



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

Wednesday, June 26th, 2024

7:00 P.M.

700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania

(Also - Live Streamed via ZOOM to the Borough Facebook Page)

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** President J. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Lerman led those 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, Councilor M. Marlowe
 - **Council Members Absent:** N/A
 - **Others Present:** Mgr. G. Locke, Chief T. Scott, Solicitor P. Hitchens, Engineer K. Hassan, Forman J. Riggins, Fire Chief K. Lynch and Y. Bullock
- 4. Approval of Minutes – May 15th and May 22nd:** President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak to approve the minutes dated May 15th and May 22nd.
- 5. Approval of Payrolls dated May 31st & June 14th in the amount of \$170,080.92 and invoices totaling \$481,846.95:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve payrolls dated May 31st and June 14th in the amount of \$170,080.92 and invoices totaling \$481,846.95.
- 6. Public Comment: (00:02:22)** Fire Chief K. Lynch prepared and presented a statement about social media and a recent Facebook post about Bensalem consolidation. **(00:08:29)** Michelle O'Neill at 305 Runnymede Ave asking about the status when reports will be made public and commented about overrunning budgets. **(00:09:42)** Cecioni D'Arcy at 470 Leedom St asked for clarification about parking on metered streets while in possession of a residential permit. Chief T. Scott confirmed it is allowed and tickets would not be written. He also mentioned we are working on a plan, and it will be discussed later in his report.

Councilor D. Pancoe asked what Ms. O'Neill was requesting.

Mgr. G. Locke stated there is no public comment from social media.

(00:12:21) Solicitor P. Hitchens mentioned now is the time for public comment related to the Land Development Project since there is no hearing.

(00:12:54) Russell Ram – 1602 Spring made a comment about the significant impact on safety.

(00:14:26) Solicitor P. Hitchens read the first of two emails: Trevor Lee – 1601 Upland had comments about the ingress into 610 York property and the safety concerns it poses.

(00:15:31) Solicitor P. Hitchens read the second email: Ross Abel has concerns about the design and would like alternate ingress/egress of property discussed.

7. Presentations

- Jenkins Court Realty – 610 York Road Preliminary Land Development Application **(00:16:45)** Michael Yanoff kicked off the presentation. He represents the applicant. He discussed meeting with the Borough Staff and Engineer. He agreed to looking at alternatives of ingress and egress. John Koutsouros, a civil engineer, also spoke about the site.

(00:29:50) Councilor D. Pancoe asked why there are no renderings. Michael Yanoff answered.

(00:32:11) Councilor D. Pancoe asked about the letter and the responses. J. Koutsouros pointed out which driveway was in question and stated it is existing and non-conforming. Solicitor P. Hitchens explained further.

(00:33:30) Councilor J. Bruno asked for an explanation of the resolution 4-part requirements. Solicitor P. Hitchens suggested he could discuss after everyone's questions.

(00:34:00) Councilor A. Khalil asked at what point does condoing off the property begin. Solicitor P. Hitchens explained. County Board of Assessment would be involved.

(00:36:34) Vice President C. Soltysiak asked for clarification about the ingress and egress. J. Koutsouros explained while pointing it out on the projector.

(00:38:51) Councilor D. Pancoe asked a couple of questions about monuments/markers and will it be in the PennDOT right of way. Developer Traffic Engineer Sandy spoke about Councilor's traffic study question.

(00:42:10) Councilor J. Bruno asked about parking along the building. Will it remain with the 2-way flow of traffic. Engineer Sandy explained it could.

(00:44:18) Councilor A. MacHaffie referenced the Planning Commission having said there would be a corner space /green space. Engineer Sandy explained.

(00:51:10) Mr. O'Neill asked how walkable is this site and how safe is it for pedestrian traffic? J. Koutsouros answered.

(00:55:15) Councilor J. Bruno asked about the bike rack. J. Koutsouros answered.

(00:56:44) Solicitor P. Hitchens presented the four waivers.

Reports

8. Engineer's Report: Khal Hassan, Pennoni gave the following updates:

- His team provides site observation at 93 York Road, 821 Homestead and 500 Washington.
- Will provide updates on the line item on the agenda pertaining to the Cedar Street Storm Sewer Project when it comes up for discussion.

9. Public Works' Department Report: Foreman J. Riggins gave the following updates:

- Paving Project is 95% completed for concrete work. Most of the remaining have permits or completing the work.

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

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

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

- We will see everyone at the July 4th parade which starts at 10:00 AM on Leedom Street close to Town Square.

12. Police Chief's Report: Chief of Police T. Scott gave the following updates regarding parking ordinances and recommended changes **(01:03:48)**:

Current Streets that have Permit Parking

400 Block of Leedom

400 Block of Cedar

100 Block of Summit

300-400 Block of Cottman

500-600 Block of Willow

200 Block of Wyncote

500 Block of Greenwood ---- Not listed in Ordinance

300 Block of Cedar ---- Not listed in Ordinance

Proposing to add:

400 Block of Johnson

700 Block of Hillside

700 Block of Cherry

Change the language of the Section 172-25 Special Purpose Parking Zones

- New Title
Parking Permit Only Zones
- Any resident who holds a valid parking permit will be allowed to park their passenger vehicle on the streets listed. In addition, the permit allows the holder to park in the Municipal lots for the three-hour limit without additional charge.
- On all permit parking only streets, the public may park utilizing the Park Mobile App or Borough Approved Software application between the hours of 10am-5pm with a three-hour limit.
- Reduce the amount of permits per household to two permits.
- Establish a Business Parking Permit – two per business, \$20.00 per permit
- Establish a Contractor Permit – Temporary as needed-- \$20.00 per month or \$10.00 per week
- Install language for the Non-Resident Monthly Parking Permit and reduce the price to \$40.00 per month
- Allow residents of apartments along 700-800 West Ave to purchase Resident Parking Permit that allows them to park on West from 6pm to 8am and in the Municipal Lots during the hours of 8am-6pm.

Language for Parking should include the Wednesday Night allowance of free parking after 5pm. Consider changing this day to Tuesday Night for the Night Market after 5pm.

172-22 Parking Prohibited at all times

- Include the restrictions of parking where curb has been painted yellow or within a crosswalk
- Include the state listed restrictions for parking within 15 feet of an intersection and 30 feet of a traffic control device (ie: Traffic Signal, Stop Sign, Yield Sign)

172-24 Parking of vehicles greater than 80 inches in width and/or 11,000 pounds gross vehicle weight

- Change the Title to Parking Restrictions for Large Vehicles and Trailers
- List the vehicles that are restricted from parking on public streets

- Vehicles more than 80 inches in width and/or 11,000 pounds gross vehicle weight
- Mobile Homes or RV's
- Boats or other recreational type vehicles or trailers
- Trailers longer than 8 feet in length

A discussion ensued between Chief T. Scott, Mgr. G. Locke and all of the Councilors.

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

- Meeting with Abington to discuss our side of the matching fund on the Connections Plan Grant for Washington/Greenwood.
 - Working with Ben Bergman on the Night Market Agreement and plan some of the upcoming events like the 150th Celebration
 - Cedar Street Storm Sewer Construction Project – Bids opened today but nobody bid so we will seek out contractors.
 - Final inspection of Cedar Street Moretti Park was completed.
 - We onboarded two new employees.
 - Public Works is working a summer schedule due to the heat. 6 AM – 2 PM
 - Introduced Yvonne Bullock
 - The 2025 budget is starting to be looked at
- (01:38:27)** Councilor S. Spindler asked about PENN BID. Engineer K. Hassan gave an explanation.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2024 – 19 - Preliminary Subdivision Land Development Application

610 York Road – Jenkins Court Realty LP: Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil, to approve Resolution 2024-19, granting preliminary land development approval to SVG Management Services Incorporated with the development of a coffee shop with drive through and frozen dessert store at 610 York Road

Motion Approved 12 – 0 (01:01:13)

2. Cedar Street Storm Sewer Construction – Intent to Award Project: Councilor D. Pancoe made a motion, based on the Borough Engineer's recommendation, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie, to issue the 'intent to award' to the apparent low bidder, 'Jurich Inc.' for the total bid amount of \$105,192.00, contingent upon the Contractor supplying all the required contract documents along with the RCO documentation required by Jenkintown Borough Ordinance No. 2008-2 during the 30-day RCO review period. (DCED Flood Mitigation – Reimbursement Grant)

Motion Approved 12 – 0

3. Leaf Collection Trailer DCL800TM25 Delivered / Payment: Councilor D. Pancoe made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Bartlett, to approve payment to Stephenson Equipment Inc. for the leaf collection trailer in the amount of \$157,849.39. (PADep – Cycle 60-902 Reimbursement Grant)

Motion Approved 12 – 0

4. Resolution 2024 – 17 PennDOT Winter Service Agreement: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Marlowe, to approve Resolution 2024-17 to re-enter the winter service agreement with PennDOT for State Roads within Jenkintown Borough. Councilor D. Ballard mentioned changes in the contract. Mgr. G. Locke added the rate will increase each year.

Motion Approved 12 – 0

5. Resolution 2024 – 18 Berkheimer Associates Inc.: Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by

Councilor J. Bruno, to approve Resolution 2024-18 appointing the Borough Manager and Finance Director as liaisons to Berkheimer Associates for the purpose of sharing confidential tax information for official purposes.

Motion Approved 12 – 0

6. **Night Market Agreement 2024:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Bartlett, to approve the 'Night Market Agreement' with Ben Bergman (Evergreen Events) to hold the Market in Town Square as defined in the agreement.

Motion Approved 12 – 0

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION – None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.