

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

President King announced Council was in Executive Session prior to the meeting for personnel matters.

AGENDA ITEM:

Chief Roach read and presented Letters of Commendation for Borough of Jefferson Hills Police Department Officers Ryan Pokorny and John Haas. Mayor Cmar thanked Chief Roach and the officers. President King thanked the officers that came to the meeting to show their appreciation for Officers Pokorny and Haas and thanked the officers on behalf of Council.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Scott Saunders, 3919 Saw Mill Boulevard, Pittsburgh, signage consultant with Allegheny Health Network (“AHN”) and President of Wayfinding Associates, stated he presented a request for variance detailing the need for a larger, internally illuminated sign mounted on the approved wall at Coal Valley Road and Route 51 for Jefferson Hospital identification and safety reasons. Mr. Sockman asked doesn't the existing sign serve this purpose. Mr. Saunders responded the existing sign is considerably smaller and doesn't provide as much readability, which, in turn, does not allow much time to prepare for the turn onto Coal Valley Road.

Louise Urban, of 565 Coal Valley Road, President of AHN's Jefferson Hospital, stated her understanding is the Borough appealed the sign variances and she is interested in hearing Council's concern regarding the sign and try to arrive at an amicable solution. President King indicated this is a litigation matter at this point that will not be discussed publicly.

Michael Kostiew, an attorney representing Jefferson Hospital, turned in a Citizens/Taxpayer Comment Sheet, but declined to speak.

Daryl Nath, 1120 Gill Hall Road, stated his concerns regarding development at 1854 Gill Hall Road relating to the traffic and wondering if the traffic study has been completed. Mr. Glister stated the Borough has not received an application for development and therefore no traffic study has been done.

Karen Seymour, of 708 Old Clairton Road, submitted a Citizen/Taxpayer Comment Sheet at approximately 7:10 p.m. President King indicated this comment sheet would not be allowed since it was not provided before the meeting.

MINUTES:

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

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting October 14, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the payrolls for the month of October in the amount of \$264,464.34 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 42-2019 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 Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-2019 granting preliminary approval to the land development plan known as SP-7-2019, Clairton Slag, Inc. DBA Riverlift Industries New Office and Garage Land Development, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2019 adopting the Borough of Jefferson Hills Emergency Operation Plan, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 45-2019 authorizing the Borough of Jefferson Hills, provided the Borough receives an emergency permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, to bypass the otherwise required Borough Code public advertising, bidding, and award process and accept proposals for an emergency project for Lewis Run streambank erosion remediation to protect a Borough twenty-four inch sanitary sewer where damages necessitate immediate action to correct a dangerous condition that creates a threat to public health, welfare and/or safety, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve bids for the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance 2019 Fall Commodities, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 from Alex E. Paris Contracting Company in the amount of \$224,088.41 for work completed on the 2019 Road Program, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated November 1, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for assisting the Borough in completing the design, permitting, specifications and construction administration for the Lewis Run Streambank Erosion in the amount not to exceed \$22,000.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated October 18, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for assisting the Borough in the preparation of repair options for the sanitary sewer damaged by a landslide in the PICCO property in the amount not to exceed \$8,500.00, seconded by Vice President Weber and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to approve Work Authorization dated October 15, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for assisting the Borough in the preparation of the Notice of Termination for the NPDES permit for the Public Works Building and Facility in the amount not to exceed \$5,500.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the purchase of one (1) Peterbilt 4-wheel drive 10 Ton Dump Truck from Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc. of Butler, PA in the amount of \$177,766.00 less trade value of \$30,000.00 for a total purchase price of \$147,766.00, to be paid out of the 2020 Budget (COSTARS Contract #025-101), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the purchase of a 16' x 40' pavilion kit from Jeffrey & Associates with standing seam roof in the amount of \$16,118.00 to replace the small shelter at 885 Park (COSTARS Contract #014-027), with an installation price of \$10,420.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to accept a proposal in the amount of \$8,900.00 from DuraEdge Products, Inc. for T-Ball Infield Improvements at 885 Andrew Reilly Memorial Park, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve SHACOG to award the bid of the CD 45 7.5 Andrew Reilly Park ADA Upgrades Phase 1 project to Bioni Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$38,728.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Vice President Weber moved to authorize the distribution of the Pennsylvania Foreign Fire Insurance allocation in the amount of \$65,148.10 as follows: Floreffe VFC Relief Association \$1.00; Gill Hall VFC Relief Association \$1.00; Jefferson 885 VFC Relief Association \$1.00; and Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue Relief Association \$65,145.10, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to accept the proposal from Ford Business Systems to provide IT infrastructure for an annual cost of \$16,530.00, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar stated she talked to the election department about the concerns at the polling places and she is going to work with them to petition the court and follow the procedure for redistricting to allow better voter distribution.

Mayor Cmar indicated the Borough's Holiday Celebration will be on December 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Cmar asked Mr. Stinner about the Clairton AARP Meetings being moved to the Borough Building. Mr. Stinner stated he approved it last week.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery thanked Veterans for their service to the country.

Mr. Sockman wished Mayor Cmar and Mr. Montgomery a happy birthday.

Vice President Weber stated the number of active emergency volunteers has severely decreased and training has become much more intensive and time consuming over the years. This is why the consolidation of fire companies is such an important step. Vice President Weber gave credit to Council and, more importantly, to the firefighters who formed the Task Force and organized everything else involved in this consolidation effort. Vice President Weber commented he is very appreciative of the volunteerism the firefighters show to keep the community safe.

Mr. Khalil stated he has had discussions with President Thatcher of Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue and they are working to have a submittal to the Budget Committee before November 20. Mr. Khalil indicated the 2019 budget looks to be in very good shape and thanked everyone involved for their time and effort to control the budget.

President King congratulated the two new Council Members: Nicole Ruscitto and Karen Bucy. President King commented he looked forward to working with them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager