

## JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

7:00 P.M. Borough Hall - 700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania (Also - Live Streamed ZOOM to Borough Facebook Page)

## **MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order: President J. Conners called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor G. Lerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call:
  - <u>Council members present</u>: President J. Conners, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor A. MacHaffie, President D. Pancoe, Councilor M. Marlowe, Councilor A. Bartlett, and Councilor A. Khalil.
  - Council members absent: Councilor A. Narva, Councilor K. McGlonn, and Councilor C. Sperger
  - Others Present: Manager G. Locke, Chief T. Scott, Solicitor P. Hitchens, Engineer M. Bickerton, and Mayor G. Lerman.

President J. Conners noted that prior to tonight's Council meeting, Council held an executive session for discussion of matters of personnel and litigation.

- **4. Approval of Minutes: June 22nd, 2022:** On motion of President J. Conners, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak, the motion approving the June 22nd, 2022 council minutes were approved unanimously.
- **5.** Approval of Payrolls dated June 30th and July 14th in the amount of \$157,262.91 and invoices totaling \$253,942.05. On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, the motion approving payrolls June 30th and July 14th in the amount of \$157,262.91 and invoices totaling \$253,942.05 were approved unanimously.
- **6. Public Comment:** Fire Marshal K. Lynch wanted to thank Council and members of the Borough for their well wishes and support during his recovery.

## 7. Committee Reports:

- Administration and Finance: Councilor D. Ballard noted that the monthly meeting materials were
  provided. Councilor D. Ballard noted that Borough Council has been moving quickly to make a 457-plan
  possible for employees, which is a pretax savings plan, similar to a 401K however the Borough will not be
  making contributions towards the 457 plan. Secondly, the Borough Administration has been restructuring.
- Building, Zoning & Revitalization: Councilor J. Bruno noted that the monthly meeting materials were provided. Councilor J. Bruno highlighted that phase one of the SALDO revision was discussed. Councilor J. Bruno highlighted various developments coming through the Borough, including 501 Washington Ln, 100 York Road and 610 York Road projects. Curative Amendment hearings for 103 and 111 York Road before Borough Council will be held on Wednesday August 24th at 7 PM. The Substantive Validity Challenge for 440 York Road before the Zoning Hearing Board will be held on Monday August 15th at 7 PM.
- **Public Safety**: President J. Conners highlighted the monthly meeting materials were provided. President J. Conners noted that extension of the School Safety Zone was discussed during the meeting including signage and striping. President J. Conners also noted that Borough traffic calming was discussed.

Additionally, Vice President C. Soltysiak noted the fire truck repairs were continued to be discussed in both Fire Commission and Public Safety.

- **Public Works:** Councilor D. Pancoe noted that monthly meeting materials were provided. Councilor D. Pancoe highlighted that Public Works Department and Borough are reviewing the potential to stripe crosswalks at certain areas around town including Cedar and Maple Streets. Additionally, Councilor D. Pancoe noted that the Cedar Street Moretti Park is open and thriving.
- Jenkintown School District: No report.
- Jenkintown Community Alliance: No report.
- **Police Commission:** Councilor J. Bruno noted that Councilor K. McGlonn intends to hold a Police Commission meeting in August to obtain a new mission.
- Human Relations Commission: No report.
- **8. Engineers Report:** Engineer M. Bickerton noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Engineer M. Bickerton highlighted his office is assisting the Borough Administration to finalize the County Transportation, CTP, Grant. This grant is being submitted for the York Road Traffic Calming program.
- **9. Public Works Report**: Borough Manager G. Locke noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials.
- 10. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that the Solicitors Office is working with the Borough regarding various projects. Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that his office did receive a copy of a filed appeal this week from the objectors to the 93 York Road project. Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that his office will process it and filing the appropriate documents with the courts, but just wanted to make Council aware of the appeal.
- **11. Mayor's Report**: Mayor G. Lerman highlighted that there was a nice community event held at the Jenkintown Food Cupboard.
- 12. Police Chief's Report: Police Chief T. Scott noted that there was a report with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief T. Scott noted that 219 Summit Avenue was a tragic incident that occurred within the Borough in which the Borough lost one of the residents in the fire. Police Chief T. Scott noted that the Police Department is working on a few different things including new equipment they have obtained. Finally, Police Chief T. Scott noted that the Police Department is working with the School District on active shooter training, which is currently scheduled to be in August.
- 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 the Public Works Department is excited about the training they received on maintaining the plantings in the park. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that he has been working with the Chief and the Traffic Engineer on the York Road Traffic Study. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted the Public Works Foreman has completed approximately 70% on the sidewalk inspections for the paving project. Finally, Borough Manager G. Locke noted that that the CDBG Grant was approved for the replacement of the handicap ramps.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Resolution #2022-26 Commitment to support of Reproductive Rights: President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak to approve Jenkintown Borough Resolution 2022-26. Motion approved 9-0.
- Jenkintown Borough 457 Savings Plan: President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to approve the Borough of Jenkintown implementing a 457 Savings Plan for the Borough Employees. Motion approved 9-0
- 3. Dilworth Paxson, Law LLP Final Payment of invoices: President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to make final payment of invoices to Dilworth Paxson, Law LLP totaling \$12,610.00.

4. Resolution #2022-25 MONTCO County Transportation Grant (CTP): Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe, to adopt Resolution #2022-25, approving the submittal of the Montco County Transportation Grant in the amount of \$52,000 to implement the RT 611 / York Road Traffic Calming Plan.

Motion approved 9-0

- 5. Memorandum of Understanding / Montgomery County Swat Agreement: Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Montgomery County SWAT East Region Team and Bucks County South Central Team. Motion approved 9-0
- 6. Fire Truck Pumper 96 Repair costs of pump / Appraisal of vehicle: Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by President J. Conners, to table this item to discuss further at the next Fire Commission meeting.

Motion approved 9-0

- 7. Human Relations Commission Appointment: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to appoint Joan Horvack to the Human Relations Commission. Motion approved 9-0
- 8. Employee, Staffing Reorganization, Restructuring: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to make the current use of Consultant, hiring, promotion and setting of compensation as proposed and presented by the Borough Manager for the Administration restructuring.

  Motion approved 9-0
- 9. Order Placement Form for 2023 Police Department Vehicle: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to allow the Borough Manager to sign the vehicle order form as it becomes available so that the 2023 Hybrid Explorer can be ordered and delivered in 2023 without longer than anticipated delays. Motion approved 9-0
- 10. Permission to submit Zoning Code Revision (Rooming House): Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to approve permission to submit the proposed revision of the Borough Zoning Code Ordinance, sections 181-4 'Definitions' and 181-10 'Permitted Uses' adding the term 'Rooming House' to the MC Planning Commission and Borough Solicitor for review.

  Motion approved 9-0
- 11. Permission to submit Zoning Code Revision (Fences): Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe to approve permission to submit the proposed revision of the Borough Zoning Code Ordinance, section 181-82 Fences. G. Regulations for all fences and walls (6) to the MC Planning Commission and Borough Solicitor for review and comment.

Motion approved 8-1

12. 2022 Road Paving Project Consideration to reject and Rebid Project: Councilor D. Sines Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to reject all public bids received for the 2022 Road Paving Project and re-bid the project.

Motion approved 9-0

**13. Inter-Municipal Cost Sharing Sewer Maintenance Agreement:** Councilor D. Sines Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe table the inter-municipal sewer maintenance agreement with Abington Township for the 18" sewer line known as the "Runnymede Avenue trunk line".

Motion approved 9-0

**NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION**: Coucnilro A. MacHaffie wanted to thank Fire Chief K. Lynch for the detailed reports that provided in with the meeting materials.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None at this time.

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