

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
May 8, 2017

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

None

MINUTES:

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of the agenda meeting April 5, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting April 10, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the March bills be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the payrolls for the month of February in the amount of \$232,594.90 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution 16-2017 supporting the Coalition to Eliminate the Prohibition Against Municipal Police Using Radar, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to hire Larissa Wampler to the position of Clerk, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to accept the proposal of Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$47,479.00 to purchase one (1) 2017 F550 Cab and Chassis Public Works Vehicle under the PA COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program (Tabled from 4/10/2017 meeting) seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Lovell what his opinion is regarding the current worth of the truck at resale. Mr. Lovell stated he thought it would be worth about \$14,000.00 resale. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept the proposal of Walsh Equipment in the amount of \$29,707.00 to purchase body, hydraulics and spreader for the Public Works Vehicle under the PA COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program (Tabled from 4/10/2017 meeting), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept the proposal of Push & Pull in the amount of \$6,693.00 to purchase a snow plow for the Public Works Vehicle under the PA COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program (Tabled from 4/10/2017 meeting), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve bids for the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance 2017 Spring Commodities, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 11 – Contract A (Spot Lining) in the amount of \$97,310.00 with the Borough share being \$22,700.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Jet Jack, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 11 – Contract B (MH-MH Lining) in the amount of \$247,145.00 with the Borough share being \$62,730.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Work Authorization dated April 26, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for construction administration services for the 2017 Paving Program in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize an advertisement to receive bids for Beedle Park Phase 1B, seconded by Mr. Khalil. Ms. Levander explained this is on the Agenda tonight because the scope of the work was changed and, therefore, the application needed to be resubmitted to DCNR for approval. This is also time sensitive so it's appearing tonight. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute an agreement with The Stickers for Community Day, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Mr. Shimko explained the contract was changed so that it will not hold the Borough responsible for any negligence, gross negligence, or reckless behavior of The Stickers. Mr. Shimko also removed the alcohol provision in the band's rider, but the Borough will still be required to provide The Stickers a case of water. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Nothing to report

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Omer stated the Borough's existing stormwater management ordinance needs to be updated as a result of the DEP's audit. Some updates could include chemicals which might be dumped in the sewer or specific discharges in the pipes. DEP will also want the Borough to enhance its enforcement of the ordinance. Additionally, the County is in the process of adopting a County-wide Ordinance in response to Act 167 which is a state law regarding stormwater management. Act 167 will cause the Borough to update their stormwater management ordinance a second time once the County's ordinance is passed. The County's public hearing for its Act 167 is tomorrow evening, May 9, 2017. After the County adopts its Act 167 ordinance it will go back to the DEP for approval, who has up to six (6) months to approve the County's Act 167 ordinance. Once the DEP approves the County's Act 167 ordinance, it comes back to the County's municipalities where we have three (3) to six (6) months to update our stormwater management ordinance accordingly. In an effort to mesh our Borough's stormwater management ordinance with the County's, Ms. Omer and Mr. Shimko hoped to wait until the County's Ordinance was passed before making changes to the Borough's Ordinance. However, because this process can take over a year, the Borough will need to make changes twice to their stormwater management ordinance. The first changes will be to meet the DEP audit requirements and the second change will be made after the County adopts Act 167. Mr. Montgomery asked what the dates are to have the ordinance updated. Ms. Omer stated the DEP audit requirements need to be done by September 2017. Ms. Omer stated she can't predict a date regarding ACT 167 because it is based on others' approval. However, her best guess is at least a year for Act 167 to be adopted and the Borough to make the changes associated. Ms. Omer stated the ordinance should go through the Borough's Planning Commission first and they will make a recommendation to Council to update the stormwater management ordinance. Gateway will need to come back and update the stormwater management ordinance again after the County adopts Act 167.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report. Mr. Weber asked Chief Roach about the increase in the number of warnings police have given this year versus the number given last year. Chief Roach stated at this time last year the police were not reporting the number of warnings issued and that is the reason the number appears to have increased.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Levander stated she made the requested changes to the letter for the sewer rate increase based on Council's request. After discussing the changes made to the letter, the majority of Council decided not to send more information out to residents. Ms. Levander asked Council if they have decided to reduce the sewage bill by 50% or by \$12.00 for qualifying residents. Council stated a 50% reduction to qualifying residents.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mrs. Ielase stated Fish Day is on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Peter's Creek from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Khalil stated he would like to put the park rental discount for Borough Board Members and the tax abatement for the Borough's fire company volunteers on next month's Agenda.

Mr. Khalil stated he would like the Borough to set up a fund balance policy for things such as infrastructure or reserves. Mr. Bennett stated he believes this can be done in time to include in the Borough's 2018 Budget.

Mr. Khalil discussed opening a savings account to prepare for improvements to West Bruceton Road when the development is complete.

Mr. Khalil thanked the team for hiring Ms. Wampler.

Mr. Khalil stated West Elizabeth Borough will not give permission for the street opening permit unless we use the route they are requesting. Mr. Khalil stated he would like to see timelines placed on West Elizabeth Borough regarding the easement(s) and amendment to the crossing permit, which West Elizabeth Borough is requesting because of possible repercussions to the status of the WESA PENNVEST grant. Mr. Weber stated he feels this situation has become a problem because West Elizabeth Borough is wielding power. Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Shimko what the proper wording should be moving forward when communicating with West Elizabeth Borough. Mr. Shimko stated all communication to West Elizabeth Borough should include a request to issue the street opening permit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kahlil and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager