



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
May 26th, 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 C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor C. Sperger, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor A. Khalil.
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor J. Bruno.
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief A. DiValentino, Solicitor S. Kilkenny, Engineer K. Hassan, and Mayor A. Dobbs.
4. **Approval of Minutes: April 28th, 2021:** On motion of President D. Pancoe, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, the motion approving the April 28th, 2021 council minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of payrolls dated May 6th and May 20th in the amount of \$241,407.67 and Invoices totaling \$446,469.10.** On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, the motion approving payrolls dated May 6th and May 20th in the amount of \$241,407.67 and Invoices totaling \$446,469.10 were approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment (Not pertaining to the Conditional Use Hearing):** None at this time.
7. **Presentation**
 - 95, 97, 99 York Road; 409 Wyncote Road; 322 Washington Lane; Jenkintown Commons Limited Partnership #3 and BAP Jenkintown, LLC: Gregg Adelman and Paul Aschkenasy appeared before Council to discuss a proposed development at the above-mentioned properties. The proposal includes a grocery store on the above listed site.
8. **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.
9. **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 properties 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. McGlonn noted that the Jenkintown School District has begun the navigation of replacing Dr. Hart, the principal of the elementary school as well as continuing to navigate through the pandemic. Councilor K. McGlonn will be stepping down as the liaison to the Jenkintown School District.
 - **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor C. Sperger noted that the JCA is moving ahead with the Arts Fest and will be spreading things out a bit more to limit crowd gathering. Additionally, the rates have been reduced for artists and Jenkintown residents as the JCA is looking forward to supporting local businesses.
 - **Multi-Municipal Group:** No Report.
 - **Police Commission:** Councilor K. McGlonn noted that the Police Commission is continuing the conversation about what the path forward is and understanding the state of policing in the country. This includes where we are in policing and where the Borough would like to be.
- 8. Engineers Report:** Engineer K. Hassan noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the 2020 paving project has commenced and should be completed around June 4th. Engineer K. Hassan also highlighted that Pennoni is expecting the Cedar Street Morretti park project to begin around June 11th.
- 9. Public Works Report:** Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Borough Manager G. Locke noted the 2020 paving is expected to be completed next week.
- 10. 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 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 noted that the Police Department did pass the accreditation and ask that the Police Commission to invite the Chief in to explain what accreditation is and what it entails and how it protects the Borough. Additionally, the accreditation shows the exceptional level of professionalism that the force has.
- 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 highlight that the Police Department passed their sixth accreditation.
- 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 there is a Zoning Hearing Board hearing tomorrow night via ZOOM at 7:00 PM for 93 York Road. Borough Manager G. Locke also noted that the Borough is closing in on emergency

funding for the Borough roof. The Borough is also winding down on the selection for the Finance Director position since current Finance Director R. Ware has retired.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Resolution #2021-5: Recognition of Jenkintown Boys Cross Country Team:** Councilor C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Lugar, to approve Resolution #2021-5, recognizing the 2020-2021 Jenkintown School District Boys Cross Country team as the Pennsylvania State Champions.
Motion approved 10-0 (Councilor A. Khalil was not in attendance at this time)
2. **Sanitary Sewer Rate Study – Keystone Alliance Consulting:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Vice President J. Conners, to approve the sanitary sewer rate study contract in the amount of \$12,500 with Keystone Alliance Consulting.
Motion approved 11-0
3. **Wells Fargo Investments – BPT Settlement:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to approve the settlement agreement between the Borough of Jenkintown and Wells Fargo of an annual payment of \$92,400 for a term of five years commencing on June 30, 2021, until June 30, 2025. This will satisfy the Business Privilege Tax that was mistakenly paid to Jenkintown Borough instead of Cheltenham Township.
Motion approved 11-0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

4. **93 York Road:** President D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, to send the Solicitor, the Law Office of Sean Kilkenny, to the Zoning Hearing Board hearing case number 391 in support of the application for 93 York Road.
After receiving no public comment, the motion was approved 8-0. Councilor M. Marlowe abstained

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.