



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

September 27th, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania

(Also ZOOM, Live Streamed on Borough Facebook Page)

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President J. Connors called to order the meeting at 7:03 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor G. Lerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**
 - **Council Members Present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor A. Narva, Councilor D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Pancoe, Junior Councilor A. Montroy, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor M. Marlowe
 - **Council Members Absent:** Councilor A. Bartlett, Councilor K. McGlonn, and Councilor C. Sperger
 - **Others Present:** Mayor G. Lerman, Mgr. G. Locke, Forman J. Riggins, Engineer K. Hassan, Solicitor P. Hitchens
4. **Approval of Minutes: August 23rd, 2023:** On motion made by President J. Connors, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion approving the August 23, 2023 council meeting minutes was approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated August 24th, September 7th and September 21st in the amount of \$243,548.08 and Invoices totaling \$404,043.40:** On motion made by Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve the payrolls dated August 24th, September 7th, and September 21st in the amount of \$243,548.08 and Invoices totaling \$404,043.40 was approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment: (00:05:19)** Councilor A. Khalil read an email she received from a resident (Kathleen Galman 309 Florence Avenue) regarding signage being displayed in Town Square.
7. **Public Hearing: (00:06:50)** Stormwater Management Ordinance Revision #2023-06

(00:13:52) President J. Connors mentioned having a Borough Council Meeting on August 23, 2023, and following the meeting an Executive Session was held to discuss matters of personnel.
8. **Engineer's Report:** Khal Hassan, Pennoni gave the following updates:

- Over the past several weeks since the last meeting his office has been working with the Borough administration on final land development reviews for 93 Old York Road and Washington Street development.
- His office has been coordinating on 821 Homestead Road and 93 Old York Road construction activities.

9. Public Works' Department Report: Forman Jim Riggins gave the following updates:

- The 2023 Paving Project has been completed.
- We had another successful Arts Festival.
- Pedestrian signs were hung at the crossings.

10. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor P. Hitchens gave the following update:

- His office continues to offer services on an as needed or requested basis.

11. Mayor's Report: Mayor G. Lerman gave the following updates:

- Thank you to the Public Works Crew – a wedding took place a couple of weeks ago in Cedar Street Park and everything looked great.
- A meeting was held with SEPTA to reactivate the station building and will be scheduling a meeting to discuss ADA compliant platform.
- He gave thanks to the residents who advocated for the school zone lights.
- He has been meeting with the Chief regarding the negotiations as part of the CPA.

12. Police Chief's Report: Chief T. Scott was excused, so no report given.

13. Manager's Report: Manager G. Locke gave the following updates:

- He met with a traffic engineer and a resident at Washington and Cedar where the new accessible crossing will be placed for the grocery store as part of it is his property.
- Another meeting took place regarding the traffic light updates taking place at Greenwood and Washington
- The new PD vehicle might not be available until a few months into 2024 due to UAW strike.
- In addition, we are looking to purchase a new dump truck.
- The Borough has been meeting with Aqua, PECO and SEPTA.
- Cedar Street Moretti Park – Shade structure has been ordered and the date to set the foundation has been scheduled.

(00:27:54) Councilor A. Khalil asked about getting the all gas vehicle versus the hybrid. Mgr. G. Locke explained the availability and the complications about adding hybrid technology after the fact.

(00:30:38) Vice President C. Soltysiak mentioned Covid being on the rise again and there has been difficulty getting vaccines. She reminded everyone that Montgomery County has health clinics where vaccines can be given.

(00:31:29) Mgr. G. Locke gave an update regarding the sign concern in Town Square. He and Forman Riggins met at Town Square this morning and removed the signs that needed to be. They kept the 5K sign up because it doesn't expire until October 1st. They also left the Monarch Butterfly Release as it is scheduled for October 1st. They will be held for a few days in the Public Works garage after removal in case the owner stops into the Borough Building asking for them.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Resignation of Kimberly McGlenn, Borough Councilor Ward 1:** President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe to accept the resignation of Kimberly McGlenn, Borough Councilor Ward 1

(00:36:26) Vice President C Soltysiak thanked her for her service and Councilor D. Ballard wished her the best of luck.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 2. Greenwood Avenue and Washington Lane Traffic Light Pole Conflict:** President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to approve the additional expense not to exceed \$20,000, from the required field change during construction.

(00:37:14) Councilor D. Pancoe asked about the sidewalk repair. Mgr. G. Locke explained the plan to repour the sidewalk and still have a pedestal, just a smaller one.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 3. Purchase of PD / Multi - Use Vehicle - Ford F250:** President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak to authorize the Manager to continue navigating the procurement process of securing the vehicle as presented.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 4. PSAB CDL Drug & Alcohol Testing Program Agreement:** President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to approve the agreement between the Borough of Jenkintown and the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs for the implementation of the Federal CDL Drug & Alcohol Testing Program.

(00:39:18) Mgr. G. Locke gave a detailed explanation about this program.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 5. Borough Fire Department Apparatus Graphics – Station # 99:** Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to allocate funds from the 04 Fire Apparatus Fund for fire apparatus graphics (#99) not to exceed the amount of \$5,200.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 6. Appointment of Towing Companies per Ordinance 2023-5:** Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to appoint Flourtown Sunoco and Lindley Towing as the authorized towing companies of Jenkintown Borough under Ordinance 2023-5.
Motion Approved: 9 - 0
- 7. Ordinance 2023-7, 6-Ton Weight Limit on Washington Lane:** Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to approve Ordinance 2023-7 limiting vehicles to a 6 Ton weight limit on Washington Lane.

(00:43:13) Vice President C. Soltysiak asked about the fine. Solicitor P. Hitchens said it was already established.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 8. 2024 Borough Budget – Public Meeting Schedule:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to advertise the 2024 Budget Schedule of Public Meetings.
Motion Approved: 9 – 0
- 9. Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) 2024 Borough Contribution:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as it

pertains to funding of the uniform pension plan in the amount of \$246,187.00 and non-uniform pension plan in the amount of \$52,784.00.

Motion Approved: 9 – 0

10. Ordinance 2023-6 Stormwater Management Ordinance: (00:12:33) Councilor D. Sines Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak, to approve Ordinance 2023-6 updating the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Motion Approved: 9 - 0

11. 2018 DCED Grant - Cedar to Walnut Street Storm Water Grant: Councilor D. Sines Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak to advertise this stormwater management project for public bid.

Motion Approved: 9 – 0

12. 2023 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant – York Road Traffic Calming: Councilor D. Sines Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to award the 2023 Montco 2040 Implementation Grant for the York Road Traffic Calming Project to Armour and Sons Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$44,422.50.

Motion Approved: 9 – 0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.