

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
May 6, 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 Chuck LoPresti who passed away. Mr. LoPresti was a former Borough of Jefferson Hills Solicitor. 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 April 8, 2020
8. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting April 16, 2020
9. Reports from Boards/Commissions

No one had anything to report

10. Motion to hire Grace Duda as the Borough of Jefferson Hills Community Relations Coordinator at a salary of \$40,000 per year
11. Motion to approve Resolution 08-2020 for final approval to the land development plan known as SP-2-2020, Kurt Lesker Land Development
12. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$20,832.51 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG Preventative Maintenance – Year 9 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG

13. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$20,577.10 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG Sanitary Sewer Lining – Year 12 – Contract B Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG
14. Motion to approve Invoice #20618 from DuraEdge Tools & Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$8,900.00 for the T-Ball infield improvement work completed at Andrew Reilly Memorial Park
15. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final to C. Crump, Inc. in the amount of \$8,227.50 for the Rt. 51 Stream Restoration Project
16. Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 from Bronder Technical Services, Inc., dated April 27, 2020, in the amount of \$275.60 for the State Route 837 and Walton Road Signal Replacement project
17. Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 from Bioni Drilling, Inc., dated April 29, 2020 to extend the contract completion time of the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1 Project from April 30, 2020 to June 30, 2020

Mr. Montgomery asked if they can get it done in the time line they set and Mr. Glister said they should and if not, SHACOG stated there shouldn't be an issue if an extension is needed.

Mr. Glister was to verify if this was considered essential work.

18. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Soli Construction, Inc. for the Joint Municipal SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repairs – Year 9 Project in the amount of \$262,435.00 with the Borough's share being \$69,490.00

Mr. Glister explained the two bid tabs included over project all areas and Borough specific bids. Third bidder lower and we can opt to not agree to SHACOG and hold up all communities and the difference to rebid would probably cost what the difference is or accept and move forward with their recommendation.

19. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Jet Jack, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 14 – Contract B (MH-MH Lining) in the amount of \$159,845.00 with the Borough's share being \$104,160.00
20. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated April 29, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the closeout of the pump station construction contracts, permits, and PENNVEST loan to complete the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Project in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

Mr. Montgomery asked when would the work get started. Mr. Glister stated the bid packages and specs would take another week or two and would be able to award at the July meeting. It will take about a month to start the work so it should be completed by the end of September.

21. Motion to approve the Work Authorization dated May 1, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the preparation of the specifications and bid package along with construction administration services for the Waterman Road East Stabilization project in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00
22. Motion to approve payment to A – Z Communications for \$6,000 for the creation of a Borough seal; paper and electronic images for use in Borough websites and social media platforms; and the intellectual property rights for the Borough
23. Authorize payment for \$4,800 to Zacur Contracting Inc. to pay the Borough’s portion of the \$9,600 cost for erecting a new pavilion at Andrew Reilly Memorial Park
24. Motion to approve Cargill Salt Contract option year through SHACOG for Winter 2020-2021 season
25. Authorization to hire 6-8 summer workers for the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department
26. Reports

Andrew Tomer asked for a letter for mediation on what goals they Council is expecting.

Engineer Glister reported:

- Nothing further to report. Mr. Reynolds asked if choices for blocks have been chosen. Mr. Glister answered yes, Recreation looked at the choices and agreed with what the Borough had picked

Consulting Engineer reported:

- Nothing further to report.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Mr. Bennett reported:

- Nothing to add

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

- Mrs. Steffey asked about a list of paving projects. Mr. Volpe stated a list will be done once the contracts are bidded. Their first priority is W. Bruceton road.

Police Chief Roach reported:

- Chief Road stated he doesn’t feel we should take part in the May 27th police exams since we are not currently looking to hire a new police officer.

Mayor Cmar reported:

- Stated the first responders will be gathering at the Jefferson Hospital parking lot on Tuesday to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the nurses and Doctors.

Borough Manager Stinner reported:

- Nothing further to report

27. General Business

- Comments of general business items from Borough Residents

Don Withers, of 1301 State Street, Fire Chief of Floreffe Fire Co., talked about his years of dedication to the Borough as a volunteer Fireman and the issues with the mergers of the fire departments.

Dave Oster, of 6009 Walton Road, talked about his concerns about the fire companies and the recertification of Gill Hall Fire Co.

- Comments of general business from Borough Council

Vice President Montgomery noted:

- SHACOG did not have a meeting this month and that their banquet is cancelled.
- Allegheny County is suggesting a virtual Memorial Day celebration.

Mr. Sockman noted:

- Commended Mr. Stinner on his extraordinary actions during the pandemic and wished him well with his surgery.
- Asked Mr. Bennett about the effect the pandemic will have on tax payments. Mr. Bennett stated the first qtr. weren't affected. But expects the 2nd qtr. to be effected but it's hard to project.
- Thanked Mr. Withers for all his years of service to the community as a volunteer fire man.

Mrs. Ruscitto noted:

- Thanked Mr. Minsterman for his generous donation of paper products for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.
- Thanked Ms. Trbovich for her tremendous work organizing the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.

Mrs. Steffey noted:

- Also extended her thanks to Mr. Stinner and stated that his work does not go unnoticed.
- Thanked the Fire companies for their part in the Hospital appreciation week.

Mr. Reynolds noted:

- Would like to make a motion to give Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company \$20,000

Mrs. Ielase noted:

- Thanked Mrs. Ruscitto and Ms. Trbovich for their work with the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program

President Bucy noted:

- Echoed sentiments of thanks
- Reminded everyone that Mother's Day is Sunday.

28. Adjournment

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

29. 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