

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
March 4, 2020

The agenda 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, Mayor Cmar and Council Members Ielase, Reynolds, Ruscitto, Sockman, Steffey, Vice President Montgomery and President Bucy answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner, Finance Officer Bennett, Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glister, Consulting Engineer Minsterman, and Public Works Director Volpe were also present.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

President Bucy announced Council was in Executive Session to discuss Personnel. President Bucy asked for a moment of silence for Bill Chamberlan who passed away. Mr. Chamberlan was a former Borough of Jefferson Hills Council member from 1986 – 1993 and President for 5 of those years. President Bucy explained she looked through the Borough Citizen/Taxpayer Comment sheets that were submitted. If the items submitted are regarding the Agenda items listed below, numbers 5-19, those residents would speak now. If the items submitted are not related to the Agenda items listed below, numbers 5-19, the residents would speak at the end during the second Borough Citizen/Taxpayer Comment section. This will allow Council to get through Borough business first.

4. Borough Resident/Taxpayer Comments
5. Motion to approve the monthly bills
6. Motion to approve the monthly payroll
7. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting February 5, 2020
8. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting February 10, 2020
9. Reports from Boards/Commissions

Dave Graffam, President of the Library Board, gave highlights on the Library Board, including EIN Network, Social Networking, CPR class, AARP tax help class, and Friends of the Library Preview.

10. Motion to approve the expansion of the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board from seven members to nine members
11. Motion to reappoint Brian Konick to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board (Term Expiration: 12/31/23)
12. Motion to appoint Tom Dugan to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board (Term Expiration: 12/31/23)

13. Motion to approve the Work Authorization dated February 28, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough in completion flow isolation work on the sanitary sewers in the amount not to exceed \$20,000

Mr. Glister stated Gateway and the Borough in partnership are working to isolate flow in the sanitary sewer system. They are looking for ground water infiltration getting into the system. This testing will occur in March and April between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. to gather the data. This will save the Borough money to identify and fix any infiltration.

14. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$27,364.75 for work completed on the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repair Year 8 project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG
15. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$22,188.70 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV – Year 9 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG
16. Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 from Bioni Drilling, Inc., dated February 25, 2020 to extend the contract completion time of the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1 Project from December 31, 2019 to April 30, 2020
17. Authorization to purchase 2020 Ford F-550 4x4 chassis from Tri-Star Motors for \$ 48,000.00 SHACOG Purchasing Alliance prices
18. Authorization to purchase stainless dump body, snowplow & salt spreader and hydraulic installations from U.S. Municipal Supply for \$ 35,921.00. Costars Contract Number: 025-019
19. Authorization to purchase Exmark Zero Turn Mower from Jefferson Hills Lawn Equipment for \$ 8,399.00
20. Reports

President Bucy stated we did receive Andrew Tomer's report.

Engineer Glister reported:

- Nothing further to report.

Consulting Engineer reported:

- Nothing further to report.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Mr. Bennett reported:

- Local Auditors will be in the office for about 3-4 weeks.

- The Grant for the Montour Trail closed out and we can expect the money shortly.

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

- Provided a detailed report of activities.
- Started digging the footers for the new pavilion at 885 park.
- President Bucy thanked Mr. Volpe for the extensive report and the work at the GBU.

Police Chief Roach reported:

- His written report will be in Council's packet for Monday.
- Reported Kyle Stawowczyk has been released to solo patrol tonight and doing well.

Mayor Cmar reported:

- Reminder that April 25, 2020 is Borough Clean-up Day.

Borough Manager Stinner reported:

- Thanked Public Works Department for their work at the GBU.
- The Borough has been getting complaints about the condition of various roads. Some of these roads do not belong to the Borough. He and Mr. Glistler will be taking an index of which roads the Borough needs to tend to.
- The Borough has a few Employment Opportunities
- He attended the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Kickoff Event. We've volunteered to host the upcoming SHACOG NIMS system training.
- He's monitoring the information regarding the Corona Virus outbreak and updating our Borough website with the most up to date information available from the County Health Department.

21. General Business

- Comments of general business items from Borough Residents

Brian Chelfont, of 6618 Willem Drive, President of JFR and EMS. Discuss ongoing litigation between their organization and Gill Hall Fire Department. After ongoing conversations this week with their attorney, he would like to know who authorized the Borough Solicitor to contact their attorney? Then who authorized the Borough Solicitor to ask our attorney to ask us to drop the law suit against Gill Hall. Solicitor Gabriel stated that's not correct. He was asked to perform due diligence and gather as much information as possible from all parties.

Wayne Severson, of 625 Setter Lane, discuss plans for rebuilding West Bruceton Road. He believes the road isn't safe. Mr. Stinner stated they are looking into which roads the Borough owns and maintains. Mr. Glister stated it isn't in good condition. The Borough has been working to keep it as safe as possible through the winter. Once the weather improves, the plan is to re-tar and improve the condition of the road.

Max Stanton, of 1348 Walton Road, discuss traffic light in Floreffe. The new traffic light is working; however, the road is improperly marked. It reads River Road, and it should be Route 837. Mr. Glister stated he hasn't seen this yet. He will reach out to Gateway and the contractor tomorrow and make sure it's fixed.

Corey Lotus, son of Dan Lotus of 165 Hollywood Drive, to discuss zoning. His property 765-M-15, needs this to be Light Industrial, not Commercial. Mr. Montgomery stated this is a long and lengthy process.

Keith Mincin, of 1229 Peter's Creek Road, to discuss zoning. He would like his property kept as Light Industrial and not Commercial. He would like to thank Mr. Stinner and Mr. Glister for meeting with him after last month's meeting.

Brian O'Shell, of 3030 Chestnut Ridge Drive, to discuss single family homes occupied by multiple families. Mr. Stinner stated we've been made aware of it. We need to look into our ordinances and municipal law.

Dave Oster, of 6009 Walton Road, discuss order of taxpayer comments on agenda. President Bucy stated if you have comments on the Agenda items, residents will speak first. If they don't have something to do with the business Agenda items, they will speak at the end of Agenda.

- Comments of general business from Borough Council

Vice President Montgomery noted:

- Thanked President Bucy for recognizing Bill Chamberlain.
- Commended the Chief and Mayor for being in top 10 safest communities.
- SHACOG updates.

Mr. Sockman noted:

- Reminded that one round of salt on our roads is \$8,000.

Mrs. Ruscitto noted:

- Thanked Mr. Graffam for volunteering and always being available.

Mrs. Steffey noted:

- Asked what the Police uniform allowance is per year? Chief Roach stated this is a once per year allowance per their Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Asked if Independence Drive has a lot left that's not sold? Can the Borough make a Developer dedicate their roads to us? Mr. Glistler stated no, we cannot.

Mr. Reynolds noted:

- Would like to make a motion to repay Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company any and all legal fees incurred due to the Merger. Mr. Montgomery stated motions happen on Monday.

Mrs. Ielase noted:

- Talked to a woman about getting a finished walkway from Beams Run to Peter's Creek.
- Mr. Donahue spoke to Council about the area along Chamberlain to Peters Creek and a walkway and conservation zoning.

President Bucy noted:

- Addressed Mr. Chalfont's questions he brought before Council. She will ask Solicitor Gabriel to speak to JFR's attorney and get this cleared up.
- Mr. Chalfont asked how does this lawsuit concern Council? If you're refunding Gill Hall their money, you should also refund JFR their money.

22. Adjournment

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with an executive session to follow from which Council would not return on motion by Mrs. Ielase, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

23. Executive Session: Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Lawfully Privileged/Confidential, Public Safety Preparedness, Litigation (*Jefferson Estates Homeowners Association v. Zokaites Properties et al.*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Docket No. GD-17-011526; *Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, et al. v. Clairton Municipal Authority*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, GD-17-017711; *Borough of Jefferson Hills v. Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Jefferson Hills*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, SA-19-000709; *AUUE, Inc. v. Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, SA-19-000748; *Levander v. Borough of Jefferson Hills*, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2:19-cv-01629-MJH)

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager