

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Regular Meeting of Council  
August 10, 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, Weber and King answered to roll call. Borough Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach and Consulting Engineer Minsterman were also present. Council Members Barclay and Reynolds were absent. Public Works Director Lovell was also absent. Manager Arndt arrived at 7:06 p.m.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

A) Marie Perlick - 1056 7th Street, West Elizabeth - voiced concern over the location of the proposed equalization tank near her property. The proposed location is between a restaurant, residents and a local bar, and she asked why an alternative location was not chosen. Mr. King advised her time was up, but she was welcome to attend next month's agenda meeting where more time is allotted for discussion.

Mr. King advised Dr. Panza is in the audience and would like to address Council. Dr. Panza reported Jefferson Elementary School was ranked the #2 elementary school in all of Allegheny County last year, Gill Hall Elementary was ranked #4, and the other schools in the school district received various rankings also. He advised the school district is getting a new phone system and upgrading to the Raptor System which will require visitors to show state-approved ID, which will produce a pass valid only for a few hours. He thanked the Borough for the great cooperation on the new high school project, with an anticipated opening day in the summer of 2018. Council thanked Dr. Panza for attending the meeting and providing an update of school district matters.

MINUTES:

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of regular meeting July 13, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the July bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$837,760.72, Sewer Revenue \$205,192.19, Highway Aid \$9,758.69, Fire Tax \$18.61, Ambulance Tax \$4.14 and Escrow \$12,794.22, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Weber moved the payrolls for the month of July in the amount of \$301,897.91 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. King read Resolution No. 17-2015, "GRANTING PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL TO A LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN KNOWN AS S-6-2015, THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL ALONG OLD CLAIRTON ROAD." Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2015, seconded by Mr. Khalil. Mr. Weber asked if the conditions have been met except for one, and Solicitor Shimko answered yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 18-2015, "GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO A LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN KNOWN AS SP-3-2015, THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL ALONG OLD CLAIRTON ROAD." Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2015, seconded by Mr. Weber. Mr. Weber asked if the conditions have been met except for three, and Solicitor Shimko explained everything that can be done by the applicant has been done. The only things left are permitting from outside agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 19-2015, "FOR A SEWAGE FACILITIES ACT PLAN REVISION FOR THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2015, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Ordinance No. 849, "PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HAWK ALLEY IN ORDER TO UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATION AND EQUALIZATION TANK AS PART OF THE BOROUGH'S ACT 537 PLAN REQUIREMENTS." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Ordinance No. 849, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize Keystone Municipal Collections Group to file real estate tax liens over a \$50.00 balance for tax year 2012 at \$20.00 per lien filing cost, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Roto-Rooter Services Company in the amount of \$31,534.75 for the SHACOG O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning-Year 5 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize an advertisement to receive bids for the 2015 Road Improvement Program-Contract B, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to authorize an advertisement to receive bids for the Bedell Road Landslide Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept a proposal from Hosack, Specht, Meutzler and Wood for a fee of \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to conduct an audit pursuant to Borough Code Section 1041(b)(3), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

#### CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

#### POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

#### BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

- The reason Mr. Lovell is not present at tonight's meeting is his personal vehicle broke down.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

- All the military banners that are on display throughout the Borough are also displayed on the Borough website.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery asked the status of the grant for Peters Creek, and Mr. Arndt replied the project is ongoing and until we receive invoices that we can send in, we won't get any payment.

Mr. Weber explained, in Mr. King's absence at Wednesday's agenda meeting, it was the consensus of Council to prohibit any activities on the fields in Beedle Park until spring. When the fields were put in, it was advised to wait three growing seasons, and this fall will be the third. Professional staff advised there still needs to be remediation, and asked Mr. Arndt if there has been any followup with the contractor. Mr. Minsterman has been in contact frequently with the contractor and documented the punch list and due dates required. Mr. King said he was in agreement with allowing another growing season, but stated we need to come to some solution with the contractor. If there is a delay based upon the contractor's actions or inactions, we will have to hold them to it. Ms. Omer agreed to have Mr. Minsterman relay this to the contractor.

Mr. Weber advised DEP chose the location of the treatment plant in West Elizabeth and the need for an equalization tank and pump station was a result of that decision. If the treatment plant was located in Jefferson Hills, West Elizabeth would likely be pumping flows to a Jefferson Hills location. We presented multiple options and they made the decision.

Mr. Khalil spoke with Brian Konick of the Recreation Board, and they are seeking \$6,000.00 as seed money to get the golf tournament up and running. He asked if this was coming from the Recreation Initiative or from the Recreation Board, but no one seemed to know the answer. They are looking to turn a profit of \$5,000.00, but it is not clear whether the \$5,000.00 would come back to the Borough or go into the Initiative's account. The balance in the Initiative's account is approximately \$2,200.00 from the sale of signs on the field fences. Mr. Khalil stated he advised Mr. Konick that if the Initiative is sponsoring the golf outing, he is not sure the Borough can front them the money. Mr. Weber voiced concern over the vague knowledge of the Initiative, including whether they are a subcommittee of the Recreation Board, and whether all members of the Initiative are members of the Recreation Board. Mr. Arndt explained there has to be a separation because they filed with the state. Mr. Weber advised until he understands what the difference is and how the two organizations work together, he will not vote to fund anything. He does not want to see private fundraising money commingled with taxpayer Recreation Board money, until delineated and reviewed by our Solicitor. Mr. Arndt was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Konick and get an understanding of what they want to do and out of what fund.

Mr. Khalil will schedule a meeting with the three fire chiefs to work on detailing the application for the VFC Feasibility Study, and he will give it to Council to review at September's meeting. Mr. King asked if this was approved by Jefferson Fire Rescue, and since no one knew the answer, Mr. Khalil will try to find out.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. on motion by Mr. Khalil seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Douglas C. Arndt  
Borough Manager/Secretary