

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
June 10, 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.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Jim Barca on behalf of Brian Barca (son), of 4114 Labrador Lane, stated Labrador Lane and Spaniel Drive need work. Mr. Barca indicated Maronda Homes has been contacted, but have not done anything. Mr. Barca said he spoke to the building inspector, Mark Reis, and Mr. Reis told him he would contact Maronda as well. Mr. Barca gave Council pictures showing, among other things, poor maintenance of the silt fences, run off rocks and debris, a van with no registration and propane tanks sitting on the property. Mr. Barca suggested the Borough pass an immediate stop work order for Maronda Homes and their affiliates until they present a plan to the community to remediate these issues. President King asked Mr. Bennett to have a conversation with Mr. Reis concerning this. President King stated the Borough will see what is able to be done.

Lisa Marcucci, of 370 Temon Drive, thanked Borough Council and the Borough Solicitor for taking a very firm stand in an effort to protect public health, safety and welfare by denying a permit for a well pad that did not show it was safe for the community. Mrs. Marcucci indicated this issue had gone through the court system a number of times, but the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Borough of Jefferson Hills and is a precedent setting case. Mrs. Marcucci stated the citizens greatly appreciate Council and the consultants for the Borough being very firm about public health, safety and welfare, as well as many communities and their solicitors that were watching to see the outcome. President King stated the credit should go to Mr. Shimko and John Smith for doing such a great job on the presentation of the case.

Nicole Ruscitto, of 1524 High Road, also, thanked Borough Council and the Borough Solicitor for their steadfast support against EQT and the win at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Ms. Ruscitto stated the citizens appreciate Council listening to their voices and protecting the character, safety and future of the Borough.

MINUTES:

Vice President Weber moved the minutes of the agenda meeting May 8, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of regular meeting May 13, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the May bills be approved, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Montgomery moved the payrolls for the month of May in the amount of \$367,358.35 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Sockman moved to hire Cole T. Domke to the position of Police Officer conditioned upon the conditional appointee successfully completing: (1) physical/medical examination; (2) psychological examination; (3) graduation from a certified Act 120 Basic Training Program; (4) Certification Examination and acquiring MPOETC certification; and (5) is determined to be capable of performing all the essential functions of the position, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to hire Austin P. Albright to the position of Police Officer conditioned upon the conditional appointee successfully completing: (1) physical/medical examination; (2) psychological examination; (3) graduation from a certified Act 120 Basic Training Program; (4) Certification Examination and acquiring MPOETC certification; and (5) is determined to be capable of performing all the essential functions of the position, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to hire Bailey M. Fertig to the position of Police Officer conditioned upon the conditional appointee successfully completing: (1) physical/medical examination; (2) psychological examination; (3) graduation from a certified Act 120 Basic Training Program; (4) Certification Examination and acquiring MPOETC certification; and (5) is determined to be capable of performing all the essential functions of the position, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to draft and advertise an Ordinance for enactment authorizing a Declaration of Taking and draft related filings and notices under the Eminent Domain Code to acquire a property in the Borough identified as Block and Lot 883-K-171 for the location of a fire station, seconded by Mr. Khalil. The vote was not unanimous and a roll call vote was taken. Council Members Khalil, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King voted yes. Council Members Ielase, Montgomery and Reynolds voted no. Motion carried 4-3.

Mrs. Reynolds stated she came in to vote, but she is not feeling well and is going to leave now. President King replied okay.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-2019 approving the submission for the Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the

proposed Beedle Park concession stand to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-2019 establishing guidelines for low income sanitary sewer fee and garbage collection fee discounts, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2019 denying a modification request to allow concurrent preliminary and final land development plan review and granting preliminary approval to the land development plan known as SP-2-2019, Eastman Chemical New Control Room Consolidation Project, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2019 granting final approval to the subdivision plan known as S-3-2019, Pinecrest Estates – Phase I, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Vice President Weber noted there was an additional condition added to the Resolution from the copy provided on Wednesday and wanted to know if the applicant was aware and was willing to comply. Mr. Montgomery stated they were. Vice President Weber indicated he would like the record to show that the applicant was not present, but Mr. Montgomery said they have complied. Mr. Montgomery expressed, if the applicant does not adhere to the condition, it will not be approved. The motion was carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2019 granting preliminary approval to the subdivision plan known as S-4-2019, FVJM Partnership Subdivision, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2019 amending the salaries, compensation and wages for Borough employees for the year 2019, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to grant conditional use approval to CU-2-2019, known as Beedle Park Concession Stand - Conditional Use, with written decision to be prepared on or before July 20, 2019, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between Jefferson Hills Police Department and Allegheny Intermediate Unit – Mon Valley School, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Invoice #840 from DuraEdge Tools & Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$19,758.00 for the infield improvement work completed at Andrew Reilly Memorial Park, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Invoice #19-124 from D & D Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$3,122.00 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Electrical Engineering Design Services, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to approve Application for Payment No. 15 from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$100,676.25 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract A, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 4 and Final from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$20,301.26 for work completed on the 2018 Manhole Rehab Program, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated May 31, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for construction administration inspection services for the 2019 Paving Program in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept a proposal from RoadBotics, Inc. to conduct Roadway Pavement Assessment on Borough owned roads, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Nothing to report. Mr. Sockman asked Mr. Glister to explain RoadBotics. Mr. Glister explained RoadBotics is a program that evaluates the conditions of a road and gives it a rating between zero (0) and five (5). That information is then entered into another program that prioritizes repairs/maintenance of the roads. Mr. Glister stated, in the past, the evaluation process was done by walking the roads and taking notes and it was an incredibly time consuming task. Mr. Glister expressed RoadBotics uses a cellular phone mounted on the dashboard of a car and the car is driven around on Borough roads, which is much more efficient.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Roach thanked Council for their vote regarding the new police officers. He stated he feels they will be great additions and he believes, as they learn and grow, the public will be proud to have them serve the community. Vice President Weber thanked Chief Roach for his work in testing and hiring the new police officers outside the SHACOG joint police testing.

INTERIM BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar stated the Memorial Day ceremony was held last month. Mayor Cmar thanked everyone who helped with the event.

Mayor Cmar expressed her pleasure in working with the children with Government Day at Gill Hall Elementary School and thanked all of those involved.

Mayor Cmar thanked the Recreation Board for their work with and the success of Community Day.

Mayor Cmar welcome the new officers and thanked Chief Roach for his incredible job.

JANE MILNER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Milner indicated registration for the Summer Recreation Program is closed and there are more children than ever before. She stated, for next year, she would like to discuss the current policy of not allowing children who do not live in the community to attend because there are many grandparents living in the community who babysit their grandchildren who do not attend, especially if one (1) or more grandchildren in their care lives in the community while another does not.

Mrs. Milner expressed INCommunity magazine is in production currently and, in this issue, the majority of the Borough pages are focused on Summer outside entertainment to educate residents about trails, fields, fishing, etc.

Mrs. Milner stated the Community Day photos are posted on the Borough website.

President King thanked Mrs. Milner for all that she does.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery thanked the Recreation Board and employees of the Borough for their work on Community Day and thanked Mayor Cmar for her work at the Memorial Day ceremony every year.

Mr. Sockman welcomed the new police officers and thanked the Recreation Board for their tireless efforts with Community Day and, also, Mr. Volpe and the Public Works Department for readying the park for Community Day.

Mr. Sockman stated DuraEdge did a fantastic job on the fields and he feels it was money well spent.

Vice President Weber reiterated preparing a recreation and comprehensive plan and would like to move forward with it if this is Council's will. President King stated Mr. Bennett will look into this. Vice President Weber asked Mr. Bennett if he will have something for July's meeting. Mr. Bennett said he would be able to have some items to discuss.

Vice President Weber noted the Supreme Court decision Mrs. Marcucci mentioned was a six (6) to one (1) decision, which is pretty compelling. He stated he agrees with the way she described it as Council putting the health, safety and welfare of its residents ahead of industry and appreciates her mentioning that.

Vice President Weber thanked the Recreation Board, police, fire, EMS, Public Works and all else who helped make Community Day so successful.

Vice President Weber welcomed the new police officers and wished them a long and safe career in the Borough.

Mr. Khalil thanked Officer Burnett for securing a grant for an AED that the officers will now be using for life-saving measures

Mr. Khalil announced that a tips email has been established on the Borough website, which allows citizens to send in tips regarding crimes potentially related to drugs, suspicious activities, etc., to the Jefferson Hills Police Department.

Mrs. Ielase welcomed the new police officers and thanked the Recreation Board for a great Community Day.

President King thanked the Recreation Board for all their work on Community Day.

President King welcomed the new police officers and expressed to them how lucky they are to have the opportunity to learn from the best because Council feels Chief Roach is the best in the area.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Charles W. Bennett
Secretary/Interim Borough Manager