

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Regular Meeting of Council  
March 10, 2014

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 Barclay, Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds, Weber and King answered to roll call. Borough Manager Arndt, Finance Officer/Treasurer Boucher, Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Planner/Zoning Officer Cohen, Public Works Director Lovell, Engineer Sebastian and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS:

1) Dolores Skrinjorich - 1528 Marion Drive - wanted an explanation of fees on her sewage bill. Mr. King advised our staff will look into it and get back to her.

2) Ned Trbovich - 885 Volunteer Fire Company - would like to raise the minimum charge allowed per Borough Resolution for accidents and fires. Mr. King advised Council and staff will look at the Resolution and see if modifications can be made for their request.

MINUTES:

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of agenda meeting January 8, 2014 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of regular meeting January 13, 2014 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of special meeting January 29, 2014 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mrs. Reynolds moved the February bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$224,914.62, Sewer Revenue \$164,052.11, 2011 GOB Series \$14,805.03, Ambulance Tax \$33.42, Fire Tax \$150.19, Highway Aid \$146,188.88 and Escrow \$624.50, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of February in the amount of \$231,556.16 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Barclay and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. King read Resolution No. 18-2014, "APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND BY THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES OF 2011 PROJECT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$439,732.86." Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2014, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 19-2014, "APPOINTING MATTHEW SEBASTIAN AS DESIGNATED AGENT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY HAZARD MITIGATION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION." Mrs. Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2014, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 20-2014, "APPROVING THE SALE OF THE BOROUGH FORD 260C TRACTOR WITH ALAMO BOOM FLAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00 TO WALSH EQUIPMENT AS A TRADE-IN ON NEW TRACTOR AND ASSOCIATED MOWERS IN AGENDA ITEM 20." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-2014, seconded by Mr. Weber. Mr. Weber wished to make the motion contingent upon the Finance Officer's discussion with the bank to negotiate a loan without a prepayment penalty. Solicitor Shimko stated this contingency can be added to the motion for agenda item number 20 following later in the agenda. Motion carried on a 6-1 roll call voted. Mrs. Reynolds voted no.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 21-2014, "TO ADVERTISE AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A NEW OIL AND GAS OVERLAY DISTRICTS ZONING ORDINANCE AS AN ADDITION TO THE BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 712 ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND ZONING OVERLAY DISTRICTS FOR OIL AND GAS DRILLING THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2014, seconded by Mr. Weber. Solicitor Shimko advised we need to make a preliminary decision before we can set a date, which is whether or not Council is interested in sending this to Allegheny County for their comments. If Council wishes to send this to the County, they need 30 days to look at it, so we wouldn't be able to schedule the Public Hearing for at least 30 days. The date of April 10<sup>th</sup> was proposed by Council for the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the proper officers to prepare and advertise an ordinance for the adoption of the Jefferson Hills Property Maintenance Code, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Weber requested the wording, "as recommended by the Borough of Jefferson Planning Commission", be added to the end of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to ratify the lay-off of one Communication Specialist due to budgetary reduction for the position, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Payment Application No. 7 to General Industries in the amount of \$101,983.41 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Payment Application No. 4 to Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC in the amount of \$30,330.00 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to approve Payment Application No. 2 to A-1 Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$44,100.00 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to approve Work Authorization dated February 27, 2014 for Gateway Engineers for the stream assessment, engineering design and Chapter 105 Joint Permit submission for Peters Creek Phase V stream improvements not to exceed the amount of \$55,000.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper officers to advertise for bids for the 2014 Road Improvement Program per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to purchase a John Deere JD6105M 2-wheel drive Tractor equipped with a new Tiger 22' Bengal Boom Flair Mower and a 50" Tiger Boom Rotary Mower head from Walsh Equipment in the amount of \$102,340.90 under the Pennsylvania Legacy Contract through COSTARS cooperative purchasing contract and to accept a financing proposal from Huntington Bank for the purchase conditioned upon approval of the Finance Officer, seconded by Mr. Khalil. Motion carried on a 6-1 roll call vote. Council Member Reynolds voted no.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve a four-year bond for the Tax Collector with Ohio Casualty in the amount of \$16,521.00, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize Kratzenburg and Lazzaro to file real estate tax lien revivals for the year 1994 at \$30.00 each for properties delinquent over \$100.00 and as identified by Borough officials in the lien review packet provided to Council, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to award bid for the joint McElheny Bridge Project to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$153,108.00 with Jefferson Hills and South Park Township equally paying one-half of the project cost, subject to the additional condition that South Park Township award the bid, seconded by Mrs. Barclay and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to ratify authorization for a second option for boring testing on the Bedell Road slide to GeoMechanics, Inc. for further information for the FEMA grant application for damages occurring from the storm on July 10, 2013 not to exceed \$8,000.00 unless subsequently approved/ratified by Borough Council, seconded by Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Khalil moved to accept the proposal to install a natural spring water holding tank and pump from Barner Plumbing in the amount of \$8,529.00 to A-1 Electric for the Public Works Complex Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Cut Materials Issue Agreement related to the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Project between the Borough of Jefferson Hills, Gateway Engineers and General Industries, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Cohen reviewed the revisions that were discussed at Wednesday's agenda meeting to the Beedle Park Master Plan and Phase 1A. It was recommended that Council meet with DCNR explaining our reasons for changing the Master Plan and see how they receive it. Mr. Arndt recommended all Borough representatives attending the meeting all agree on what they want to present. Council Members Weber, Khalil, Montgomery, Recreation Board Member Steffey, Mr. Arndt and Ms. Omer agreed to meet beforehand to decide what to present to DCNR.

PLANNER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Showed Council new signs stating "Jefferson Hills is the #1 Best Place to Live in PA" that will be placed within the Borough.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Officers Brunetti and Pokorny have completed their probationary period.
- The library is collecting used cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program.
- A resident is collecting toiletries for the troops as his Eagle Scout Project.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery advised Dan Alwine of Senator Matt Smith's office, explained about a possible replacement for the Cochran Mill Bridge through the Rapid Bridge Replacement Program, and hopes to receive an estimate from PennDOT by Friday.

Mrs. Ielase reminded everyone the Easter festivities will be at the Municipal Center April 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Khalil asked the timeline of the demolition of the house on Scotia Hollow Road, and Mr. Cohen replied we are working with Stash Trucking to take the house down. Mr. Khalil requested Mr. Cohen keep on top of the demolition, as it seems to pose a safety threat.

Mr. Khalil reported the Recreation Board wants a financial commitment to rebuild the concession stand at 885 Park. They asked for permanent fencing and sold advertising signs for on the fence that will pay for it. They secured two scoreboards donated by Dean Honda. Mr. Khalil would like to make a financial commitment to them for the concession stand. The initial cost estimate is \$100,000.00, but they are going to secure volunteers of time, services and material to bring the cost down substantially. Mr. Arndt was instructed to work with Mr. Boucher to find funds to help.

Mrs. Reynolds announced the Floreffe VFC Ladies Auxiliary is holding a pancake breakfast on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon with the Easter Bunny, games for the children, and auctions for the adults. She asked for help and donations.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. on motion by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Douglas C. Arndt  
Borough Manager/Secretary