

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
February 11, 2019

The regular 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 Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King answered to roll call. Finance Officer Bennett, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Public Works Director Volpe and Borough Engineer Glister were also present.

President King announced Council was in executive session prior to the start of the meeting tonight for personnel matters. President King also announced that Jay Girman is home from the hospital and asked that Mr. Girman be kept in everyone's thought and prayers.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Max Stanton, of 1348 Walton Road, stated there is a problem with water run off that goes on to Walton road and freezes. Mr. Stanton asked if the Borough could contact the State to have the berm repaired to eliminate this problem. President King asked Mr. Glister to contact the State and encourage them to look into it.

William Lucas, of 5012 Dana Drive, requested the previous month's meeting minutes be put on the website the before the next month's meeting. President King responded the minutes need to be voted on for approval at the following month's meeting before they can be posted to the public. Mr. Lucas asked if there was any way they could be emailed and e-signed. President King explained the minutes have to be approved through an official vote.

Brian Hutson, of 420 Old Clairton Road, said an accusation was made by Council at the January meeting that Calvin Felix drove a fire truck alone to a call and he believed that was not correct. Mr. Hutson noted Council was correct about one (1) person showing up at the call, but it was the previous Chief, Adam Galis, that drove the truck. Mr. Hutson referred to a letter that was sent to Calvin Felix by Mr. Bennett and responded Gill Hall VFC would not be donating any of their equipment to anybody because it provides fire suppression to the people of the Borough. Mr. Hutson indicated that is what Gill Hall VFC is in business for; that is what they have been in business for and that is what Gill Hall VFC will continue to strive for. Mr. Hutson stated Gill Hall VFC will get back on line he is sure.

MINUTES:

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of the agenda meeting January 9, 2019 be approved, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of regular meeting January 14, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the January bills be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the payrolls for the month of January in the amount of \$242,814.20 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Khalil moved to enact Ordinance No. 874 amending Chapter 1, Administration and Government, Part 8, Fire Department, Subpart A, Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to update foreign fire tax distribution procedure consistent with recognized fire protection services in the Borough of Jefferson Hills and providing for severability and repeal of all prior inconsistent ordinances, ordinance provisions, resolutions, and resolution provisions, seconded by Vice President Weber. The vote was not unanimous and a roll call vote was taken. Council Members Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King voted yes. Council Members Ielase and Reynolds voted no. Motion carried 5-2.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 6-2019 granting final approval to the land development plan known as SP-11-2018, PTC New Logistics Warehouse Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 7-2019 granting final approval to the subdivision known as S-12-2018, Hunters Field Plan, Phase 6B, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 8-2019 granting preliminary approval to the subdivision plan known as S-6-2018 Pinecrest Estates – Phase 1, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to turn over unpaid 2018 Borough Real Estate Taxes to Delinquent Tax Collector, McGrail & Assoc., for collection and to exonerate Josephine Lipnicky, Real Estate Tax Collector, from collecting 2018 Borough Real Estate Taxes, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from Roto-Rooter Services Company in the amount of \$44,512.20 for work completed on the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repair Year 7 project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$52,881.60 for work completed on the Lick Run Emergency Repair Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from Geobuild, LLC in the amount of \$334,875.00 for work completed on the Waterman Road West Stabilization Project, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 12 from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$139,631.00 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract A, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 from A-1 Electric in the amount of \$13,950.00 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract B, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve and execute Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract A Change Order No. 5 from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$24,014.05 for additional costs for an unknown storm sewer break and subsequent flow and water issues, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Work Authorization dated February 6, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to provide the Borough with general Operations and Maintenance support for all 2019 Operation and Maintenance Projects in the amount not to exceed \$16,000.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 25, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough with preparation of the specifications and bid package for the 2019 Paving Program in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 30, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for miscellaneous engineering and consulting services related to the monthly Peters Creek Interceptor Engineering Working Group meetings through 2019 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 28, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for design, permitting, and bidding of the signal upgrades at the intersection of Route 837 and Walton Road/Glasshouse Road in the amount not to exceed \$20,000, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept a proposal in the amount of \$19,758.00 from DuraEdge Products for Baseball Infield Improvements at 885 Andrew Reilly Memorial Park, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept a proposal in the amount of approximately \$9,600 from McLean Architects for design services of the proposed concession stand at Beedle Park, seconded by Mr. Khalil. The vote was not unanimous and a roll call vote was taken. Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King voted yes. Council Member Reynolds voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

Mr. Khalil moved to accept a proposal from CME Operations, LP for the operation and maintenance of the Lick Run Pump Station at a month to month cost of \$1,137.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to approve a three-year renewal of a contract from eSchoolView, LTD to provide the Borough with Website Hosting/System maintenance and support services through June 30, 2022 at a cost of \$150.00 per month and a onetime redesign fee of \$995.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to draft and advertise an ordinance for enactment instituting a low income payment for sanitary sewer fees and draft a resolution instituting a low income payment for garbage collection, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote was not unanimous and a roll call vote was taken. Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King voted yes. Council Member Reynolds voted no. Motion carried 6-1.

Mrs. Ielase moved to reappoint Holly Schrum to the Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2021, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to suspend Officer No. 26 for two (2) days without compensation, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to suspend Officer No. 23 for one (1) day without compensation, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Mr. Bennett stated the County Grant for the stormwater Ordinance was received.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar indicated there is now an app to reduce crime in neighborhoods called the Ring Team. This app has been instrumental in catching package thieves, stopping burglaries and keeping neighborhoods safe. Chief Roach indicated Ring is a product you can buy at a local hardware store and it is the app itself. Chief Roach explained individuals are responsible for getting it and there is an option to share with neighbors.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery mentioned there is interest within SHACOG regarding the RoadBotics program. Mr. Montgomery indicated he will bring it up at the next meeting and see if they want to utilize it COG wide.

Mr. Khalil suggested forming a subcommittee to search for a Borough Manager. President King asked for members and Vice President Weber, Mrs. Ielase and Mr. Sockman volunteered, with President King and Mr. Montgomery to rotate, when needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Ielase moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Charles W. Bennett
Secretary/Interim Borough Manager