

Borough of Jefferson Hills

Agenda Meeting of Council

March 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. Manager Arndt, Officer/Finance/Treasurer Boucher, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Public Works Director Lovell, Borough Engineer Sebastian and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present.

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

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

A) Don Schmidt - 4012 Rustic Woods Drive - advised TJ Youth Football may be in need of a place to practice this fall. The owner of the property where they currently practice has advised that possibly this fall they will no longer be able to use that field. Mr. King advised the fields that were just re-seeded at Beedle Park can be re-evaluated in the summer to see if they will be ready by the fall.

B) Jennifer Volomiao - 1330 S Randolph Drive - voiced support of TJ Youth Football finding a space to practice this fall.

4. Report from Borough Boards or Commissions

A) BJ Pugh - Vice Chairman and Brian Konick, Secretary of the Recreation Board - updated Council with the following:

- 885 Concession Stand will get an update to make it look nicer. It was suggested that a fryer/griddle be installed to help increase revenue. Staff was instructed to check to make sure it is allowed by Borough Code and the Health Department.

- A separate tax ID has been created called The Jefferson Hills Recreation Initiative, for the purpose of selling fence signs and raising funds for park improvements.
- An Easter Party will be held Tuesday, March 31st in the Community Room at the Municipal Center.
- A Carnival/Community Day is being considered for August 26-29th. The Recreation Board was instructed to gather more information before Council can provide an endorsement.
- The Board is requesting the Ordinance be changed for the lights to turn out at 10:30 p.m. at 885 Park, and Mr. King replied that has already been done, and instructed that the lights be changed to stay on until 10:30 p.m.
- A question arose about the water runoff on the hill at 885 Park. Mr. Lovell advised the problem should be fixed before the season starts.
- To help with the parking issues at 885 Park, the Board requested baseball patrons be allowed to park past the field. It was suggested that a Board Member inquire at the Borough office whether the pavilions are rented before allowing baseball patrons to park over the entire park.

Mr. Khalil offered to supply the Recreation Board with a copy of the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan.

B) Debra Wesolowski - Library Board of Directors - updated Council with the following:

- She would like a copy of the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan to see how it relates to the Library, and Mr. Arndt advised she could get a copy from the administrative office.
- Thanked staff for the baby changing table in the upstairs ladies room, and requested one for in the men's room also.
- Asked the status of signs stating the lobby is closed on Fridays when the library is closed. Chief Roach replied he and the librarian are waiting for a vendor to provide a quote and ideas.
- Requested money for eight security cameras for the library. Ms. Wesolowski was instructed to supply Mr. Arndt with the cost of the cameras when it is available.

- Requested more police walk-throughs of the library.

5. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting February 4, 2015
6. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting February 9, 2015
7. Motion to approve the monthly bills

Mr. Montgomery asked the status of the training for the Lick Run Pump Station, and Mr. Lovell replied the materials have been purchased so that he and another employee can take the test in July.

8. Motion to approve the monthly payrolls
9. Motion to approve Payment Application No. 3 from Osiris in the amount of \$7,980.00 for Peters Creek Manhole Rehabilitation Project
10. Motion to approve Payment Application No. 10 and Final from Vrabel Plumbing Company, LLC in the amount of \$32,305.00 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Project

Mr. Weber asked if this would be without contingencies, and Mr. Lovell replied there are none, and he is comfortable paying this final bill.

11. Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 from R & B Contracting and Excavation concerning an extension of time for contract substantial completion date for the Waterman Road Restoration Project
12. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Roto-Rooter Services Company for Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning Project - Year 5 in the amount of \$213,610.00 with the Borough share being \$104,562.50
13. Motion to establish April 25, 2015 as the Borough of Jefferson Hills Clean-up Day
14. Discuss bids received for 2015 Road Improvement Program-Contract A
15. Discuss bids received for Bedell Road Landslide Slope Reconstruction Project
16. Reports

Mr. Sebastian:

Nothing to report.

Ms. Omer:

- Verbal approval was received from DEP on our sewer tap-in requests for 2015.

Mr. Boucher:

- One of the findings of the audit is that we need to get a fixed asset appraisal done. We have used Industrial Appraisal in years past. He received three prices for an appraisal, and he recommends Industrial Appraisal. An agreement will be added to the agenda for Monday's meeting.

Mr. Lovell:

- The art students at Thomas Jefferson High School completed painting the Jersey barriers for Peters Creek Road, and Mr. Lovell was very pleased with the work done.

Chief Roach:

- Officer Stephanie Behers was recognized for her performance in 2014 at State Representative Rick Saccone's annual Emergency Responders Banquet on February 27th.

Mr. Arndt:

- A request was received from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful to support adoption of Coal Valley Road No. 3 by the Oakwood Neighbors. Council gave approval for this project. Mr. Arndt offered to call Stephanie Larson, the coordinator, to see what needs to be done with the County.

- The letter from EQT concerning a public water withdrawal application that mentioned Forward Township, should have stated it will take place in Jefferson Hills. EQT is waiting for a commitment letter from Pennsylvania American Water to get the water from them not the river for the well sites. Mr. Weber voiced concern over the residential water pressure from the extraction of the water, and the truck traffic on Borough roads transporting the water. He suggested we write to the water company requesting they do not adhere to the application because EQT has not been forthcoming with the application and details. Solicitor Shimko advised once it gets to the permitting phase the Borough probably does not have the ability to stop it other than making a comment to DEP. Mr. Arndt agreed to contact EQT for more details.

- A meeting with PENNVEST for an attempt to get a low-interest loan for some of the WESA Act 537 projects was held today. The meeting went well and their low cost is much less than a bond issue costs. The longest loan PennVEST can give us is 20 years, where a bond issue can go to 30 years. At the meeting, DEP reported to the Borough that it did not anticipate WESA would have its permitting completed prior to the Borough completing its permitting and submitting for PENNVEST financing. Therefore, DEP asked the Borough to request an extension on its Act 537 Plan in order to move the Borough's anticipated permitting closer to WESA's in order to help the Borough avoid having to build its projects and then wait for WESA to build its projects before the Borough can connect. Additionally, DEP advised that the applicable permit expires in two years and it did not want the Borough potentially to receive the permit and then have it expire while it waited for WESA to finish its work.

Mayor Cmar:

- She asked Mr. Shimko and Ms. Omer for donations towards Clean-Up Day.

28. General Business

Mr. Montgomery reported there will be a waterline replacement program on Gill Hall Road this summer. Pennsylvania American Water is offering firefighter grants up to \$5,000.00, and Mrs. Ielase was asked to communicate this to the fire companies. He announced the Annual SHACOG Dinner will be held April 23, 2015 at the Nevillewood Country Club.

Mr. Montgomery advised it was brought up at the Planning Commission meeting that the retention ponds in Hunters Field are always full of water. Engineer Sebastian was instructed to call Maronda Homes and ask them to start taking care of their private retention ponds.

Mrs. Ielase was contacted by the firemen and asked why they were not notified about the lane closure on Route 51, and asked for details. Chief Roach explained he had just received notice himself that PennDOT is looking into why the sewers are clogged and causing icy conditions on the road. He also stated he will make sure the fire companies are notified of anymore lane closures on Route 51.

Mrs. Ielase advised when the weather breaks, a crew of people will clean up the creek and hillside in front of the Large Firehall, and the fire company is working on the paperwork to get the bridge inspected. All of this is being done so rentals can hopefully be started by the end of this summer.

Mr. Khalil requested Ms. Omer put together some graphs showing the corrective action work and projects on the WESA and Clairton Watersheds to keep Council on task.

Mr. Khalil asked the Chief if Council's support is needed with respect to hearing schedules at the Magistrate's office. Mr. King advised he talked with the Magistrate recently and he has heard the complaints and indicated he was

going to make changes. The Magistrate also indicated he was going to reach out to all of the chiefs to have a discussion. It was decided that if the Magistrate does not reach out to the chief by next month's meeting, that Council will communicate with him. Mr. Weber stated the Magistrate has been aware for a few months of our issue with the budget, and Mr. King had a discussion with him. Mr. Weber suggested the Magistrate and the chiefs get together to talk about how to solve the problem. Chief Roach reported at the SHACOG Chief's meeting today all three chiefs stated they met to discuss impacts to the budget and to the officers who are not able to get adequate sleep between shifts because they sometimes have separate hearings at 9:00, 1:00 and 5:00 within one day.

Mr. Khalil was contacted by Andrew Tomer, Fire Chief, regarding a potential State bill that rewards volunteer firefighters with respect to some sort of income tax break. Mr. Khalil would like Council to ask him to come to Monday's meeting to explain this, and requests Council support this bill.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. with an executive session to follow concerning legal and personnel matters on motion by Mrs. Ielase, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously

Douglas Arndt

Borough Manager/Secretary