

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
December 14, 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, Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Weber and King answered to roll call. Borough Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Public Works Director Lovell, Secretary Essey, and Mayor Cmar were also present. Council Members Barclay and Reynolds were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Mr. King announced that prior to the meeting tonight, Council did go into executive session for legal and labor matters and also Council had an executive session last night for the same legal and labor issues.

A) The following citizens voiced concerns about the proposed EQT drilling application:

- × Janice Bittner- 219 Old Clairton Road
- × Cindy Caulket - 1424 High Road
- × Harry L. Brownfield - 2769 Ridge Road
- × Karen Kirol - 117 Neilson Drive
- × Bob Breisinger - 469 Pearson Road
- × Nicole Ruscitto - 1524 High Road
- × Lucas Veverka - 6032 Independence Drive
- × Nancy Schmidt - 1121 Hilltop Street
- × Judy Kaufmann - 3417 Woodwind Drive
- × Christina Weir - 2051 Laurel Ridge Drive
- × Deborah Caley - 1608 Marion Drive

All but one of the citizens asked that Council deny the EQT Bickerton Drilling application. Mr. Breisinger was for the drilling.

MINUTES:

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

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of regular meeting November 9, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved the to approve record of public hearing November 10, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Weber moved the November bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$296,818.85, Sewer Revenue \$154,847.72, Highway Aid \$10,684.62, and Escrow \$13,083.25, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of November in the amount of \$275,099.79 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 31-2015 adopting the 2016 Budget in final form, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously. Mr. Khalil stated he is voting to approve Budget in this form, but may reopen the Budget in January following his meeting with Mr. Bennett, the new Finance Office, but should have it taken care of by the end of the year.

Mr. Montgomery moved to enact Ordinance No. 851 establishing the base Real Estate Tax rate for the year 2016 at 5.66 mills (General 5.226 mills; Fire 0.355 mills; and Ambulance 0.079 mills), seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2015 amending and adding certain fees for the year 2016, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 33-2015 amending the salaries, compensation and wages for Borough employees for the year 2016, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2015 updating 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, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to enact Ordinance No. 852 accepting and dedicating a public street and public improvements with the exception of the stormwater management forebay/pond and eight inch private storm sewers, which shall be owned and maintained by the Homeowners Association to Setter Lane in the Hunters Field Plan Phase 3, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to advertise Ordinance No. 850 for enactment regarding an amendment to the Borough subdivision and land development application requirements and review procedures, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to appoint John Marks, III to the position of Police Officer conditioned

upon the conditional appointee undergoing a physical and psychological medical examination and a determination that the conditional appointee is capable of performing all the essential functions of the position, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Jet Jack, Inc. In the amount of \$60,333.61 for the SHACOG Joint Municipal Sanitary Sewer Lining Project - Year 9, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, and seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Insight Pipe Contracting, LP in the amount of \$16,946.54 for the SHACOG O&M Preventative Maintenance - Year 5, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to approve GeoDecisions Service Agreement Extension from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper officers to execute an agreement with the West Jefferson Hills School District to retain law enforcement services for School District Events, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve agenda and regular meeting dates for the year 2016, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved deny the approval for a conditional use application known as CU-3-2015, EQT/Langan Bickerton Well Site for a natural gas production facility, subject to conditions related to sound, relevant public safety issues and municipal notices, with a written decision to be entered and distributed to the applicant by December 25, 2015, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously with a 0-5 roll call vote.

Mr. Weber read his reasons for denial. Mr. Khalil stated his reasons for denial. Mr. King also stated his reasons for denial.

Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2015 conditionally granting preliminary and final approval to a land development plan known as SP-4-2015, EQT Bickerton Well Site, relating to construction of a natural gas production facility and associated access roads and work space, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to approve a request by Castor Farm Associates, Inc. For the Borough to provide winter maintenance on Castor Lane in the Castors Fam Plan of Lots pending acceptance of said roads and requester's provision of an Indemnification, Hold Harmless, Insurance and Limitation of Liability Statement to the Borough, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper officers to execute an Agreement with CME

Operations to perform Lick Run Sewer Pump Station weekly operations and maintenance services in the year 2016 for a cost of \$12,996.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to open the discussion to accept an agreement with Canon Solutions America for leasing copiers and providing copier maintenance for a 60 month term not to exceed a price of \$586.30 per month with the purchase being made under the national Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company cooperative purchasing program. Chief Roach asked the Council for more time to get more quotes. Mr. Weber moved to table this acceptance, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Roach welcomed the new officer Mr. Marks. He also explained the process of hiring a new officer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Announced tomorrow is the final day to donate gifts for the toy drive.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery suggested that going forward, the Borough should try not to allow developments to have their sewer infrastructure to be maintained by the HOA's.

Mr. Weber also welcomed Mr. Marks.

Mr. Khalil encouraged the residents to continue to come to the meetings and get involved in their community.

Mr. King explained their reasoning of approving item 27 and denying item 26.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried out unanimously.

Linda M. Essey
Borough Secretary