



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

October 26th, 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. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor G. Lerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**
 - **Council members Present:** President J. Connors, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor A. MacHaffie, President D. Pancoe, Councilor A. Narva, Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor M. Marlowe (ZOOM)
 - **Council members absent:** Councilor C. Sperger and Councilor A. Bartlett
 - **Others Present:** Manager G. Locke, Chief T. Scott, Solicitor C. Richardson, Engineer M. Bickerton and Mayor G. Lerman
4. **Approval of Minutes: September 28th, 2022:** On motion made by President J. Connors, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion approving the September 28th, 2022 council minutes was approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated October 6th and October 20th in the amount of \$161,517.34 and invoices totaling \$274,134.05.** On motion of Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak, the motion approving payrolls dated October 6th and October 20th in the amount of \$161,517.34 and invoices totaling \$274,134.05 was approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** SEPTA Project (Slide Show) – residents voiced their concerns.
7. **Conditional Use Hearing – 421/425 Johnson Street & 429 York Road**
 - ***Apartment Building Use – Applicant, UD Jenkintown LLC c/o Tester Construction Group - The applicant is seeking conditional use approval under sections 181-41 B(1) of the Jenkintown Zoning Ordinance in order to renovate the existing two (2) story office building into apartments and the construction of a new third floor for a total of twenty-six (26) apartment units, retail/office space on the first floor. A continuance is scheduled for November 30, 2022 at 7:00 PM.***
8. **Committee Reports**
 - **Administration and Finance:** Councilor D. Ballard stated the first budget meeting was held prior to the committee workshop this evening and discussed the 01 General Fund. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 6 PM. Councilor D. Ballard also mentioned the administration has been working to project the final revenue for 2022 as the year comes towards an end. The proposed 2023 budget has been challenging with the absence of the ARPA funds the Borough was fortunate to have the assistance of the last two years. Councilor D. Ballard concluded by explaining the proposed fee schedule to include parking passes (Monthly/Residential, and Resident Visitors), parking tickets, building permit, fire escape inspections, and general inspection.

- **Building, Zoning and Revitalization:** Councilor J. Bruno mentioned a resident inquiry about installing a little library in his front yard and whether there would be any zoning or building requirements by the Borough. Also mentioned, the County planner provided a zoning ordinance from two different County Municipalities for ideas on how we may or may not address the subject. Councilor J. Bruno also stated Ben Bergman, the person responsible for bringing the 'Jenkintown Night Market' this past summer, will be bringing the Holiday Festival on December 3rd, prior to the light up the Square event being hosted by the Recreation Board. Councilor J. Bruno concluded by saying all of the current development projects are all in process with no new updates.
- **Public Safety:** Vice President C. Soltysiak said the Civil Service Commission has worked to re-write and update the rules and regulations and will be presenting them for Council's consideration this month. Vice President C. Soltysiak mentioned the Chief's office, hallways and all doors have been painted. The Fire Marshal has found that the fire escapes had not been inspected as required by the Fire Code and implemented a program to ensure they are safe and code compliant. Vice President C. Soltysiak mentioned the Fire Truck Pumper 96 Appraisal is included in everyone's packets and discussion is to be had by Council on this expenditure prior to authorization of repairs.
- **Public Works:** Councilor D. Sines Pancoe stated bulk pickup was changed from weekly to twice a month (1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month). Councilor D. Sines Pancoe also mentioned the sidewalk inspections for paving projects for 2023 are progressing with the assistance of Jim Riggins who is working with the residents.
- **Jenkintown School District:** Councilor A. Narva mentioned the Board discussed in great length the bonfire. The School Board does not vote on extracurricular activities. Councilor A. Narva also stated Dr. Takacs attended a conference at Penn and as a result, the November In-Service Day will be used to focus on STEM and STEM Equity Alliance.
- **Jenkintown Community Alliance:** Councilor C. Sperger was not present – no updates at this time.
- **Police Work Group:** Councilor K. McGlonn mentioned they discussed this week the current status of the Borough and the Police Department, moving forward and the mission statement given the new Chief is in place. Councilor K. McGlonn also stated two directional discussions to reconvene in January; (1) Police Work Group working with Chief Scott and build a relationship with the Police Department and (2) Police Work Group working with Chief Scott to build relationships with the neighbors.
- **Human Relations Commission:** Councilor A. Khalil said there were no updates at this time.

9. Engineer's Report: Engineer M. Bickerton said the review for 501 Washington application has been completed and awaits resubmission. Engineer M. Bickerton also reviewed the conditional use application for 415-425 Johnson St. Engineer M. Bickerton said he worked with Manager Locke and signed and returned plans for Greenwood and Washington. These were submitted to Abington's Engineer. Engineer M. Bickerton also said the school zone extension is on the agenda to advertise next month.

10. Public Works' Department Report: Public Works Foreman J. Riggins was not present – updates will be provided by Borough Manager G. Locke with Manager's Report

11. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor C. Richardson noted the office will continue to provide services on an as needed or as requested basis for Development matters, Contract matters, Ordinance matters and Miscellaneous matters.

12. Mayor's Report: Mayor G. Lerman noted a few upcoming events (1) Fall Jawn is November 6 from 1 – 3 pm where there will be a Chile Cook-Off and Pumpkin Drop (2) Halloween on October 31st – everyone be safe and (3) November 8 is Election Day – Polling Stations are available at the Borough Building.

13. Police Chief's Report: Police Chief T. Scott noted another crossing guard has been hired. Police Chief T. Scott also mentioned Saturday, October 29th is Drug Take Back Day from 10 AM – 2 PM (Ofc. Culbreath will be at the station assistance with this event). Police Chief T. Scott said Operation Safe Homes will be conducted on November 16 – November 19 in Abington. Chief Scott concluded with Halloween being on October 31 and officers will be handing out bags with candy and safety tips.

14. Manager's Report: Borough Manager G. Locke said the Police Station Rehabilitation is underway: Painting is completed and the water leak from the roof has been repaired. Borough Manager G. Locke mentioned the leave collection vehicle was repaired and collection has commenced. Borough Manager G. Locke said he is working on the General Fund, Operating Fund and Sewer Fund. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Engineers and Solicitors from Jenkintown, Abington, and Cheltenham are meeting to discuss the Interceptor A Project. Borough Manager G. Locke also mentioned meetings are continuing to discuss the budget and had made a recommendation to add a third meeting in order to cover all of the topics related to the budget.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **415-425 Johnson Street: Conditional Use:** President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil to table 415-425 Johnson Street: Conditional Use.
Motion Approved 10-0
2. **Resolution #2022-33: Civil Service Rules & Regulations:** President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Sines Pancoe to approve Resolution #2022-33 making the changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Jenkintown as attached hereto as Exhibit A, dated October 26th, 2022.
Motion Approved 10-0
3. **Resolution #2022-34: Borough Fee Schedule:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve Resolution #2022-34 amending the Borough Fee Schedule in adding the Fire Escape Inspection program
Motion Approved 10-0
4. **Fire Engine #96 Pump Repair:** Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve use of the \$14,662.42 for the Fire Engine #96 Pump Repair.
Motion Approved 6-3 with 1 abstention
5. **Suspension of Deputy Fire Chief:** Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard to approve the suspension of Deputy Fire Chief until the hearing scheduled for November 16th which is the next workshop.
Motion Approved 9-0 with 1 abstention
6. **SEPTA Stream Restoration and Flood Mitigation Project:**
Update: Councilor D. Sines Pancoe noted SEPTA plans to meet with the community one week before starting the project on the Jenkintown side

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made by President J. Connors, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.