

Jenkintown Residents, Merchants, Taxpayers, Community Members:

As you may have heard, Borough Council, Mayor Gabriel Lerman, and Chief of Police Tom Scott are looking to find ways to reduce the spending of the Borough. One of their collective ideas is the dissolution of the over one hundred-year-old Jenkintown Police Department.

Borough administration has put out dates and times for community discussion surrounding this issue:

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 7PM – BOROUGH HALL
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH AT 7PM- JENKINTOWN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM (tentative)

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING BOTH OF THESE MEETINGS!

Some things to consider:

- Who will police Jenkintown with the same level of care, compassion, and efficiency as our own officers currently do?
- Should the departments mentioned in recent media coverage (Abington, Cheltenham) decide they cannot/will not take on policing in Jenkintown, then what?
- Should state police be an actual option, what should we expect as far as response time, as the nearest troop is approximately 25 minutes away?
- What happens to the current police officers? How will Jenkintown support them during any upcoming loss of job/transition to another department?
- What is the next position in line for the current Chief (since he is seemingly supporting the idea of shutting down his own department)?
- If the Borough is in financial distress, despite the current budget indicating a surplus, why did administration see it fit to “increase the indebtedness” and spend approximately \$85,000 on a take home vehicle for the chief and additional tens of thousands of dollars on Bellevue Communications (PR firm to assist with communicating the existing plan of JPD’s dissolution to community members)?
 - Will the dissolution of our fire department and school district be next?

Please make your voice heard.

We **need** to come together as a community to support our police department and to fight to maintain not only our fabulous police, but the overall independence of the Borough of Jenkintown.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but have concerns, please contact Borough Officials:

By Phone – Borough Hall:
215-885-0700

By Email- Borough Website form submission:
<https://www.jenkintownboro.com/contact-us/>