

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
April 13, 2015

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President King at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Cmar and Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds, Weber and King answered to roll call. Borough Manager Arndt, Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Council Member Barclay and Public Works Director Lovell were absent.

Mayor Cmar read the following proclamation:

“PROCLAMATION HONORING PATROLMAN STEPHANIE L. BEHERS

WHEREAS, the Officials of the Borough of Jefferson Hills are desirous of recognizing Officer Stephanie Behers for her exemplary role as Officer in Charge (OIC) of a squad/team of police officers within the Jefferson Hills Police Department in 2014.

WHEREAS, Officer Stephanie Behers was directed to not only perform as an OIC but to also execute as if she were a “Sergeant” all the while continuing her general patrol responsibilities and collateral assignments; and

WHEREAS, Officer Stephanie Behers was assigned the detail of OIC, she embraced the additional role and her actions and performance demonstrated her clear understanding and application of department procedure, efficient and effective shift operations, use of contemporary practices in law enforcement, as well as a noteworthy understanding of general leadership principles; and;

WHEREAS, Officer Stephanie Behers was able to lead her squad/team of officers to be motivated to perform, and did so, not only competently, but at optimum levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jan Cmar, Mayor of the Borough of Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania on behalf of the Borough Council, do hereby recognize and commend Officer Stephanie Behers for outstanding performance.

PROCLAIMED THIS 13th day of April, 2015.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

None.

MINUTES:

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of agenda meeting March 4, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of regular meeting March 9, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Weber moved the March bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$249,406.30, Sewer Revenue \$237,250.11, Highway Aid \$17,038.71, Ambulance Tax \$29.23, Fire Tax \$131.49 and Escrow \$3,505.50, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of March in the amount of \$203,328.60 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. King read Resolution No. 7-2015, "APPOINTING DOUGLAS ARNDT AS TREASURER AND LINDA ESSEY AS THE ASSISTANT TREASURER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS." Mrs. Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution No. 7-2015, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Payment Application No. 2 and Final from Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P. in the amount of \$24,202.50 for O&M Preventative Maintenance Project-Year 4 upon receipt of invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 2 from R&B Contracting and Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$112,058.60 for Lewis Run Streambank Stabilization Project and Waterman Road Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Roto-Rooter Services Company for Sanitary Sewer Point Repair Project-Year 4 in the amount of \$327,307.50 with the Borough share being \$73,460.00, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Jet Jack, Inc. for Joint Municipal Sanitary Sewer Lining Project-Year 9 in the amount of \$469,058.00 with the Borough share being \$104,318.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to approve revised Change Order No. 1 submitted by R&B Contracting and Excavation for an extension of time for contract substantial completion and an additional cost of \$4,623.85 for the use of stone backfill for the Waterman Road Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Work Authorization dated March 25, 2015 for Gateway Engineers to provide manhole inspection assistance for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Operations & Maintenance Plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Weber. Mr. Weber asked if this project would be feasible for an engineering intern to perform, and Ms. Omer replied yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to conduct a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on May 6, 2015 concerning a conditional use application submitted by Southwinds, Inc., seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Khalil asked Solicitor Shimko for a detailed explanation of the public hearing. Solicitor Shimko explained Southwinds, Inc. purchased property in the Borough and is proposing to construct and operate a group care facility for elderly dementia patients. They are seeking conditional use approval because the group care facility in that zoning district is a conditional use not a use by right. One requirement for the conditional use approval for a group care facility in the Borough requires that residents of the Borough and neighboring communities be granted first privilege of living in the facility. However, according to the Southwinds representatives, Southwinds' state funding requires that it take whoever is on the state's waiting list, therefore, it cannot meet the conditional use requirement and is seeking a Zoning Hearing Board variance in relation to it. They are seeking a variance from that conditional use requirement. Mr. Weber suggested conducting the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. to allow more time, and Council agreed to amend the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to approve request by West Jefferson Hills Historical Society for Borough funding in an amount up to \$1,300.00 for the Fall Festival, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- There may be some wetland and stream mitigation on Peters Creek Road by W.G. Tomko, Inc., as ordered by the PADEP because of unauthorized impacts. The stream mitigation, approximately 500 to 600 feet, would be a portion of Peters Creek located on Jefferson Hills property and the wetland mitigation, approximately 3/4 of an acre, would be an expansion of an existing wetland on property purchased by W.G. Tomko, Inc. All of the above would be at no cost to the Borough and would continue with the existing work.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Gateway Engineers notified us today that Waterman Road was completed and ready to open.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Reminder that Clean-up Day is April 25, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery reminded everyone there will be an Economic Development South Small Business Seminar at the Municipal Center on April 27th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. It will teach you how to start a new business.

Mr. Weber would like Gateway Engineers to give a presentation to Council regarding the work done in the Peters Creek Watershed. Ms. Omer agreed to give the presentation at May's agenda meeting of Council.

Mr. Khalil reported the next JFR meeting will be held April 21st, and after the meeting a few Council Members will attend to discuss some planning and strategy as we move forward with the fire companies, with respect to funding and other challenges.

Mr. Khalil would like to schedule an Engineering Committee meeting, and it was decided to have it at 6:00 p.m. before the May 11th Council meeting.

Mrs. Reynolds complained about a problem on Collins Avenue with quads. She reported that two of them were cited, and expressed a need to be diligent about monitoring the area.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m. on motion by Mr. Khalil seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Douglas C. Arndt
Borough Manager/Secretary