

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
July 8, 2020

The agenda meeting of Council was called to order by President Bucy at 7:02 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, Finance Officer Drager Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glister and Public Works Director Volpe were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Borough Resident/Taxpayer Comments on Agenda Items – Mrs. Bucy advised she will repeat this at the end also.
4. Motion to approve the monthly bills
5. Motion to approve the monthly payroll
6. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting June 8, 2020

Mr. Montgomery requested the following changes to the minutes: 1. Mark Reidenbach was present.; 2. The application for Swede Construction should be Allegheny County Health Department not Plumbing Department.; 3. For the insurance motion, Mrs. Ielase made the motion and Mrs. Steffey seconded.

7. Reports from Boards/Commissions
8. Motion to advertise for a vacancy of the Library Board of Directors to finish the term vacated by Debra Klasnic Wesolowski (Term Expiration: 12/31/20)
9. Motion to appoint Ashley Bokus to the Recreation Board with a term ending December 31, 2022
10. Motion to appoint John Thatcher to the UCC Appeal Board; expiration date of term is indefinitely
11. Motion to discuss the Girl Scouts Bronze award project at Andrew Reilly Memorial Park
12. Motion to hire TBD as Property and Planning Clerk for the Borough of Jefferson Hills
13. Motion to approve Resolution 10-2020 for Huntington Bank authorizing signatures
14. Motion to Approve the Settlement as set forth in the Mediation session of June 10th, 2020. The Borough's share of the settlement amount, including the cost of mediation, shall not exceed \$75,000.00
15. Motion to approve the purchase of *Microsoft 365 G3 for Government* licenses for all 31 Borough Computers at a total monthly rate of \$620 per month, or \$7,440 per year

16. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 879, creating a Lieutenant position inside the chain of command of the Borough of Jefferson Hills Police Department; as well as establish a 5% increase in salary between the ranks of Sergeant and Lieutenant

Mrs. Ruscitto asked if the pay increase was originally 2% instead of 5%. Chief Roach stated it was never 2%. Mr. Montgomery asked what it is meant by reserve in the ordinance. Chief Roach stated that was in the original Ordinance and he believes it was for auxiliary police.

17. Motion to accept memorandum of Understanding between Steel Center for Career and Technical Education and Jefferson Hills Police Department for the 2020-2021 academic year
18. Motion to purchase onboard video camera system from Watchguard in the amount of \$5,545 for the replacement police Interceptor
19. Motion to approve payment of \$8,151.70 to Rally Specialist, Inc. for the equipment and upfit of the replacement police Interceptor. Wording approval to order and them to do the work (same for camera)
20. Motion to accept bid from Perryopolis Auto Action, car 259, 2014 Ford Interceptor AWD to Chicago Motors Inc. for \$6,280.00
21. Motion to discuss the County Winter Maintenance agreement and which roads the Borough will maintain for the 2020-2021 winter season

Mr. Montgomery stated Mr. Gabriel asked for more money and they did not accept it. Mr. Sockman stated our Public Works crew have to travel these roads to plow others and it would make sense since we have to go over them with our plows, to plow them for the residents. Mr. Montgomery stated his concerns of the cost if we have a bad winter. Mr. Stinner stated the State responded that they are going to maintain the same amount to all communities.

22. Motion to approve the EOI Fireworks Display Agreement from Pyrotecnico for 2021 Community Day

Mr. Montgomery asked if Community day was July 21st? Mrs. Steffey stated its June 12, 2021 - that will have to be changed in the contract. Rain date is the next day. Mr. Montgomery asked if COVID-19 is still an issue can we get an out of the contract? Mr. Gabriel stated to make that part of the contract.

23. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,131.25 for work completed on the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repair Year 8 project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG

Mr. Montgomery asked Mr. Glister about it being 4% over what they wanted to get. Mr. Glister explained that the contract is broken down into unit prices and the reason for the overage is that some of the repairs were anticipated to be at 0'-8' in depth but ended up at 8'-12' in depth which results in an increase in cost due to the deeper excavation. Additionally, some of the repairs ended up being a few feet longer than the proposed length which also contributes to the slight increase in cost.

24. Motion to approve Invoice #2020-14 from Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,878.00 for work completed on the State Route 837 sanitary manhole location project
25. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 2 from Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$50,297.31 for the work completed on the Beedle Park Concession Stand (17-GEDF-09) Project
26. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated July 1, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough with completing due diligence on the Beams Run Sanitary Sewer Repair in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00

27. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated June 25, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for miscellaneous engineering and consulting services in 2020 in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
28. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated June 30, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the 2020 MS4 Program in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00
29. Motion to approve a Heavy Hauling Permit Agreement for Mears Group, Inc. for natural gas pipeline maintenance along Scheinbach Road and Glasshouse Road for TC Energy
30. Motion to grant conditional use approval to CU-1-2020, known as WJHSD Classroom Trailers - Conditional Use, with written decision to be prepared on or before August 7, 2020
31. Motion to approve opening of cleaning contract
32. Reports

Andrew Tomer, JHFR Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator, reported:

- Nothing to report

Engineer Glister Reported:

• Bids were opened for the Waterman Road East Slope Stabilization project and a total of two bids were received. The letter of recommendation for award and bid tab were distributed to Council before the meeting. One of the bids was within cost estimate for this work and the other bid was outside of that range. The recommended award is the base bid plus the add alternate bid #1 for a total of \$166,750.00. We awarded significantly less in the paving program this year so that the difference could be utilized towards this project without seeking additional funds elsewhere from the budget. The recommended award accomplishes this goal. If there aren't any questions regarding the recommended award then this will be added to the agenda for award for the Regular meeting.

Consulting Engineer Reported:

- Nothing to report

Finance Officer/Treasurer Mr. Drager reported:

- Nothing to report

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

- Nothing to report

Mrs. Steffey asked about the house on Collins Avenue that the Public Works crew boarded up and cut the grass. Asked if the remaining windows and glass block windows can also be boarded up.

Mr. Reynolds asked if the can cut the hedges so the Police and better Police the property. Mrs. Steffey asked if it can be put on the demolition list for next year.

Mr. Reynolds asked if the house across from the Floreffe Fire Co could also be put on the demolition list.

Police Chief Roach reported:

- Chief Roach thanked everyone who supported him and his officers with the loss of Officer Provins.
- PCCD notified Mrs. Bucy that the grant funding body cameras was approved and the next step would be for her to sign off on signature page and return as required. He advised there are still multiple steps to take before we can get that and it's a 50% match of the grant with our share being around \$21,000

Mayor Cmar reported:

- Thanked Chief Roach for how well he handled all that needed to be done for the Funeral of Officer Provins.

Borough Manager Stinner reported:

- He was updated this evening by the County that the new order today is limiting outdoor groups to no more than 50 people at a time. The sports organizations using our fields will be allowed to resume with their schedules. The outdoor pavilions will also be able to resume as long as it's 50 people or less. We will be going by the County guidelines moving forward.

Communications Relations Coordinator Grace Duda reported:

- Nothing to report

33. General Business

- Comments of general business items from Borough Residents – Mr. Stinner reported Tom Donohue provided a more extensive explanation of the ADA fishing pier will be in packet. Mr. Montgomery asked Mr. Donohue wanted to wait on the project until CDBG Funding is available.
- Tony Ricci asked when is the fire hydrant corner of Hornbake and Peterson Drive was going to be fixed it's been broken for some time closest one is several miles away. Mr. Stinner asked Mr. Volpe to look into that.

Mr. Montgomery noted:

- SHACOG met for the first time in four months, but none of the committees met. Fire chief met and did bidding
- Joint sewer projects continuing
- CDBG is fully funded and no local match for Andrew Riley parking and the demolitions.
- Golf outing is scheduled for the end of July
- There are new requirements for DEP
- Thank the surrounding communities for supporting our officers with the death of Officer Provins.

Mr. Sockman noted:

- Nothing to add

Mrs. Ruscitto noted:

- Thanked Mr. Volpe for being so helpful with the senior program. She also thanked Mr. Stinner, Sherry Trbovich and John Martelloni for all fo their help as well. Mr. Martelloni went above and beyond what was expected.
- Thanked Chief Roach for all the work he did for the Funeral for Officer Provins during such a difficult time.

Mrs. Ielase noted:

- The library is up and running on the County guidelines and residents can call or email to order their books and pick them up.
- Fish day was cancelled in May and they are trying to have it October 3rd, providing we are allowed to have more than 50 people.

Mr. Reynolds noted:

- Nothing to add

Mrs. Steffey noted:

- Thanked Jane Milner for her decorating and funeral planning.
- Thanked Greg Rubinoff for donating his time the day of the funeral for keeping things cleaned up and for the two large coolers of drinks.
- Thanked Toni Lewis, Meghan Daily, and Tara Revis for helping with the planning and luncheon.
- Thanked Chris Hisler, who brought the honor flag.
- Mr. Stinner for his help
- Mayor Cmar for supporting her officers and baking
- Floreffé Ladies Auxiliary for donating their time to help with the luncheon
- Mrs. Bucy for planning the luncheon and taking care of all the planning.
- Asked Mr. Stinner to explain what they learned about the baseball field today. Mr. Stinner stated he advised Mr. Volpe to tear down the current metal structure at Andrew Reilly field and replace it with the net meant for Beedle Park, which will be replaced later on when it's needed. He also talked to Mr. Volpe about getting more water onto our fields to keep the grass in better shape. They discussed getting tripod sprinklers to water the fields.
- Mr. Sockman asked about the cameras they discussed earlier for the fields. Mr. Stinner advised they are still looking into getting them.
- Mrs. Ruscitto asked if the signs are ready for the fields with the new guidelines and Mr. Stinner stated temporary laminated signs have been posted and Mr. Volpe is looking into getting more permanent signs.
- Stated the Municipal Council Classes can now be done on line. Mr. Montgomery stated it is a lot harder to get certified on line then it is to do the classes in person and he rather they do it in person.

Mrs. Busy noted:

- Thank everyone for their help with the funeral. Stated as a community we showed our true character of working together and honoring our fallen officer.
- Members of the audience if you feel more comfortable sending me or bring your questions to the Borough Building you can and I will ask them for you.

34. Adjournment

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. with an executive session to follow from which Council would not return on a motion by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Executive Session: Personnel, Lawfully Privileged/Confidential, Public Safety Preparedness, Litigation (Jefferson Estates Homeowners Association v. Zokaites Properties et al., Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Docket No. GD-17-011526; Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, et al. v. Clairton Municipal Authority, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, GD-17-017711; Borough of Jefferson Hills v. Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Jefferson Hills, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, SA-19-000709; AUUE, Inc. v. Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, SA-19-000748; Levander v. Borough of Jefferson Hills, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2:19-cv-01629-MJH); PICCO Superfund site- potential litigation involving WESA and Ashland.