

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
October 14, 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, Sockman and President King answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glister and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Council Member Reynolds and Vice President Weber were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Keith Reynolds, of 1313 Collins Avenue, announced Gill Hall VFC is having a spaghetti dinner to raise funds.

AGENDA ITEM:

Mr. Sockman moved to hire Kyle J. Stawowczyk to the position of Police Officer conditioned upon the conditional appointee successfully completing: (1) physical/medical examination; (2) psychological examination; (3) acquisition of MPOETC certification; and, (4) a determination of being capable of performing all the essential functions of the position, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of agenda meeting September 4, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of regular meeting September 9, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the payrolls for the month of September in the amount of \$256,609.06 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 34-2019 directing distribution of the Borough's allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid for 2019 in the amount of

\$286,747.94 as follows: Police Pension Fund \$184,337.96, Service Employees Union Pension Fund \$81,927.98, Administrative Pension Plan \$20,482.00, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2019 authorizing execution of the Winter Services Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the period 2019-2024, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2019 declaring the Borough's intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 37-2019 authorizing the disposition of certain public records consistent with the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 38-2019 appointing a Delegate and Vice-Delegate to municipal organizations, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 39-2019 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 46 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$30,079.00 for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 2 Project estimated at \$46,275.00 with a Borough share of \$16,196.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 40-2019 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 46 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$25,350.00 for the Demolitions at 1705 Collins Avenue, 1013 Maple Street, and 105 Sharp Street estimated at \$39,000.00 with a Borough share of \$13,650.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 41-2019 declaring the structures proposed for demolition at 1705 Collins Avenue, 1013 Maple Street, and 105 Sharp Street as blighted structures, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from Piccolomini Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$19,485.00 for work completed on the former Borough Building demolition project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 9 from Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$110,380.13 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract C, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated September 11, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for miscellaneous engineering and consulting services related to the West Elizabeth Sewershed in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Work Authorization dated September 13, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for assisting the Borough in preparing recommendations to repair the Lewis Run Streambank Erosion in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 and authorize the appropriate Borough officials to proceed with Option 3 as identified by Gateway Engineers in its September 20, 2019 Streambank Erosion Options memorandum, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated October 10, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for assisting the Borough with miscellaneous engineering and consulting services within the Borough in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve CU-3-2019, Northwest Outdoor Advertising Billboard Conditional Use, with written decision to be issued by November 23, 2019, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Shimko stated Council held a public hearing on this matter before the October 9, 2019 meeting and four (4) Council Members present. Mr. Shimko indicated a transcript has not been received yet. So, the only four (4) Council Members that can vote are the four (4) that were in attendance. The motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Montgomery not participating in the vote due to his absence from the public hearing. Council President King and members Ielase, Khalil, and Sockman attended the public hearing and were the four (4) votes to approve CU-3-2019.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve switching payroll providers to ADP Payroll Services, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to authorize a distribution to Jefferson 885 Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$20,095.00 for the purchase of a battery operated hydraulic Spreader and Cutter from Howell Rescue Systems, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Mr. Khalil stated he is inclined to vote no for this agenda item and the next because there were unexpected expenses within this budget line item this year and he would like to see some money put into upgrading the stations, but, if the vote goes in the affirmative, he will not be bothered by it because he understands the potential need. Mr. Sockman stated his concern is that these are demo tools and this opportunity for cost savings may not come around again. Mr. Sockman also indicated there was a grant received for the exhaust system and these tools are only about half the amount of the grant, which means the other half could go back into the budget. Mr. Khalil expressed the cost for the exhaust system was not originally in the budget. The vote was not unanimous and a roll call vote was taken. Council Members Montgomery, Sockman and President King voted yes. Council Members Ielase and Khalil voted no. The motion carried 3-2.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize a distribution to Floreffe Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$10,260.00 for the purchase of a battery-operated hydraulic Combination Tool from Howell Rescue Systems, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote was not unanimous and a roll

call vote was taken. Council Members Montgomery, Sockman and President King voted yes. Council Members Ielase and Khalil voted no. The motion carried 3-2.

Mr. Khalil moved to officially recognize Jefferson Hills Fire & Rescue as a volunteer fire company providing fire services to the citizens of the Borough of Jefferson Hills beginning November 1, 2019, and authorizing the proper Borough officials to undertake any action(s) necessary to effectuate certification, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Roach thanked Council for voting to hire Kyle Stawowczyk as a police officer in the Borough. Chief Roach stated to Mr. Stawowczyk he sees great potential and that his parents (in attendance) should be proud. Chief Roach indicated to Mr. Stawowczyk and the community he will continue to be trained and developed and feels everyone in the room will be proud to have Mr. Stawowczyk serve in the community for many years to come.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar welcomed Kyle Stawowczyk to the police force and thanked his parents for raising such a nice young man.

Mayor Cmar indicated trick or treat is October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Stinner congratulated Kyle Stawowczyk and stated he looks forward to working with him.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery welcomed Kyle Stawowczyk.

Mr. Montgomery expressed on Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. before the SHACOG meeting at the Bethel Park Community Center there will be a tribute in recognition of the Special Emergency Response Team Officers who provided assistance during the incident at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

Mr. Sockman thanked the firefighters and John Thatcher for all their efforts regarding the fire company merger.

Mr. Sockman welcomed Kyle Stawowczyk and stated he will be working for one of the best ever, Chief Roach.

Mr. Sockman explained the reason for getting rid of the International Trucks is because the newest truck is a 2013 with 15,000 miles and what started out as a \$4,500 repair has become \$25,000 due to needing a complete motor replacement. Mr. Sockman stated two (2) new Peterbilts were ordered this year and, hopefully, one (1) will be on the agenda to approve for next year.

Mr. Khalil welcomed and congratulated Kyle Stawowczyk. Mr. Khalil stated Chief Roach is not one of the best, he is the best.

Mr. Khalil stated overall the Borough's budget is in very good shape for the year, but he has a few items to review with Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Khalil commented letters were sent to Gill Hall to try and get some discussion with them regarding eminent domain and the Knox Box and asked if any response was received. Mr. Stinner replied not that he is aware. Mr. Khalil requested another letter be sent to open up some dialog with respect to these matters. Mr. Khalil asked if the key to the Knox Box is a standard key that would open boxes in other communities or just our Borough. Mr. Chalfant responded the Knox Box key is specific to Jefferson Hills. Mr. Khalil asked how many Knox Boxes are in Jefferson Hills. Mr. Chalfant stated there are several businesses, the old school administration offices and all the area schools. Mr. Khalil suggested, if the Knox Box keys are not returned, maybe the boxes can be rekeyed so that someone who is not authorized to do so will not have access and Gill Hall can pay for the rekeying. President King agreed that a letter should be sent and then an alternative may be discussed if a response is not received.

Mrs. Ielase welcomed Kyle Stawowczyk and told him that he will be working with a fantastic group of people and Chief Roach is the cream of the crop.

President King welcomed Kyle Stawowczyk and said he did not know how to one-up everyone's comments regarding Chief Roach, except to use the word legendary.

President King echoed appreciating the efforts of Task Force and firefighters who put so much of their time in to accomplish what has been done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Ielase moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager