

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
December 9, 2019

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Vice President Weber 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 Vice President Weber 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.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Keith Reynolds, of 1313 Collins Avenue, spoke on behalf of his mother, Council Member Reynolds, who wished she could have made it to her last meeting. He thanked the Borough residents, on her behalf, for supporting her throughout the years and wanted everyone to know how much she loves this Borough.

Rhiannon Miller, of 2358 Ridge Road, Finleyville, thanked Council for what they do for the Borough and expressed she attended the meeting to represent Melissa Steffey in hopes she is considered to replace Mr. King.

Jim & Melanie Gillot, of 3057 Shady Timber Lane, spoke in support of Melissa Steffey filling the vacancy on Council.

Mark D'Angelo, of 5023 Alta Vista Drive, asked why there is a rush to appoint someone rather than waiting for the new Council to come in and make the choice. Mr. DiAngelo also stated he is against raising taxes to create a recreation center in the Borough. Vice President Weber stated it is prescribed in the Pennsylvania Statutes that Council has thirty (30) days from the date of the resignation to appoint a new member and Mr. King's resignation was accepted on December 4.

Jill Burtini, of 3044 Thomas Jefferson Drive, thanked Council for their service and stated her support of Melissa Steffey filling the vacancy on Council. Ms. Burtini indicated she is on the school board, understands what it takes and believes Melissa Steffey has the necessary qualities to be a member of Council. Vice President Weber thanked Ms. Burtini for all she does on the school board as well.

Jim Kingsley, of 101 Camino Court, expressed his support for Melissa Steffey filling the vacancy on Council.

Lisa Buckiso, of 3041 Shady Timber Lane, thanked Council for their service, especially the outgoing members, and expressed her support for Melissa Steffey filling the vacancy on Council.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 46-2019 and nominated to appoint Melissa Steffey, who had submitted a letter of interest dated December 5, 2019 and was in attendance, to

complete the remaining two years of the elected term for former Borough Council President Christopher W. King, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously. Mrs. Steffey completed an Affidavit of Residency and then the Honorable Michael Thatcher administered her Oath of Office to swear her in. Vice President Weber indicated, based on Mrs. Steffey's appointment to Council, she will have to relinquish her position on the Recreation Board effective immediately. Mr. Stinner announced anyone who is interested in taking Mrs. Steffey's position on the Recreation Board should feel free to send him a letter of interest.

MINUTES:

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of agenda meeting November 6, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting November 11, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the November bills be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of November in the amount of \$468,080.44 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 47-2019 adopting the Borough Budget for the year 2020 in final form, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Ordinance No.878 establishing the base Real Estate Tax rate for the year 2020 at 5.66 mills (General 5.226 mills; Fire 0.355 mills; and Ambulance 0.079 mills), seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 48-2019 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. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 49-2019 granting modification requests to the Borough subdivision and land development ordinance sections 504.1.B, 609.1 609.2 and 609.10 and final approval to the subdivision plan known as S-10-2019, Hunters Preserve No. 2 subdivision, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2019 amending the salaries, compensation and wages for Borough employees for the year 2020, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2019 amending the fee schedule of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to include a fee for a one-time extension for commercial building permits, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Teamsters Local Union No. 205 concerning a Police Department 12-hour shift work schedule, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Jefferson Hills School District to retain the services of law enforcement personnel of the Borough of Jefferson Hills for use of the West Jefferson Hills School District, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve payment for Invoice 658-4 from Olander Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 for conducting HVAC engineering services for the Borough of Jefferson Hills West Elizabeth Sewershed 537 Plan Capital Improvements Plan, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated November 25, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for work previously completed and to assist the Borough with preparation of the revised project specifications for the re-bidding of the Beedle Park Restroom and Concession Stand Project in the amount not to exceed \$14,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the award of a contract to C. Krump, Inc. in the amount of \$112,000.00 for the emergency Route 51 Stream Restoration Project (contingent upon receipt of the letter of recommendation for award from Gateway Engineers), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to prepare and advertise an ordinance adopting the public improvements of the Betler Plan of Lots (S-4-2017), seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF:

Don Withers, Floreffe VFC Fire Chief, reported: Floreffe had thirty-four (34) responses in October and twenty-three (23) in November. Chief Withers thanked Council, again, for the washer and dryer and the diesel exhaust extractor. Chief Withers explained, along with the rescue tools that the Borough purchased, an additional rescue tool was purchased by Floreffe VFC to match what 885 VFC has, so, they now have a cutter and a spreader. The key fob has been installed at Floreffe so that any firefighter from Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue can enter their station and 885 VFC has done the same. Mr. Khalil praised the cooperation of the departments and thanked everyone for their hard work regarding the merger.

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mr. Glister wished everyone safe and happy holidays.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Bennett wished everyone a very nice holiday.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Volpe wished happy holidays to everyone.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Roach wished everyone happy holidays and congratulations to Vice President Weber and Mr. Khalil for their retirement.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar congratulated Mrs. Steffey on her appointment to Council and also the TJ Football Team for winning the state championship. Mayor Cmar reminded everyone about the Police Department toy drive and wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Stinner congratulated Mrs. Steffey, wished the best of luck to Vice President Weber and Mr. Khalil and happy holidays to everyone.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery indicated he was contacted by Pleasant Hills Council stating they were going to do a resolution recognizing the football players and asking if the Borough of Jefferson Hills would want to do the same. Mayor Cmar stated she planned to talk to Mr. Stinner about that. Mr. Stinner expressed he reached out to the Pleasant Hills Manager to get the language and will look into preparing a proclamation or resolution for next month. Mr. Montgomery asked if authorization is needed. Vice President Weber stated only ordinances need authorization.

Mr. Montgomery thanked the outgoing members of Council for their service to the community.

Mr. Montgomery congratulated Mrs. Steffey and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mr. Sockman welcomed Mrs. Steffey.

Mr. Sockman stated the road Golden Triangle is using is very bad and needs to be repaved. Mr. Volpe stated he spoke to Golden Triangle and was told it was still finishing work and assured him by Spring all the roads including the one to Beedle Park will be paved.

Mr. Sockman commended Mr. Khalil, Vice President Weber and Mrs. Reynolds for the work they have done on Council.

Mr. Sockman stated he would like to recommend Coach Bill Cherpak be considered for a man of the year award. There was a consensus of Council to incorporate this into the resolution for the football team.

Mr. Sockman wished everyone happy holidays.

Mrs. Steffey thanked friends and family for their support and thanked those who spoke on her behalf.

Mr. Khalil welcomed Mrs. Steffey and wished everyone happy holidays, Merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Mrs. Ielase congratulated Mrs. Steffey, thanked Mr. Khalil and Vice President Weber for all they have done and wished them luck.

Mrs. Ielase wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Vice President Weber congratulated Mrs. Steffey and wished her many years of good service to the Borough.

Vice President Weber offered best wishes to the newly elected officials.

Vice President Weber stated he would reach out and thank individuals in the days to come, but, this evening, wanted to thank the Lord for giving him this opportunity, his family for their support and the community.

Vice President Weber wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice President Weber adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. with an executive session to follow regarding personnel from which Council would not return on motion by Mrs. Steffey, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager