

Borough of Jefferson Hills

Agenda Meeting of Council

February 4, 2015

The agenda 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 Barclay, Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds, Weber and King answered to roll call. Finance Officer/Treasurer Boucher, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Sebastian and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Manager Arndt arrived at 7:03 p.m. and Public Works Director Lovell arrived at 7:33 p.m.

The following tentative agenda for the regular meeting of February 9, 2015 was reviewed and discussed.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens/Taxpayer Comments

None.

Mr. Arndt arrived.

4. Report from Borough Boards or Commissions

A) Monica Stoicovy - Library Board of Directors - updated Council with the following:

- There is concern over the security at the library because the back parking lot is too dark. They would like an officer to make rounds outside and inside the library each evening. The Chief had someone in to look where to best strategically place more cameras.

- The Baileys, residents of Jefferson Hills, donated \$9,000.00 to the library to be used to add on to the existing library or for a stand-alone building. The consensus of Council was to agree to the library's request that the donation be placed in the Library's Capital Improvement Fund.

- The library personnel requested signs be made and placed that when the library is closed the top floor of the building be closed off.

5. Presentation concerning the new Thomas Jefferson High School Project-WTW Architects

6. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting December 8, 2014
7. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting January 12, 2015
8. Motion to approve the monthly bills
9. Motion to approve the monthly payrolls
10. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 4-2015 approving reimbursement of the General Fund by the General Obligation Bond Series of 2011 Project Fund in the amount of \$117,109.76
11. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-2015 granting final approval for a revision to a previously approved subdivision known as PS-1-2014, Chamberlin Ridge Plan of Lots-Phases 3, 4 and 5 Revised

Mr. Lovell arrived.

Donald Housley, Engineer of the project, gave an overview of the Plan. Mr. Lovell asked if the pond being taken over by the Borough is going to be owned by the Homeowners' Association, and Mr. Housley replied no, it will be requested to be taken over by the Borough with the same access that Mr. Chamberlin uses.

12. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 6-2015 granting final approval to a subdivision known as S-12-2014, Chamberlin Ridge Plan of Lots-Phase 3
13. Motion to approve Payment Application No. 9 and Final to A-1 Electric in the amount of \$50,106.26 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Project
14. Motion to approve Payment Application No. 9 and Final to East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$67,003.50 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Project
15. Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 concerning an extension of time for contract substantial completion for the Peters Creek Manhole Rehabilitation Project
16. Motion to authorize an advertisement to receive bids for the 2015 Road Improvement Program-Contract A

Mr. Sebastian explained that due to estimated costs, there were two or three streets that were eliminated from the list. He is not opposed to putting them back in as alternates.

17. Discuss proposed Work Authorization dated January 28, 2015 for Gateway Engineers to provide design and engineering related services for the implementation of the Jefferson Hills Borough/WESA Act 537 Plan in 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$320,000.00

Ms. Omer advised this figure could change based on discussions with Mr. Boucher.

18. Discuss proposed Work Authorization dated January 30, 2015 for Gateway Engineers to provide final design and engineering related services for the Walton Road Sanitary Sewer Upsizing Project for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00

Ms. Omer advised this figure could change based on discussions with Mr. Boucher. Mr. Boucher advised it would be more beneficial if the Work Authorizations in items #17 and #18 were combined.

19. Discuss proposed Work Authorization dated January 29, 2015 for Gateway Engineers to provide engineering related services for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Operations and Maintenance Plan-Preventative Maintenance Project for an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00
20. Discuss proposed Work Authorization dated January 29, 2015 for Gateway Engineers to provide engineering related services for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Operations and Maintenance Plan-CCTV Inspections Project for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00
21. Discuss McElheny Bridge Project and Change Orders

Mr. Arndt reminded Council this project is at a standstill. Payment Application No. 1 was approved by both South Park Township and Borough of Jefferson Hills. The other Change Orders Nos. 2, 3 and 4 have not been approved by Jefferson Hills, but were approved by South Park. Mr. Khalil commented the work was substandard and caused both communities additional funds to complete. The Project Engineer is not willing to own up to his substandard performance with respect to PennDOT's involvement with the project. Reluctantly, Mr. Khalil stated he will approve the Change Orders to move forward on the project. Mr. Weber again reiterated his displeasure with the work. He feels he needs to consider the best interests of the residents. Because it is a multi-community project involving grant money and we need to consider the residents and the leaders of South Park, he will cast a vote to move the project forward. Solicitor Shimko explained because it was already voted on in the negative, there needs to be a motion for reconsideration of Change Orders 2, 3 and 4. The motion can be made by anyone who voted in the majority the last time, which was everyone. Once the motion is made to reconsider, Council can discuss the motion that will be voted on in general. The vote to reconsider requires only a majority. If that passes, Council can move forward immediately to vote on the motion that is being reconsidered. This is probably not something that will be put on the agenda as an action item, but it can be covered in General Business. Mr. Arndt advised he agrees with Council that the work was substandard with respect to PennDOT's involvement with the project, but also agrees that the project needs to move forward. He advised again that he asked the Project Engineer if he would be willing to assist with payment of partial or all of the financing in question and he indicated he would not. He also declined to attend this meeting to further discuss it.

22. Discuss request by Pennsylvania American Water Company for street opening permit to install a new eight inch water line for a distance of 3,700 feet on Jones Street and State Street

This item is to be added to Monday night's meeting agenda for consideration.

23. Discuss appointments/reappointments to Borough Boards and Commissions

This item is to be added to March's meeting agenda for further discussion.

24. Reports

Fire Chief Tomer:

- All three fire companies are working towards consolidating into one main fire company with substations. Mr. Arndt believes the State offers free assistance with this type of project.
- Mr. Khalil advised Council is very receptive to Chief Tomer's request for a second shift of the paid firemen.

Mr. Sebastian:

- He is working on a list of roles and responsibilities between the Borough and Gateway Engineers. Mr. Khalil suggested the Engineering Committee meet at 6:00 p.m. before the Monday meeting to review this.

Mr. Lovell:

- Flyers of the new truck budgeted for 2015 were distributed to Council. This purchase is to be added to Monday's meeting agenda for consideration, and Mr. Boucher is to provide Council with financial information in their packet on Friday.

Mr. Boucher:

- Safety Committee meetings have been held.

Chief Roach:

- Recommended Officer Halterlein be made a permanent employee upon completion of his probationary period.

Mr. Arndt:

- A meeting on the WESA Act 537 Plan still needs to be set up with the West Elizabeth Borough Council.

- A final bill from General Industries for the Public Works Facility just came in and he requested the bill be placed on Monday night's agenda for consideration. Council concurred.

Mayor Cmar:

- She has the applications for West Penn Power and Duquesne Light allowing us to hang the Military Banners to the street light poles.

28. General Business

Mr. Montgomery reported Economic Development South is going to meet here on February 25 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss real estate development. They will also discuss traffic signal synchronisation on Route 51.

Mr. King advised he sent an email to SHACOG asking if any other municipalities are having any concerns with waste and recycling pickup, and he was told that yes there are multiple municipalities that have had complaints.

Mrs. Ielase attended the meeting between the volunteer fire companies and reported they will all be involved with Clean Up Day on April 25th and Fish for Fun Day on May 30th. They are discussing a date for Safety Day for 2015.

Mr. Weber referred to a letter from EQT regarding an application to DEP for water withdrawal in Forward Township. Upon review of the submitted map, Mr. Weber believes the water supply is in Jefferson Hills, and asked if we were given adequate notification and what our next move is. Mr. Arndt was instructed to get more information on this subject, like the time line and number of trucks involved.

Mr. Khalil reported Mr. Minsterman is writing a summary, for Council's review, from the Borough and Gateway Engineer's perspective to address comments made in a letter from WESA. Mr. Weber referred to a front-page newspaper article on WESA in which it appears to him that WESA wants to wage a battle of public opinion.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. with an executive session to follow concerning legal and personnel matters on motion by Mrs. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously

Douglas Arndt

Borough Manager/Secretary