

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
May 8, 2019

The agenda 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 Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King answered to roll call. Finance Officer Bennett, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glistler, Consulting Engineer Minsterman and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Council Members Ielase and Reynolds were absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Citizen/Taxpayer Comments
 - A) Rick Steinmetz, of 360 Christine Lane, representing the Thomas Jefferson Youth Baseball Association, commented on field maintenance and stated TJYBB would like to know what is going to be done going forward so the fields are maintained and wants to partner with the Borough and with the Recreation Board so we are all on the same page and all know each other's responsibilities. Mr. Steinmetz also wanted to know how they can help and would like to have fundraisers, but would want to be assured the funds would go back into the fields, the batting cages and lighting for the fields.
 - B) Nick Villa, of 3040 Scenic Court, thanked Council for approving the budget for work to be done on the baseball fields. Mr. Villa explained that Tepe Park as well as the T-ball field also need work.
 - C) Celeste Farison, of 153 Woodland Drive, commented on field maintenance and wants to ensure things are not in the same position in a year or two before asking that the lines of communication remain open and that it be known who should be addressed when there are questions regarding the maintenance of the fields.
 - D) John Thatcher, of 604 Gill Hall Road, Chairman of the VFC Task Force, stated the Task Force is definitely concerned about the response times in the Gill Hall VFC district and stated the Task Force believes these problems are primarily due to the members of Gill Hall VFC voting to not cooperate with the consolidation. Mr. Thatcher stated, if you remember, at the December 2017 Council Meeting, Council voted unanimously to create the Task Force with Kathleen Reynolds making the motion and it was done, clearly, for the purpose of achieving consolidation. Therefore, Council acted appropriately earlier this year when voting to decertify Gill Hall VFC. Mr. Thatcher expressed the Task Force thinks it is a disgrace to the community that Gill Hall VFC continues to hold hostage the residents with millions of dollars of firefighting equipment and vehicles locked in their building during emergency events. Because of their lack of cooperation, the Task Force is recommending Council review and consider possible increases to the shift crew coverage.

Mr. Thatcher said it was recently learned from the Library Board that it is looking for more space within the Municipal Building. So, to provide more space the Library could move into the area currently used by the Police Department and, possibly, combine the Police and Fire Departments into one state of the art, centrally located public safety building. Mr. Thatcher asserted if it is Council's desire to move forward with this, the Task Force is recommending that an ad hoc committee be established for the purpose of locating, designing and constructing new facilities for public safety. This committee should exist of members of Council, the Mayor, members of the Fire Department, members of the Police Department and the Borough Engineer. Mr. Khalil commented he thinks it is a great idea to appoint an ad hoc committee to work towards that goal.

Mr. Khalil stated Council has asked Gill Hall VFC to be part of the consolidation process, but it has never spoken to the reasons why it does not want to be part of the team. Mr. Khalil also stated Gill Hall VFC was looking to merge outside of the community instead of within the community. Mr. Khalil expressed he finds it very offensive that a small group of former firefighters is holding ransom that facility, the apparatus and the gear. Mr. Khalil asked what is the next step and asserted he is going to look to Mayor Cmar for some help. Mayor Cmar stated she feels Gill Hall VFC should be recertified, get them back at the table and negotiate. Mayor Cmar indicated Gill Hall VFC was met with at one time and they did give some reasons, but, right now, they just need to be recertified. President King asked Mayor Cmar what their reasons were. Mayor Cmar stated she cannot speak for them, but they have an attorney that told them they have a gag order so that is one of the reasons they are not speaking. Mayor Cmar said it is both sides.

Mr. Sockman interjected he has met with Gill Hall VFC in the past and they have virtually said nothing because their attorney spoke and all the attorney said was they do not have to fight a fire by going inside. Mr. Sockman stated he agrees that Gill Hall VFC needs to sit down and talk, but does not agree that they should be recertified first. Mr. Sockman expressed, until Gill Hall VFC is willing to sit down and talk, how can Council do anything except try and make sure the right thing is done for the community. Mayor Cmar, again, said it was both sides and that she talked to a woman who is a facilitator and has worked with mergers and consolidations. Mayor Cmar indicated the woman told her, if she got the information on the fire companies, she would look it over and decide if she could help. Mayor Cmar stated she is a neutral party and thinks this should be attempted.

Mr. Khalil asked how Mayor Cmar described her relationship with the remaining Gill Hall VFC members. Mayor Cmar responded it was good. Mr. Khalil stated Mayor Cmar would like to see Gill Hall VFC open and asked if that was correct. Mayor Cmar replied yes and Mr. Khalil said so would everyone else. Mr. Khalil asked if Mayor Cmar would go back to Gill Hall VFC and ask them, if they are not going to be part of the new organization, ok, but at least give the building and the equipment to the companies that are willing to work together so they can utilize the location, the apparatus and the gear. Mr. Khalil asked Mayor Cmar if she feels Gill Hall VFC is hurting the community by not being part of the team. Mayor Cmar replied she thinks it is hurting that they are decertified and a move like that should not have been made until it was worked out no matter how long it took. Mayor Cmar asserted first Council was going to get rid of Floreffe VFC, but, once they went on their side, Council

picked on Gill Hall VFC. President King commented the whole idea of the consolidation was to make things better.

Mr. Khalil commented he would like to restate a few facts Floreffe VFC did not come on their side, Floreffe VFC realized they had a problem and they addressed the problem by upping their game. Mr. Khalil stated, in the meantime, Gill Hall VFC has gone down and they have lost highly qualified firefighters. Mr. Kahlil asked to hear Mayor Cmar's opinion on Calvin Felix asking outside communities to merge with Gill Hall VFC. Mayor Cmar replied she could not provide an opinion because she did not know if it were true. Mayor Cmar stated Calvin Felix has been there for over fifty (50) years and all he has been is criticized and it is not fair to him.

President King stated he does not feel the characterization of being shoved down Gill Hall VFC's throat, in his opinion, is accurate. President King indicated for a year the Task Force has had numerous meetings to try and make sure everyone was on board. President King asked Mr. Thatcher if it were true Gill Hall VFC stated at one time that they would never vote to consolidate. Mr. Thatcher responded that is correct and so the Task Force's communication with them after that was that the Task Force is certainly willing to sit down and talk with them as long as Gill Hall VFC passes a corporate resolution that they were open to consolidate consistent with the Sohyda report in the Council's direction. President King stated that was said back in December or November. President King reiterated the idea behind the consolidation is not to penalize or punish anybody, but to make something better.

Mayor Cmar expressed this is opening up a can of worms for paid firefighters. Mayor Cmar stated other communities are watching because this is an opening for paid firefighters and Chief Sohyda, who did the study, is from a paid fire company.

President King commented, just so everyone understands, Council is not just focusing on the call times in the Gill Hall area, but across the entire Borough. President King explained there is equipment at Gill Hall VFC that is not being used and the consolidation would allow for that equipment to be put in the areas that need it.

Mr. Sockman asked if Gill Hall VFC was present at all the Task Force meetings. Mr. Thatcher responded they were. Mr. Sockman asked if Gill Hall VFC agreed with most of the provisions established by the Bylaws. Mr. Thatcher said they not only agreed with them, they contributed to them. Mr. Sockman stated, for the most part, Gill Hall VFC was there, they met with the Task Force, they contributed to the Bylaws, but they did not agree at the end with the Bylaws. Mr. Thatcher expressed the Task Force thought they had an agreement in August to the nature of the consolidation and Gill Hall VFC came in September and said they had no desire to join the consolidation under any circumstances. President King said with no reason given. Mr. Thatcher confirmed there was no reason given.

Vice President Weber asked Mayor Cmar to explain the statement she made about Floreffe VFC coming over to their side. Mayor Cmar responded, at the Task Force meetings, Floreffe VFC was at the table and they weren't happy along with Gill Hall VFC. Mayor Cmar stated they were threatened at those meetings and she was there and saw it. Vice President Weber

asked Mr. Thatcher if Mr. Khalil was ever at a Task Force meeting. Mr. Thatcher replied no. Vice President Weber said to Mayor Cmar, again, he is not quite sure what she meant by coming over to their side. Vice President Weber stated he is not on any side, but has a responsibility with the rest of Council to provide public safety. Vice President Weber asked Mayor Cmar how it made her feel when qualified firefighters came to Council and said that they were leaving Gill Hall VFC. Mayor Cmar replied because she heard one moved out of state; another one's wife told him he had to quit and one moved to be on the paid shift crew. Mayor Cmar stated she heard other sides of the story and Council hears what they want to hear and she guesses she does, too. Vice President Weber stated four (4) of them are functioning as firefighters at Jefferson 885 VFC. Vice President Weber expressed, in March, Mr. Talarico of Gill Hall VFC made testimony to Council that he was never given a copy of the Bylaws before voting, so they basically voted on a recommendation from Mr. Felix. Mayor Cmar commented Mr. Talarico is a loose cannon and he did have the Bylaws. Vice President Weber stated he is very, very grateful to Mr. Felix for his contributions to the Gill Hall VFC, but, unfortunately, the remaining members of Gill Hall VFC are holding this part of the Borough hostage by sitting on millions of dollars' worth of apparatus and a building that is fully functional that they never let another firefighter enter. Vice President Weber expressed Mr. Sockman, Mr. Khalil and he all heard Mr. Felix say, if you are not a member of my company, you are not getting access to this building, which is not advantageous to the safety of the community. Vice President Weber said to Mayor Cmar when she said Floreffe came on to their side, this is not an argument or debate for sides. Mayor Cmar said she did not say that and, if she did, she didn't mean it that way and apologized.

Vice President Weber asked Mayor Cmar what Gill Hall VFC has to offer and asked if they had firefighters that can get on a truck and go into a building. Mayor Cmar responded, if some of the paid firefighters would be sent over to Gill Hall VFC, they would. Vice President Weber stated he just said Mr. Felix's own words were, if you are not a member of my fire department, you are not getting access to this building, which puts up an obstacle for that to ever happen. Vice President Weber asked Mr. Sockman and Mr. Khalil if that was what Mr. Felix said. They both replied yes. Vice President Weber maintained the decision to decertify Gill Hall VFC was made on a five (5) to two (2) vote, Mayor Cmar challenged that and the veto was overridden on a five (5) to two (2) vote. That decision is done. Vice President Weber expressed what needs to be focused on now is getting the resources from Gill Hall VFC or having Gill Hall VFC just turn them over.

Mayor Cmar stated she is done with this and will not answer any more questions.

Mr. Khalil expressed it would be greatly appreciated if Mayor Cmar could facilitate a meeting with Gill Hall VFC with the Task Force.

- E) Don Withers, Floreffe VFC Fire Chief, commented, when the merger talk started about two (2) years ago, he was asked to come back on board as the Chief of Floreffe VFC. Chief Withers explained there were some issues with their station initially, but the problems were discussed and it was found the merge would help them. Chief Withers stated he feels as though the consolidation would allow him to gain roughly forty (40) firefighters for his company since Jefferson 885 VFC would be part of them. Chief Withers indicated key fobs

have been given to members of Jefferson 885 VFC so, if none of the local members are available, access can still be gained to get a truck out and use the equipment. Chief Withers stated Floreffe VFC has been training with Jefferson 885 VFC and even trained with Gill Hall VFC last year. Chief Withers stated even he has gained twenty (20) certificates in the past year and a half training with these younger firefighters. Mr. Sockman indicated the essence of consolidation is just what you said firefighters from other departments come in and jump on your equipment and go and that is what is needed to expedite the process.

- F) Andrew Tomer, Jefferson 885 VFC Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, stated he talked to Mayor Cmar a few weeks ago and basically said they need to put their differences behind them, but he feels as though Mayor Cmar still has nothing positive to say about Jefferson 885 VFC and it is disheartening. Chief Tomer expressed Jefferson 885 VFC does the bulk of the work in the municipality and he feels his firefighters do not get the support from the Mayor's office that they deserve and he would like to have. Chief Tomer stated Mayor Cmar has never called him, the department or stopped in Jefferson 885 VFC to talk to the firefighters even though she has visited Gill Hall VFC and Elizabeth VFC.

Chief Tomer indicated the purpose of this consolidation is so a career fire department does not occur and, without this consolidation, a career fire department is inevitable. Chief Tomer stated Jefferson 885 VFC is doing what it can to prolong volunteerism throughout the community and he feels that message is getting lost.

Chief Tomer asked Mayor Cmar why she called County Council and his employer and stated that he was withholding information. Mayor Cmar responded she only called to get information on some fire calls. Chief Tomer asked why she did not contact him and why she specifically used his name in stating information was withheld. Mayor Cmar replied she only called and asked for information. Chief Tomer then asked for Mayor Cmar's resignation.

President King asked Mayor Cmar if she made comments that West Mifflin took Jefferson 885 VFC off their call cards. Mayor Cmar replied that she was told that by West Mifflin firefighters because Brian Chalfant takes over the. President King indicated he called West Mifflin's Chief and found that was not true. President King said West Mifflin's Chief stated he feels Jefferson 885 VFC is very talented and he has a great working relationship with Jefferson 885 VFC and Brian Chalfant, who has trained at least ninety percent (90%) of his firefighters. Mr. Khalil asked Mayor Cmar if she would like him to help her mend fences with Jefferson 885 VFC and even Floreffe VFC by going with her or having another Council Member go with her to visit their stations and create some dialog, in turn, building a relationship with them that will be more beneficial to the community. Mayor Cmar indicated she just wants to see protection in the Gill Hall area. Chief Tomer stated there is better protection in Gill Hall now than there was a year ago. Vice President Weber stated he made that same overture to her in October 2018 to meet with Jefferson 885 VFC and Mayor Cmar said no at that time and expressed she would meet with them herself. Vice President Weber expressed this is the life blood of public safety and all of Mayor Cmar's efforts are concentrated in one area, but the reality is Council's responsibility is community wide.

Mayor Cmar stated Gill Hall VFC is not against the consolidation, but they are against some of the issues that are in the Bylaws. Chief Tomer asserted the Bylaws that Gill Hall VFC voted for unanimously line by line, provided their comments and feedback and, when it came time to be finished, Gill Hall VFC did not want anything to do with it. Chief Tomer stated that is why he declared he will not sit down with Gill Hall VFC any longer because he feels he has already wasted over a year in the Task Force and will not waste any more time with Gill Hall VFC. Mayor Cmar expressed they had bad advice from their attorney. Chief Tomer stated they did not need to have an attorney. Chief Tomer said, at that point, the Task Force was just paving the way for future generations in Jefferson Hills and Gill Hall VFC was a part of it, but chose to turn their backs.

Chief Tomer indicated Gill Hall VFC also still has the Knox Box keys that they refuse to return to him. Chief Tomer stated that is an emergency management program and any member that has access to Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Station has access to those keys, which allow access to the schools and businesses in the community.

President King stated Council is going to explore every option available to regain all the equipment, including the keys.

Chief Tomer expressed, unfortunately, Mayor Cmar has been given so much bad advice she does not know what to believe anymore and she has spouted the same exact rumors as truth at Council meetings that he had dispelled in a telephone conversation with her just a day or so before. Chief Tomer indicated he is so distraught about Mayor Cmar contacting his employer that he is not sure they can have a good working relationship. Mr. Khalil commented that Chief Tomer did not waste his time on the Task Force and he and everyone on it did a tremendous job.

Mr. Khalil asked Vice President Weber and President King in what fire district they lived. They both responded Gill Hall. Mr. Sockman asked Chief Tomer what the response times were for the Gill Hall Elementary School and other recent residential incidents. Chief Tomer stated there was an honest mistake of the operator who made a wrong turn pulling out of the station going to Gill Hall Elementary School, but Pleasant Hills was there in a timely fashion. Chief Tomer indicated the Cassia Drive fire came in at 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hills was the first fire truck on scene, but the fire was extinguished within ten (10) minutes of dispatch, with a firefighter on scene in approximately two (2) minutes. Mr. Sockman also questioned the effect on fire calls with the bridge closure on Gill Hall Road. Chief Tomer expressed the bridge closure does not have much impact on fire protection because the line for mutual aid is already on either side of the bridge, but it will slow Floreffe down some and accessing 43 will be more difficult.

Mayor Cmar asked if she could still get the recordings and the audit she requested from the County. Chief Tomer stated, if he got an official request from Council, he would get her what she needed. President King asked why she needed this information. Mayor Cmar stated she would like an audit from all the fire companies to see what they have. Chief Tomer explained he sent Mayor Cmar an email with reports. Mayor Cmar stated that is not what she wants. Chief Tomer asked if Mayor Cmar is looking for a relief audit, that is done by the state every

two (2) years and the Borough can supply a copy of that. Mayor Cmar stated the former Borough Manager asked for audits from all three (3) fire companies and got them from Gill Hall VFC and Floreffe VFC, but never got one from Jefferson 885 VFC. Chief Tomer stated that is incorrect because Jefferson 885 VFC's information is documented in the feasibility study, but, again, this was done in 2016. Chief Tomer continued to say it is 2019, the consolidation process is happening and there is no need to go back to that, but between seventy percent (70%) and seventy-one percent (71%) of the calls (approximately 238) happen in Jefferson 885 VFC's district; twenty percent (20%) to twenty-three (23%) (approximately 68-73) happen in Gill Hall VFC's district and the rest (approximately 23-28) are in Floreffe VFC's district. Mayor Cmar asked how many of these calls are in Jefferson Hills. Chief Tomer responded the numbers he gave were for calls within Jefferson Hills only. Mayor Cmar asked why she cannot have this in writing and stated that is why she called the County because she wants to see where the fire was and who responded and Chief Tomer will not give that to her. President King asked what Mayor Cmar's motives are for having this information. Mayor Cmar stated the foreign fire tax distribution was distributed according to what the fire companies provided and she wants to actually see the data. Chief Tomer stated that information is in the email he sent Mayor Cmar in October and, if she needs help understanding it, he would be happy to show her if she would meet with him, but she never wants to meet with him. Chief Tomer commented that Mayor Cmar is focused solely on Gill Hall VFC. Vice President Weber indicated to Mayor Cmar that this may be a good time for her to apologize.

- G) Justin Allen, Jefferson 885 VFC Captain and a resident of the Gill Hall district, stated he used to have access to Gill Hall VFC when Adam Galis was Chief, but when Calvin Felix became Chief he lost that access with no reason given. Captain Allen expressed his displeasure with Mayor Cmar in her continuing to support a small group of men at Gill Hall VFC rather than the large group of firefighters answering the calls and going into the burning buildings. Captain Allen asserted he believes Mayor Cmar owes Chief Tomer a public apology. Mayor Cmar replied she called for report. Captain Allen declared, if Mayor Cmar cannot do that, he supports her resignation as Mayor.

4. Presentation by Recreation Board

Ryan Pierce, David Nitchkey and Matthew Pfennig, of Core Architects, presented three options Core Architects developed for a community recreation center and provided a handout. President King thanked Core Architects and stated the information would be reviewed.

5. Report from Borough Boards and Commissions

Melissa Steffey, of the Recreation Board, reported that Community Day planning is going great and everything is on track.

6. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting April 3, 2019

7. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting April 8, 2019

8. Motion to approve the monthly bills
9. Motion to approve the monthly payrolls
10. Motion to enact Ordinance No. 875 amending Chapter 18, Part 1, Subpart A, Section 18-112, and Chapter 20, Part 1, Subpart A, Section 103.2 of the Borough of Jefferson Hills Code of Ordinances providing for (1) low income sanitary sewer fees discount; (2) low income garbage collection fees discount
11. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-2019 granting approval of a Land Development Application Sewage Facilities Planning Module for land development plan known as SP-4-2019, Gill Hall Elementary Land Development Design
12. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-2019 granting final approval of the land development plan known as SP-4-2019, Gill Hall Elementary Land Development Design
13. Motion to ratify Street Opening Permit to Peoples Natural Gas Company for the purpose of natural gas mainline extension to serve Betler lot plan for a distance of 640 feet on Independence Drive
14. Motion to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute an agreement with Air Cleaning Systems, Inc. to install a vehicle exhaust Extraction System at Floreffe Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$35,760.00 (COSTARS Contract #008-047)

Mr. Bennett stated the agreement is not between the Borough and Air Cleaning Systems, Inc., but Floreffe Volunteer Fire Company and Air Cleaning Systems, Inc. and would not need to be approved by the Borough. Mr. Shimko commented the motion can be modified to approve the payment and not the actual agreement if Council desired. There was a consensus of Council to modify the language to approve the payment and place it on Monday's agenda.

15. Motion to approve bids for the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance 2019 Spring Commodities
16. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 2 from Roto-Rooter Services Company in the amount of \$55,718.03 for work completed on the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repair Year 7 project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG
17. Motion to approve Invoice #2019-18 from Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,992.10 for restoration work completed on the Shady Timber Storm Sewer Sinkhole Repair Project

Mr. Khalil asked if the resident was happy with the work done on their property. Mr. Glistler said he spoke to one resident who is satisfied presently, but the work is ongoing.

18. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 5 from A-1 Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$24,764.40 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract B

19. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 7 and Final from Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$43,484.81 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract D
20. Motion to approve Invoice #19-120 from D & D Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$2,564.50 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Electrical Engineering Design Services
21. Motion to approve Invoice #90848069 from Norfolk Southern Railway Company in the amount of \$12,558.21 for shoring plan review and flagging/inspection services on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project
22. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. for Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV Year 9 Project in the amount of \$151,237.30 with the Borough's share of \$57,258.80
23. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. for Joint Municipal SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repairs – Year 8 Project in the amount of \$247,255.00 with the Borough's share of \$29,410.00
24. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 13 – Contract A (Spot Lining) in the amount of \$54,884.00 with the Borough share being \$17,582.00
25. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Jet Jack, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 13 – Contract B (MH-MH Lining) in the amount of \$207,977.50 with the Borough share being \$98,825.00
26. Discuss purchasing equipment needed for upkeep of ballfields

Mr. Sockman stated he would like to get this on the agenda as soon as possible. Mr. Montgomery asked if the current mower tractor could be used and Mr. Volpe replied it could not. It was Council's consensus to add to the Agenda for Monday.

27. Reports

Fire Chief, reported:

- Nothing further to report.

Engineer Glistler reported:

- Nothing to report.

Consulting Engineer Minsterman reported:

- Nothing to report. Mr. Montgomery asked if the Borough's street opening permit needs reviewed as Mr. Minsterman discussed at the Allegheny League of Municipalities Conference. Mr. Minsterman replied most municipalities' street opening permits are old, but it may be worth evaluating the street opening ordinance. It was Council's consensus to evaluate the ordinance.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Mr. Bennett reported:

- Auditors are about fifty percent (50%) complete with 2018 and will probably wrap up in a week or two (2).

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

- There was an accident on Gill Hall Road that damaged part of a three hundred feet long, ten feet high Borough fence. Rather than replacing the 125' section of damaged ten-foot high fence with the insurance money, he is asking to put the money toward replacing all 300' with a five-foot high fence. Council approved.

Police Chief Roach reported:

- Testing is done for police officers. There are four (4) candidates. They are 2/3 done with background investigations. Might be tight to get done for the June meeting. All four (4) are still in the academy and will graduate in June. There would be four (4) conditions to employment offer rather than two (2) if offered position before graduating.
- SHACOG Police Test is coming up and needs to be committed to by May 22. Vice President Weber asked if there was a cost. Chief Roach replied there is a cost of \$800.00. It was Council's consensus to commit to SHACOG.

Mayor Cmar reported:

- Memorial celebration will be Monday, May 27 at 10:30 meeting at Floreffe Fire Hall and continuing to Lobb's Cemetery.

Interim Manager Mr. Bennett reported:

- He reached out to the engineering company and May 20 will be the date for the bridge closing on Gill Hall Road with August 22 as the estimated completion date. This has been posted on the Borough website. Vice President Weber asked to have this information provided to Jane Milner to put in InCommunity Magazine.

Solicitor Shimko reported:

- The Borough received a Conditional Use Application from itself for the proposed Beedle Park concession stand and needs to schedule a public hearing for this application by June 29, but not before May 29. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the hearing for June 5 at 6:00 p.m. and add to the Agenda for Monday.

28. General Business

Mr. Montgomery noted the following:

- He received a memo from Mr. Bennett regarding the PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust. Currently there are two (2) entities that handle the Borough's Pension Fund. One for actuarial and one for services. PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust is able to provide all the necessary functions of the Pension at a cost savings. Mr. Montgomery feels this is a prudent action and recommends talking to PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust to find out more information. Mr. Montgomery asked Mr. Bennett if he concurred. Mr. Bennett said he did. Mr. Bennett stated he will follow up and let Council know.

Mr. Sockman noted:

- He would like to be present for the presentation on grooming the fields if the new machinery is purchased and will meet with Mr. Volpe regarding staffing for this project.
- It was discussed in the past about getting laptops and getting rid of paper for the meeting packets and asked how this process may get started. President King asked Mr. Bennett about quotes. President King asked Mr. Bennett to email any quotes he has to Council. Mr. Bennett replied he would do so.

Vice President Weber noted:

- He asked if there is a time frame or logistics Council needs to consider prior to making its decision on the Bucar case. Mr. Shimko stated the decision needs to be made by June 28.

Mr. Khalil noted:

- Chief Tomer called Mr. Khalil a week or so ago to say Chief Tomer's boss called him into his office based on a statement that was made by Mayor Cmar. Mr. Khalil asked Mayor Cmar to call Chief Tomer's boss and the County representative to tell them they misunderstood and she did not ask Chief Tomer for any information that was withheld by Chief Tomer. Mayor Cmar stated she spoke to a County Councilman at the SHACOG dinner and told him the problems the Borough was having with the fire companies. Mayor Cmar explained she then heard about the fires that happened in Gill Hall and she called the County to request a copy of the recordings from the

fires. Mayor Cmar said she had not heard anything for a week so she called, again, and was told she would have to send a request and had the wrong date. Mayor Cmar stated she still did not get the reports and was told by someone that they are being held back because somebody knows somebody. Mayor Cmar indicated she did not call Chief Tomer's boss to get him in trouble. Mr. Khalil replied, to be clear, he did not say that Mayor Cmar called his boss, but it was the County person that she called that called Chief Tomer's boss. Mayor Cmar said it was not done intentionally to jeopardize anyone's job and she will make the requested telephone calls.

President King noted:

- Whether Mayor Cmar intended or did not intend to, Chief Tomer's boss called him and, fortunately, Chief Tomer had been discussing the Borough's situation with his boss so he was more understanding, but, had that not occurred or situations had been different, it could have had a different outcome. President King stated he fully supports Chief Tomer and Council is going to move forward toward the consolidation. President King explained he had talked to Chief Tomer and told him, if Mayor Cmar asks for anything, not to give it to her and instruct her to come to Council and make the request, which would be the proper thing to do.
- President King welcomed Jay Girman back and expressed how good it was to see him.

29. Adjournment

President King adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. with an executive session to follow from which Council would not return on motion by Mr. Sockman, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

30. Executive Session – Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Real Estate, Legally Privileged/Confidential and Litigation (*EQT Production Company and ET Blue Grass Clearing LLC v. Borough of Jefferson Hills*, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Docket No. 4 WAP 2018; *Levander v. Borough of Jefferson Hills*, United States Equal Opportunity Commission, Charge No. 533-2018-01896, *104 Residents of Jefferson Hills v. Mark Reis, Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board*, Docket Number ZN-14-2018; *Clemens vs. Borough of Jefferson Hills*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, GD-15-012654; *Clemens v. Borough of Jefferson Hills*, United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Charge No. 533-2014-01265; *Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, et al. v. Clairton Municipal Authority*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, GD-17-017711; *Jefferson Estates Homeowners Association v. Zokaites Properties*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Docket No. GD-17-011526)

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Secretary/Interim Borough Manager