

**BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN  
700 SUMMIT AVENUE  
JENKINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF JENKINTOWN BUDGET MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2025, 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS:**

Christian Soltysiak	Council Vice President
Deborra Sines-Pancoe	Councilor
Gordon Lewis	Councilor
Maxine Marlowe	Councilor
Joanne Bruno	Councilor
Anne MacHaffie	Councilor (from 6:15 p.m.)
David Ballard	Councilor (from 6:15 p.m.)
Alexandria Khalil	Councilor (from 6:15 p.m.)

**REGRETS:**

Jay Conners	Council President
Steve Spindler	Councilor
Alex Bartlett	Councilor
Aliza Narva	Councilor

**GUESTS:**

Matheus Alexandre	Waterworth (via teleconference until 6:33 p.m.)
Gabriel Lerman	Mayor
George Locke	Borough Manager
Chief Thomas Scott	Chief of Police
Tiffany Fisher	Recording Secretary, Minutes Solutions Inc. (via teleconference)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. 2026 PUBLIC BUDGET WORKSHOP NO. 4 – DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF FUNDS**

There is no real estate tax millage increase in the 2026 budget. It is the second year in a row that the Borough decreased the general fund millage, and it has decreased due to a reallocation of millage to other funds that require the aid. Funds were supplemented without a need to raise taxes, and the 04 Equipment Fund was restored for the fire department.

**2.1 08 Sewer Fund**

Matheus Alexandre of Waterworth provided a presentation, reviewing Waterworth software features and benefits. He highlighted a graph that displays funding gaps over time, rate increases, cash trajectory over time, operating thresholds and more. The 2026 sewer fund budget was reviewed with projections created from the 2025 budget and actuals from the 2023 and 2024 fiscal years. The increase of 12% in 2027 is likely to change as it is a projection and will fluctuate based on the 2026 budget and 2025 actuals.

The average residential customer pays approximately \$246 per year based on 58,400 gallons of use. The proposal is a 25% increase to \$307 per year per resident based on an average of 58,400 gallons. A graph was presented comparing 28 surrounding townships, boroughs, authorities, and municipal sewer rates per 58,400 gallons per year to Jenkintown Borough. Jenkintown has the second lowest rate per year on the list with the increase applied.

Jenkintown Borough's portion of Aqua Engineering's fee in Cheltenham is \$150,000, 11.9% of the total fee. This is the percentage of flow that the Borough puts through. The Borough has been billed for this amount, and a 2026 payment is anticipated.

The Borough presently has approximately 300 equivalent dwelling units.

The debt principal Line 08-471-400 for \$70,000 was for the interceptor project that required \$1.1 million. The final payment will be in 2038.

Engineering Line 08-429-210 increased to \$176,000 in 2026 from \$30,000 in 2025 due to the fee from Aqua Engineering.

Sewer construction Line 08-429-750 was budgeted for in 2025 at \$50,000, but the project did not come to fruition, and the budgeted amount was not used as the contractor hired defaulted on the contract. They will re-bid for the project. York Road was allotted \$30,000 of this amount to estimate what it might cost for the sewer backup issues that occur every six months.

The administration transfer to the general fund is an expense out of the sewer fund for \$25,000. It is transferred into the 01 General Fund as revenue to cover administration work done on the sewer fund. A transfer to the capital fund of \$15,000 is shown as a 15% match if the grant of \$100,000 is awarded.

The fund balance at the end of 2026 will be \$294,683 if the budget plays out as forecasted.

## **2.2 96 Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)**

A line for EAC exists in the General Fund 01 and is budgeted at \$1,500; this is separate from the 96 EAC fund. The 96 EAC fund holds the revenue brought in through the EAC's collected donations, raffle funds, or any such event bringing in revenue. The 96 EAC fund operates as an in-and-out fund. The ending fund balance for 2026 is \$115.

The 2026 budget proposal was presented, noting \$200 for event supplies, \$200 for marketing, \$50 for memberships, \$75 for office supplies, \$50 for plant and garden supplies, \$125 for seminars, \$600 for speaker engagements, and \$200 for sustainability programs. The budget has not increased or decreased; the proposal is the same as 2025.

## **2.3 Jenkintown Youth Activities (JYA)**

The JYA did not present a budget for the budget meeting held on November 19, 2025. They requested the same amount as 2025 at \$8,500 for 2026.

## **3. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was closed at 6:57 p.m.

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