



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

January 24th, 2024

7:00 P.M.

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 7:08 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor G. Lerman led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:**
 - **Council Members Present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor A. Bartlett, Councilor A. Narva, Councilor D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Pancoe, Councilor G. Lewis, Councilor S. Spindler, Councilor J. Bruno
 - **Council Members Absent:** Councilor M. Marlowe
 - **Others Present:** Mgr. G. Locke, Chief T. Scott, Mayor G. Lerman, Solicitor P. Hitchens, Engineer M. Bickerton
4. **Approval of Minutes – January 2nd, 2024:** On motion made by Councilor D. Ballard, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak, the motion approving the January 2, 2024, council meeting minutes was approved unanimously.
5. **Approval of payrolls dated December 14th, 28th and January 11th, 25th in the amount of \$403,804.93 and invoices totaling \$0.00:** On motion made by Councilor D. Ballard seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve payrolls dated December 14th, 28th and January 11th, 25th in the amount of \$403,804.93 and invoices totaling \$0.00 was approved unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:** Mary Jane Riley who resides at 410 West Avenue brought up parking restrictions and a landscaper trailer concern.

Councilor D. Pancoe asked about Drop Box. Mgr. G. Locke confirmed Share Point will be used going forward starting in February.

Vice President C. Soltysiak mentioned the next Fire Commission meeting will be held on February 14th which is also Mgr. G. Locke's birthday.

Councilor D. Pancoe also asked about two dates: one being October 31st for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mgr. G. Locke mentioned emailing them since they don't always have a meeting. Meetings are based on whether there are hearings. Still awaiting an answer whether they can reschedule the one on Halloween to another night. In addition, the Fire Commission meeting date is being adjusted to not be on the first Day of Passover.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Multi-Purpose Facilities Program Funding Grant:** President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil to approve Resolution #2024 - 13, authorizing application to the Multi- Purpose Facilities Program Grant Fund.
Motion Approved 11 – 0

2. **Comcast Franchise Agreement:** Councilor D, Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe, to approve advertisement of the Ordinance authorizing execution of the Comcast franchise agreement.
Motion Approved 11 – 0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

(00:18:23) Chief T. Scott gave the following updates from his report:

- Sgt. Frank Ryan served 30 years in the Borough, and unfortunately passed away this past Monday.
- An annual report was provided in Drop Box; some statistics were described.
- We were able to recruit enough crossing guards to cover all posts this school year.
- There is still an increase in thefts, but the biggest issue is these vehicles are unlocked.
- Accidents were down in numbers from 2023.
- 962 hours of training for the officers last year.
- Municipalities who provided their parking ordinances were also provided in Drop Box.
- Jenkintown PD participated in an event that supported an officer from Scranton who was shot in the head twice. He has a good prognosis for recovery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President J. Connors announced there was an executive session held prior to last week's Committee Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.