

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
March 9, 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, Mayor Cmar and Council Members Ielase, Reynolds, 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 were also present. Finance Officer Bennett and Consulting Engineer Minsterman were absent.

President Bucy explained the procedure of how they will go through the Agenda. President Bucy received 3 Citizen/Taxpayer comment forms. She's looked through the Borough Citizen/Taxpayer Comment sheets that were submitted. If the items submitted are regarding the Agenda items listed below, those residents would speak now. If the items submitted are not related to the Agenda items listed below, the residents will speak at the end during the second Borough Citizen/Taxpayer Comment section. This will allow Council to get through Borough business first

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Montgomery asked what is the Waste Management Inactivity fee? Mr. Bennett stated it's for the recycling bins. Mr. Montgomery asked what is the Jeffrey and Associates Playground bill? Mr. Bennett stated that is the new shelter at 885 Park.

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of February in the amount of \$260,917.13 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Ruscitto moved the minutes of agenda meeting February 5, 2020 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery stated to change the work in Citizen / Taxpayer comments to "seeking".

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting February 10, 2020 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Ielase moved to appoint Nicole Ruscitto to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Planning Commission (Term Expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Bethany Kilinsky to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Library Board of Directors (Term Expiration: 12/31/22), seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reynolds moved to appoint Doug Pascoe to the West Elizabeth Sewer Authority Board of Directors, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to reappoint Brian Konick to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board (Term Expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to appoint Tom Dugan to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board (Term Expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint James Kingsley to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Library Board of Directors (Term Expiration: 12/31/22), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Dean Collins as an alternate to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board (Term Expiration: 12/31/24), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

President Bucy thanked everyone who has volunteered to be on the Boards and Commissions.

Mrs. Ielase moved to hire Bob Marlow as Executive Director of the Borough of Jefferson Hills Summer Camps, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

President Bucy stated we are accepting applications for Summer Camp Counselors and the pay is \$12.00 per hour.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the creation of Ordinance No. 879, creating a Lieutenant position inside chain of command of the Borough of Jefferson Hills Police Department; as well as establish a 5% increase in salary between the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved 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, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved 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, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved 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, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved 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, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550 4x4 chassis from Tri-Star Motors for \$ 48,000.00 SHACOG Purchasing Alliance prices, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the purchase of a stainless dump body, snowplow & salt spreader and hydraulic installations from U.S. Municipal Supply for \$ 35,921.00. Costars Contract Number: 025-019, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the purchase of an Exmark Zero Turn Mower from Jefferson Hills Lawn Equipment for \$ 8,399.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF:

Absent. President Bucy stated he submitted his report and she believes there were 19 calls for February.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reminder to the new Council members to get their New Hire paperwork to Ms. Daily for next week.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report. President Bucy thanked Mr. Volpe and the Public Works Department for their hard work.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar stated April 25, 2020 is the date for Clean Up Day in the Borough. Thanked Chief Roach and the Police Department for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving and Enforcement Program.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Michelle Dunn, discuss stray cat project update and fund for feral cats. The project off of Cochran Mill Road is complete. 25 cats have been spayed and neutered. She asked for any donations toward the project. It cost about \$2,300.00 to have all the cats spayed, neutered, and removed from the community. The next project is off 837 in the trailer park.

Lisa Buckiso, of 3041 Shady Timer Lane, discuss transparency. Asked what they are doing to fulfill the campaign promise of more transparency and also what they are doing to engage the community. She asked about the possibility of Live Stream or video the Council Meetings. Mrs. Ruscitto stated the person who fills the Communications position will spearhead a lot of those ideas. Mr. Stinner stated the minutes are posted after they are approved at the next month's meeting.

John Thatcher, of 604 Gill Hall Road, discuss Fire Department Consolidation. He's here as the President of the new Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue. Consolidation is about people, and the volunteers and their safety. It's also about the appropriate use of tax payer dollars. This consolidation was started 19 ½ years ago. Mr. Thatcher stated if you're looking for direction on how to move the consolidation, please move it forward, not backward. Encourage Gill Hall to join the Consolidation. Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Thatcher what the impact of the consolidation has been on 885 and Floreffe's manpower? Mr. Thatcher stated Mr. Withers stated he doesn't feel as though they lost anyone, but gained 35 volunteers. Mr. Reynolds asked about a fire call which had two people respond. Mr. Sockman stated he believes Andrew Tomer answered that question in Executive Session. Mr. Tomer stated there were not only two people who responded to the fire in the end. Mr. Tomer said this is disheartening to hear half-truths and rumors from members of Council about the very people who are risking their lives to serve the people of the Borough day in and day out.

Mr. Sockman thanked Andrew Tomer, Don Withers, and their departments for their efforts.

Mrs. Ruscitto. Thanked Bethany Kilinsky for volunteering.

Mr. Montgomery stated Mr. Glistler let Council know about two landslides on Waterman East. Mr. Montgomery stated we need to investigate how much it will cost to repair this.

President Bucy thanked Solicitor Gabriel for working with Mr. Thatcher to identify who owns Large Fire hall. Mr. Gabriel stated there are two parcels, one owned by Large Fire Department (1.6 acres) and one by Jefferson Fire Rescue. Mr. Thatcher stated Large Fire

Department is still an active and legal entity. President Bucy stated we are now in the 11th hour of this consolidation, there is no more time left to spend on the issue. All departments must come together. You have 30 calendar days to come together and make a decision, or we'll make the decision for you.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. with an executive session to follow regarding personnel from which Council would not return.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager