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, to appoint Joshua Everetts to the Jenkintown Fire Police.
Motion approved 12-0
7. **Appointment of the Robert Zigmund to the Fire Police of Jenkintown:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to appoint Robert Zigmund to the Jenkintown Fire Police.
Motion approved 12-0

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.