



JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday, July 24th, 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 7:15 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. Bartlett, Councilor D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Pancoe, Councilor G. Lewis, Councilor J. Bruno (ZOOM), Councilor M. Marlowe (ZOOM)
 - **Council Members Absent:** Councilor A. Narva (Excused), Councilor S. Spindler (Excused)
 - **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 – June 20th and June 26th:** President J. Connors made a motion, seconded by Vice President C. Soltysiak to approve the minutes dated June 20th and June 26th.
5. **Approval of Payrolls dated June 28th & July 12th in the amount of \$173,488.05 and invoices totaling \$338,647.74:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve payrolls dated June 28th and July 12th in the amount of \$173,488.05 and Invoices totaling \$338,647.74.
6. **Public Comment: (00:13:13)** Mary Jane Reilly asked about the roadwork being done at Greenwood and Washington in Abington and inquired about the letter of support. Councilor A. Khalil made a comment. Mary Jane Reilly also asked about the Engineer's Report and the Calls for Service. **(00:15:37)** Stuart Winegrad, Abington Commissioner, thanked Council for their support in Grant application. He also went on to describe some of the current projects like Greenwood/Washington Lane.
7. **Presentations (00:17:41)**
 - Fire Apparatus Review and Recommendation Report – Camarda Training and Consulting (00:17:54) Vice President C. Soltysiak introduced why and explained the process. She also gave background on Dave Camarda Consulting. Dave Camarda spoke and explained what the study revealed. Maureen Lucak asked about housing under one roof. Camarda confirmed to support moving into one station. Councilor D. Pancoe commented on Engine 99 when to replace it and explained suggested plan. Camarda explained fixing it in order to sell it. Councilor D. Ballard

talked about the millage reduction for the apparatus. Camarda explained looking into grant funds.

- **(00:36:56)** 459-471 Old York Road LLC – Revised zoning plan for proposed redevelopment of 459-471 Old York Road. **(00:54:18)** Opened it up for questions; several Councilors asked questions.

Reports (01:14:07)

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

- 93 York Road – Storm Water improvements are moving forward; Borough Project can move forward.
- Referred to Item #5 under Order of Business: RCO verified.
- ADA Ramps – going to bid
 - Referred to Item #4 under Order of Business.
- K. Hassan answered a previous question brought up during public comment about bills.
 - The bills are covered by the developers.

9. Solicitor's Report: Solicitor P. Hitchens gave the following updates:

- His office continues to provide legal services on an as needed or requested basis.
- Short Term Rental Ordinance is under consideration.

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

- 4th of July Parade was a success.
- Thanked Public Works for their response during the storms.
- Grand Opening for Revive Medical Weight Loss and Wellness on August 16th.
- State Rep Nelson setting up another Town Hall.

11. Police Chief's Report: (01:19:22) Chief of Police T. Scott gave the following updates:

- Parking ordinance changes regarding the parking on Leedom, Johnson, and Cedar to allow business traffic flow.
- Changing the No Enforcement night after 5 PM from Wednesday to Tuesday.
- Advised Council the DCED reached out about the Police Department and Emergency Services analysis progress; development of the document has begun and is under review. They would like to have a meeting with the Community.
- Answered an earlier question about Calls for Service brought up during Public Comment. The number of calls is what comes in by way of the report management system. Councilor D. Pancoe asked about having charts provided again on a regular basis.

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

- Discussed two projects: Cedar/Washington Ln Storm Water and the ADA Ramp Project.
- ZHB Hearing scheduled for tomorrow night was cancelled. (610 Harper)
- Two hearings coming up in August: one is a conditional use for 400 York and the other is a public hearing for the new Giant at 93 York Road to discuss a liquor license.
- The staff along with Councilor Ballard will be attending a presentation by Edmunds to explore opportunities to modernize and improve the bookkeeping software.

Councilor A. Khalil asked why the hearing for 400 York Road (old Wells Fargo). Mgr. G. Locke explained.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. 459-471 Old York Road LLC – Consideration of Settlement Stipulation for Pending Zoning Appeal at Montgomery County Docket No. 2023-23658: (01:12:10)** Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Bartlett to approve the settlement stipulation for pending Zoning Appeal at Montgomery County Docket No. 2023-23658 for 459-471 Old York Road LLC.
Motion Approved 9 – 1
- 2. Resolution 2024 - 20 Payment of Borough Bills:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve Resolution 2024-20 authorizing the Finance Director to make payment on certain Borough bills as listed in the Resolution.
Motion Approved 10 – 0
- 3. Resolution 2024-21 Mutual Aid Agreement - Eastern MONTCO Regional Emergency Management Group:** Councilor C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to approve Resolution 2024-21 formalizing Jenkintown Borough as a participant in the Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Services pursuant to Section 7504 of the Emergency Management Services Code.
Motion Approved 10 – 0
- 4. Responsible Contractor Ordinance - Waiver of 30-day period 2024 Paving Project – Glasgow Inc:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Bartlett to waive the 30-day period of review called out in Borough Code 80-6 Responsible Contractor Ordinance.
(01:57:42) Engineer K. Hassan clarified what this means when asked a question by Councilor D. Pancoe.
Motion Approved 10 – 0
(The Contractor must meet all requirements of Borough Code, Section 80 - Contractors)
- 5. Responsible Contractor Ordinance - Waiver of 30-day period Cedar / Walnut Storm Project – Jurich Inc:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Bartlett to waive the 30-day period of review called out in Borough Code 80-6 Responsible Contractor Ordinance.
Motion Approved 10 - 0
(The Contractor must meet all requirements of Borough Code, Section 80 - Contractors)
- 6. 2024 DCED CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant application Phase 5 of the Abington Jenkintown Connections (AJC) Project:** Council President J. Conners made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to issue a letter of support for the Funding application and in support of the project.
(01:57:57) Councilor A. Khalil asked about the storm water. Engineer K. Hassan said it ill be addressed.
Motion Approved 10 – 0
(Abington Township is seeking an additional \$2,500,000 for the design, inspection, and construction of the improvements.)

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

- 1. (01:59:49)** Chief T. Scott brought up a traffic issue at Chrch/Greenwood in Cheltenham which will impact traffic flow. The Township is having that intersection widened and improvements made for the traffic signals. It will start in August and be completed in November.

ADJOURNMENT: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.