



**JENKINTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 25th, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

**700 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown Pennsylvania
(Also - Live Streamed via ZOOM to the Borough Facebook Page)**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Council President Connor.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor G. Lerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President J. Connors mentioned an Executive Session Announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and public safety matters related to the police department.

3. Roll Call:

- **Council Members Present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor D. Ballard, President J. Connors, Councilor A. Narva, Vice President C. Soltysiak, Councilor D. Pancoe, Councilor S. Spindler, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor M. Marlowe
- **Council Members Absent:** Councilor A. Bartlett (Excused), Councilor G. Lewis (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. Quorum: Quorum was established.

5. Approval of Minutes – September 25th and October 22nd: Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Ballard to approve the minutes dated September 25th and October 22nd.

6. Approval of Payrolls dated October 31st to November 14th in the amount of \$213,934.20 and invoices totaling \$41,844.59. Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve payrolls October 31st to November 14th in the amount of \$213,934.20 and invoices totaling \$41,844.59.

7. Public Comment (00:07:07):

- **Mary Murtens:** Inquired about the status of the conditional use hearing for 459-471 Old York Road.
 - Requested clarification on the final version of the tethering ordinance.
- **Council President Connor:** Clarified that the conditional use hearing was postponed to December 11th at the applicant's request.
 - Explained that the tethering ordinance changes are available for review and will be advertised for public comment.

8. Hearing (00:09:52):

- Conditional Use Hearing - 459-471 Old York Road: Council President Connor motioned, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, to continue the case to the December 11th Borough Council meeting at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall.
- Presentation by Valley Forge will be moved to Dec. 11th

Reports (00:12:03):

9. Engineer's Report: Khal Hassan P.E. , Pennoni gave the following updates

- Updates provided on the progress of the CD grocery store project, including paving and installation of new traffic controllers.

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

- Announced the J Town 150th Time Capsule dedication on December 8th at 11:00 AM in the Town Square.

11. Borough Manager Locke:

- Thanked the Recreation Board and Public Works Department for the pumpkin drop event.
- Provided updates on budget work and the acquisition of new equipment for the Public Works Department.

12. Police Chief Scott:

- Report submitted to Council.
- Available for questions on the report.

Order of Business (00:16:40)

1. **Act 49 of 2024 - Purchase of Uniform Pension Service Credit:** Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. MacHaffie to adopt Act 49 of 2024 allowing eligible uniform employees to purchase fire service credit in the Borough's pension plan.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

2. **2025 Borough Budget** - Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno for permission to Advertise: Motion to publicly advertise for adoption the 2025 Borough Budget.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

3. **Borough Tax Anticipation Note**- Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve taking a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$350,000.
 - **Councilor A. Khalil:** Solicitor clarified the purpose and process of the tax anticipation note.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

4. **Water and Sewer System Management Software**- Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno to approve the contract for water and sewer management software for an annual fee of \$5,500.
 - Discussion: Borough Manager explained the benefits of the software.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

5. **T2 Mobile Parking Enforcement Software and Devices**- Councilor D. Ballard made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil to approve the purchase of T2 mobile parking enforcement software and two devices in the amount of \$8,498.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

6. **Short-Term Property Rental Ordinance**- Vice President C. Soltysiak made a motion, seconded by Councilor D. Pancoe to advertise for adoption the short-term property rental ordinance.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

7. **Parking Ordinance 172** - Councilor J. Bruno made a motion, seconded by Councilor A. Khalil for permission to Advertise: Motion to advertise for adoption of Parking Ordinance 172, Article 3, 1722, SL27, and Article 4, 17228 through 34.
 - Discussion: Solicitor and Council members highlighted key provisions of the ordinance.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

8. **Paving Repairs**- Councilor D. Pancoe made a motion, to approve paving repairs by P and M Construction in the amount of \$4,360 for repairs to Town Square and municipal parking lots.
 - **Vote:** *Unanimous in favor.*

New Business (00:26:12):

- **Councilor Pancoe:** Requested discussion on holiday parking accommodations for the business district.
- **Council President Connor:** Advised against taking action due to the item not being on the published agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: President J. Connors adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.