

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Regular Meeting of Council  
January 13, 2020

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Bucy at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Cmar and Council Members Ielase, Reynolds, Ruscitto, Sockman Steffey, Vice President Montgomery and President Bucy answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glister and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Finance Officer Bennett and Consulting Engineer Minsterman were absent.

[Pres. Bucy read the following statement between roll call and public comments; it was included in the Agenda meeting draft minutes when it was read there]

Introduction from Council from President Bucy: The newly comprised Jefferson Hills Council welcomes the Jefferson Hills residents and extends our wishes to you and your families for a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2020 new year. It is our hope to combine the knowledge and wisdom of our past council members Dave Montgomery, Vicki Ielase, and Frank Sockman with the enthusiasm and freshness of ideas from the recently appointed council member Melissa Steffey and newly elected members Nicole Ruscitto, Keith Reynolds, and myself into our council. Our professional goal is to model a spirit of collective collaboration, while respectively acknowledging our individual differences. All of us are committed to working together for the betterment of this community and recognize our civic responsibilities. Together, the Jefferson Hills Council members and the Jefferson Hills citizens are beginning on our new 2020-year long journey to keep Jefferson Hills Borough the #1 place to raise a family. Receiving feedback from our community is essential to establish and promote communication among citizens and council members. Therefore, please note that requests to speak are located on the back table and should be filled out prior to the 7:00 beginning of the meeting and then delivered to the borough secretary's table. Residents will be recognized and proceed to the podium. State your name and address for recording purposes. Each resident will be permitted 4 minutes for your statement. We thank you for your attendance, and we encourage all of you to attend our council, planning, zoning, and recreational meetings throughout the year. A schedule of the meetings for this year has been placed on the back table for your convenience and will be posted outside the door in the hallway for future reference if needed.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Ebtehal Badawi, of 505 Timber Lane, spoke about her anti-bullying message through art titled 'Pittsburgh Builds Bridges'. Mrs. Badawi is a resident and local artist who is trying to gain the support of local government and residents so that she may paint her anti-bullying message on murals in outdoor spaces.

William Lucas, of 5012 Dana Drive, asked for an update on the proposed bridge / connector road between Hunter's Field and Jefferson Estates. Mr. Lucas asked if the road in question is a connector road or only for Emergency Vehicle access. Mr. Montgomery said the long-standing goal is an emergency access road, Pleasant Hills is amenable, the situation is under review and asked him to please let the Borough of Jefferson Hills handle it.

MINUTES:

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

Mrs. Steffey moved the minutes of regular meeting December 9, 2019 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the December bills be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Montgomery moved the payrolls for the month of December in the amount of \$260,917.13 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Sockman moved to promote Borough of Jefferson Hills Police Officer, Corey Brunetti, to the rank of Sergeant effective Sunday, January 19, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-2020 granting preliminary and final approval to the subdivision plan know as S-11-2019, Richard Plan of Lots Phase 3, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-2020 granting final approval to the land development plan known as SP-11-2019, Riverlift office and garage land development, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2020 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 Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final from Alex E. Paris Contracting Company in the amount of \$33,835.65 for work completed on the 2019 Road Program, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final from SHACOG for Select Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$2,052.32 for work completed on the Borough Building ADA Doors Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Invoice #19-161 from D & D Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$2,341.50 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Electrical Engineering Design Services, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to approve Work Authorization dated December 11, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for miscellaneous engineering and consulting services in 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Work Authorization dated December 11, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for miscellaneous engineering and consulting services related to the Clairton Sewershed in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated December 11, 2019 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for miscellaneous engineering and consulting services related to the West Elizabeth Sewershed in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from Bronder Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$19,118.39 for work completed on the State Route 837 and Walton Road Signal Replacement project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the operation and maintenance proposal from CME Operations LP (Proposal #071908) for a six-month contract to manage the Lick Run and 837 pump station operations and maintenance, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF:

Absent

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Absent

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Roach thanked Council for the affirmative vote to promote Officer Corey Brunetti to Sargent. Additionally, with the Mayor's help, he would like to publicly recognize Sargent Brunetti to the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council. President Busy agreed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar stated April 25, 2020 is a tentative date for Clean Up Day in the Borough. She stated that she will be presenting a petition signed by Borough Residents to reopen Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company. Mayor Cmar reminded the audience and Council that beginning October 1, 2020 people will need to present the new Real ID Card, or another acceptable form of identification, to fly commercially or enter a Federal Building. Mayor Cmar stated they will be presenting a Resolution to the TJ Football team at the football banquet, date is to be determined. Mr. Montgomery asked Mayor Cmar if Borough Council is doing a Resolution or a Proclamation. Mr. Stinner stated he wanted to discuss presenting a Proclamation to the Coach and then passing a Resolution for the team. Mr. Montgomery asked if they will recognize the West Jefferson Hills band members and cheerleaders as well. Mayor Cmar stated yes, all groups should be recognized and they will be able to present the Resolution at the Football banquet on a date that is to be determined.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mrs. Steffey stated she completed a NIMS training seminar at Allegheny County Emergency Services and encouraged all Elected Officials to attend the next training seminar in March. Mrs. Steffey is planning to attend more training seminars provided through Allegheny County Emergency Services. Mr. Montgomery stated Allegheny County Emergency Services is going to offer the same three-hour training with SHACOG and 10 communities altogether. Members can choose to attend that training through SHACOG as well.

Mr. Montgomery stated the annual Allegheny County Boroughs Association ALOM dinner will be held on February 1, 2020 and encouraged Council Members to attend. Mr. Montgomery stated an elected officials' dinner is paid by the Borough.

Mr. Sockman thanked Mr. Stinner, Chief Roach, and Mr. Volpe for their monthly report. He expressed how helpful this information continues to be to Council. Mr. Sockman stated Mr. Glistler informed him there was an 8-inch sewer pipe break. Mr. Sockman expects the Borough will continue to have ongoing problems of this nature due to the age of the pipes, number of manholes, and miles the pipes cover.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. with an executive session to follow regarding personnel from which Council would not return on motion by Mrs. Ruscitto, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner  
Secretary/Borough Manager