

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Regular Meeting of Council  
April 16, 2020

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Bucy at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members Ielase, Ruscitto, Sockman, Steffey, Vice President Montgomery and President Bucy answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner, Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glistler and Public Works Director Volpe, Finance Officer Bennett and Consulting Engineer Minstlerman were also present. Council Member Reynolds and Mayor Cmar were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Dave Oster, 6009 Walton Road, asked if Mr. Thatcher's summary was in the minutes, Mr. Montgomery advised it was.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the March bills be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of March in the amount of \$267,049.68 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of agenda meeting March 4, 2020 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting March 9, 2020 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the State of Emergency in the Borough of Jefferson Hills from April 13, 2020 until such time as Federal, State, and County guidelines indicate a reduction in the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to ratify purchase of 2,000 surgical and 400 n95 protective masks in the amount of \$3,167.97 to Bulk Masks Direct, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to ratify the purchase of 2020 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Utility vehicle with extended service policy of 5 years/100,000 miles in the amount of \$36,135.00 with the purchase being made under the PA COSTARS purchasing program (PA COSTARS Contract Number: 013-010), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to award the 2020 Paving Program Award Option #1 (Base Bid and Add Alternate 3) or Award Option #2 (Base Bid, Add Alternate 2, Add Alternate 3, and Add Alternate 4) to A. Liberoni, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$430,932.85 or \$559,136.35, respectively, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV Year 10 Project in the amount of \$139,476.50 with the Borough's share of 53,247.50, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Change Order No. 1 and Application for Payment No. 1 to C. Crump, Inc. in the amount of \$156,322.50 for the Rt. 51 Stream Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve application for Payment No. 2 to Bronder Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$73,431.94 for work completed on the State Route 837 and Walton Road Signal replacement Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF:

Absent. President Bucy stated he submitted his report and she believes there were \_\_\_ calls for March.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mr. Glister explained the situation on Waterman slide and asked if Council wants the work on the repair to continue or wait until the May meeting when we have a work authorization. Council advise to continue work and follow up with the work authorization in May for the meeting.

Mr. Glister stated we have an exposed sanitary sewer line in Lobb's Run and suggested we encase it and place some rip-rap on the bank and Mr. Minstrerman suggested we encase the line for now and look into a stream restoration further down the road to satisfy our pollution reduction plan.

Mr. Reynolds said to look into whether or not we can bury additional conduit in the ground in case we decide to put in stadium lighting in the future. Mr. Glister will talk to Mr. Volpe and discuss with West Penn Power on their requirement.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Report in packet.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. Roach requested a signature page be signed for a body worn camera grant that he submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Absent.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Stinner stated the Borough office building and parks were all closed as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. The timelines for the closures are unknown at this time.

Mr. Stinner thanked Mrs. Bucy, Mrs. Ruscitto, Mayor Cmar and Ms. Trbovich for their efforts for getting the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program going.

Mr. Stinner stated the Fishing and Clean-up events have been postponed through April, May, June and July.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Reynolds asked what the condition of the Bridge was at the Large Fire Dept. Building. Mr. Glister stated that not much has changed since it was cited for fall hazard to improve safety/decking. Pursing through legal channels and asked for them to put up barricades.

Mr. Bennett gave an update on the gas wells. Stated every couple of months we get a check for about \$190, and that it's down now due to the gas being depressed.

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to recertify Gill Hall Park, seconded by Mrs. Ielase, Mr. Montgomery made a motion to table for 30 days, seconded by Mrs. Rusitto, with a roll call vote of Ielase, Montgomery, Ruscitto, Sockman, Steffey and Bucy voting yes and Mr. Reynolds voting no, motion carried.

Andrew Tomer asked for the loxbox keys back from Gill Hall Fire Dept, Mr. Reynolds stated he had possession of them. Mr. Tomer stated only certified people in the Municipality are authorized

to hold those keys since they open about 95% of the businesses in the Borough. Mr. Reynolds said he is not returning them and will hold on to them.

Brian Hudson, 420 Old Clairton Road, spoke in favor of recertifying Gill Hall Fire Dept.

Melissa Steffey, suggested combining Jefferson Hills and Pleasant Hills into one Community Day and will be speaking with Pleasant Hills further on that option.

Frank Sockman wanted to thank everyone for their work during the COVID-19 crises and discussed pursuing a catered lunch after the crisis.

Nicole Ruscitto thanked Council for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program and supporting seniors. She also thanked the volunteers for helping distribute the items.

Karen Bucy, thanked First responders, food bank, Neighbors Helping Neighbors program and Public works.

She stated if there is another virtual meeting, we would have our IT people involved.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to be extremely mindful of our budget because there will be people in our community that will be affected.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m. with an executive session to follow regarding personnel from which Council would not return.

John P. Stinner  
Secretary/Borough Manager