

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
January 6, 2016

The agenda 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 and Weber answered to roll call. Secretary Essey, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Finance Officer Bennett, Consulting Engineer Omer and Public Works Director Lovell were also present Mayor Cmar arrived at 7:07 p.m. Council Members King, Barclay and Reynolds were absent. Mr. Weber stated Mr. King was ill so he would be chairing the meeting.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Zach Williard, of the Borough's appointed Municipal Advisor, Public Financial Management, presented an overview of the proposed 2016 bond refinancing. Ron Brown, the Borough's appointed Bond Counsel was also in attendance to discuss the proposal.
4. Citizens/Taxpayer Comments - None
5. Report from Borough Boards and Commissions
 - A) Library Board - Mrs. Debra Wesolowski
 - Announced that the Holiday Celebration was a great success.
6. Motion to approve record of public hearing December 9, 2015
7. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting December 9, 2015
8. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting December 14, 2015
9. Motion to approve monthly bills
10. Motion to approve monthly payroll
11. Motion to adopt Resolution No.4-2016 appointing a representative and an alternate representative to the SHACOG Franchising Authority Board
12. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-2016 appointing a representative and an alternate representative to the SHACOG Joint Rate Review Board

13. Motion to enact Ordinance No. 850 amending the Subdivision and Land Development application requirements and review procedures, and provide for severability and repeal of prior, inconsistent ordinances
14. Motion to approve Payment Application No. 1 for Stash Trucking in the amount of \$164,686.42 for the Bedell Road Restoration Project

Mr. Montgomery asked for an explanation of the Change Order payment. Mrs. Omer explained the boring process that is done at the beginning of a project does not always foresee all problems that may occur once the project actually begins because it is based on educated guesswork. Mr. Lovell added more of an explanation that the step down of rock anticipated from the boring process was more of a slope than the step down they originally thought. Ms. Omer explained that due to the unexpected slope encountered in the field there was a need for additional materials causing the pricing to go up. Mr. Khalil stated he has a hard time paying this bill and questions whether Geomechanics did the boring extensively enough. Both Mrs. Omer and Mr. Lovell felt that Geomechanics could not be faulted for not finding this problem in advance due to the nature of boring work.

Chief Roach added he is waiting for a response from FEMA/PEMA regarding whether the Borough would get partial or full reimbursement for the additional work on this change order and that there is a time line that he must follow so approval needs to be made this month.

Mr. Weber stated he feels more comfortable knowing that Mr. Lovell, our in house employee, was on site to witness the boring and project and with the Chief's addition of the timberline, Mr. Weber agrees that the project was just bad luck and he does not see any problem paying the bill.

Mr. Shimko stated that this change order has not been approved by Council so prior to paying this bill he would like to see this change order approved first.

15. President of Council to make appointments of delegates to organizations and representatives to boards and commissions.

Mr. Weber stated that if there are any changes, Mr. King should be contacted by the weekend because appointments could be made at Monday's meeting.

16. Discuss a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated December 28, 2015 not to exceed the amount of \$5,000.00 for outstanding permits, applications and miscellaneous issues with Pennvest, etc. related to the Jefferson Hills/WESA Act 537 Plan.
17. Discuss dates for a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of lot and blocks 1421-D-90, 1421-G-76, 1421-G-65, 1421-G-85, 1421-G-93 and 1421-G-110, located along State Route 837 from I-2, Heavy Industrial District to I-1, Planned Industrial District

Mr. Shimko stated that this Ordinance has to go to the county for at least 30 days before the Borough can have a public hearing on it. Council agreed to put scheduling the public hearing for February 8 on the agenda for Monday.

18. Discuss appointments/reappointments to Borough Boards and Commissions

Mr. Weber will discuss with Mr. King the reappointments of the three Zoning Hearing Board positions, the one Planning Commission reappointment for Mr. Montgomery and the Board of Library Directors. Mr. Khalil suggested putting the vacancies on the Borough website.

19. Discuss reopening the 2016 Borough Budget

Mr. Khalil stated that after the meeting with Mr. Bennett and Mr. Weber they feel it necessary to reopen the 2016 Budget to allow Mr. Bennett's review and comments and to look at the Budget as a whole and make any adjustments as needed. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Shimko when the final adoption of a new budget would be and he answered February 15th.

20. Reports

Mrs. Omer:

- Corrective Action Plan has been submitted to DEP for our Clairton and WESA taps. We are requesting 130 taps this year because of the large amount expected in Hunter's Field and Washington Square.
- PA Turnpike Commission has submitted a letter stating its intention to continue the Mon-Fayette Expressway from State Route 43 all the way to Monroeville.

Mr. Bennett

- List of bills was just being finished up this afternoon and we will have them in the Friday packets.
- We are transitioning the payroll to the new company Paycor. Paycor will have a representative in our office on Monday to help. This is a large payroll with all the new rates having to be entered and we're working to get that finished.

Mr. Lovell:

- We have only had two snow events this year totaling less than 1".
- Requested permission to attend the PSATS conference with a couple of Public Works employees April 17-20, 2016. It is a very large conference with many seminars and good information for engineers and Public Works. Mr. Lovell was asked to submit a cost analysis for the program.

Chief Roach:

- Reported we notified the current copier in writing in March that we would not be continuing their lease. Handed out paperwork for all options. Suggests going with the one that offers all we have, 24 hour service and the most cost efficient. Mr. Weber will have this added to the agenda.

Mayor:

- Purchased a new Christmas tree at Target for annual holiday display.

Mr. Shimko:

- Requested a motion be put on the Monday agenda to authorize the process of investigating issuance of the Series of 2016 Bonds for the purpose of refinancing of the 2011 Bonds.

21. General Business

Mrs. Ielase questioned if anyone knew why the extra-long trucks are going up Oneida Drive. Mr. Lovell did not have an answer but will look in to it.

Mr. Khalil asked about Beedle Park, Mrs. Omer replied that Gateway will be meeting with the Recreation Board.

Mr. Khalil asked when we will be getting the sanitary sewer rate study back from Senate Engineering. Mr. Shimko said he has not asked in the last few weeks, but will find out.

Mr. Khalil asked for an explanation about the Walsh/Granite Rapid Bridge Project where they want to move the sanitary sewer by Lobbs. Mrs. Omer replied Walsh/Granite was hired by PennDot and they are trying to use the funds before they run out, so Gateway Engineers is working with them to get the sanitary sewer moved and upgraded because it is a problematic area. Relocation work is reimbursable – at least in large part – to the Borough.

Mr. Weber asked about the meeting with West Elizabeth Borough Council. Mr. Shimko stated that he has not been able to solidify a date working with the West Elizabeth Solicitor. Mr. Weber said they will meet in the evening.

Mr. Montgomery questioned how we get the CD Grants through SHACOG. Mrs. Omer replied that some municipalities are using them for ADA upgrades to get these grants. Mr. Montgomery stated he does not want to see the Borough lose potential grant money. Mrs. Omer said Gateway Engineers would work with the Borough to review its census map for potential area where ADA facility upgrades could be undertaken.

- 22. Mr. Weber adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with an executive session to follow concerning legal, labor, personnel, and real estate matters on motion by Mrs. Ielase, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.
- 23. Executive Session - Legal and Labor Matters

Linda M. Essey
Secretary