Borough of Jefferson Hills

Regular Meeting of Council

October 12, 2020

The regular 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, Council Members Ielase, Reynolds, Ruscitto, Sockman, Steffey, Vice President Montgomery and President Bucy answered to roll call. Mayor Cmar, Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Roach, Borough Engineer Glister, and Public Works Director Volpe and Borough Manager Stinner were also present.

PROMOTION OF SARGEANT KING:

Mayor Cmar congratulated Sargent King of his promotion to Lieutenant.

Chief Roach recognized Sargent King for his promotion from Sargent to Lieutenant and presented him with his credentials and badge.

Lieutenant King and his family took some time for pictures.

Lieutenant King expressed his thanks for the support and trust.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Cmar presented a Proclamation to Mark and Linda Grimes for the frontline workers along with Mayor Richard Lattanzi and Council woman Lee Lasich of Clairton.

Mayor Cmar presented a Proclamation to Nicole Ruscitto for her organization of Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.

President Bucy gave a public message regarding the meetings and how they are conducted.

President Bucy stated she is beginning the meeting with Agenda item number seven.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS:

Chris Zacur, 2364 Ridge Road, asked that the Council support the agreement for the taps.

Ted Ruszala, 1244 Gill Hall Road, stated the basketball court across from him lights are on too long and there is yelling late at night. He also states the speed limit by the park should be 15 not 35. Mrs. Ruscitto asked how long the lights and Mr. Volpe stated 10 p.m. Mr. Ruszala stated someone must have access to the lights because someone is turning them after 10 p.m.

Pete Doel, 420 Old Clairton Road, spoke regarding Gill Hall Fire Hall and getting it opened and asked Council to compromise and the lawsuit needs dropped. Mrs. Steffey responded to his concerns. Mrs. Ruscitto asked how many people Gill Hall has that are willing to train for Firefighter 1. Mr. Felix stated there are five now and will have six soon. Mrs. Bucy asked for their names. Calvin Felix, Mr. Warner and Bob Zurkle were named. Mr. Reynolds asked for an estimate on the amount of money this lawsuit has caused the Gill Hall fire hall. Mr. Felix stated it’s $41,000 as of September. Mr. Reynolds also thanked them for holding the blood drive in Memory of Office Dale Provins, Jr.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the bills for the month of September be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the payrolls for the month of September be approved, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Steffey moved the minutes of agenda meeting September 9, 2020 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting September 14, 2020 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to approve Resolution No. 16-2020 to add two (2) seats to the Environmental Advisory Council, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Tom Donohue to the Environmental Advisory Council (Term expiration: 12/31/24), seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Richard Moore to the Environmental Advisory Council (Term expiration: 12/31/24), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Terry Ackman to the Environmental Advisory Council (Term expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to appoint Christina Weir Ripley to the Environmental Advisory Council (Term expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked why some of the terms are different. Mrs. Bucy stated it’s because the dates are staggered, and we went in order of application. Mrs. Ielase stated in the past, every committee is staggered, and they are on a first come order.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Richard J. Mainiero to the Environmental Advisory Council (Term expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to appoint Lori Bartrug to the Environmental Advisory Council (Term expiration: 12/31/22), seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated she felt her term should be 12/23/23 not 22. It was explained the staggering again. Mrs. Bucy stated they can reapply for another term afterwards.

Mrs. Bartrug, 708 Waterman Road, stated she has been involved in the Borough since she moved back and expressed her disagreement on the staggering.

Mrs. Bucy stated the terms were not even mentioned in the past, but she insisted the terms be put on. Mrs. Ielase explained all the committees have terms that are staggered and were voted on without the terms.

Mrs. Steffey moved to appoint Michelle Gardiner for a vacancy of the Recreation Board to finish the term vacated by Tom Bucy (Term expiration: 12/31/21), seconded by Mr. Sockman The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy YES

Vice President Montgomery YES

Vickie Ielase YES

Mr. Reynolds NO

Mrs. Ruscitto NO

Mr. Sockman YES

Mrs. Steffey YES

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint Christina Wehner for a vacancy of the Recreation Board to finish the term vacated by Brian Konick (Term expiration: 12/31/23), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy YES

Vice President Montgomery YES

Vickie Ielase YES

Mr. Reynolds YES

Mrs. Ruscitto NO

Mr. Sockman YES

Mrs. Steffey YES

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to appoint Gregory Palmer for a vacancy of the Recreation Board to finish the term vacated by Lisa Maddas (Term expiration: 12/31/21), seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to open the position of Library Director, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase asked why the Library Director is on our agenda. Mr. Stinner is working with the Library to get the description written and we are advertising it. The Library will do the hiring.

Mr. Reynolds asked if we could discuss putting a sign on Rt. 51 for when there are openings within the Borough so the residents can see it.

Mr. Montgomery moved to renew the animal control contract for Hoffman’s Boarding Kennels, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint Prime Communications as our new phone vendor, seconded by Mr. Montgomery The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy YES

Vice President Montgomery YES

Vickie Ielase YES

Mr. Reynolds ABSTAINED

Mrs. Ruscitto ABSTAINED

Mr. Sockman YES

Mrs. Steffey YES

Mr. Drager stated the summary were in the packets for the final three phones and explained the reason for picking Prime Communications.

Mr. Reynolds suggested that a Power Point be done for the comparisons.

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint Ford Business Machines as our new printer/copier/fax service providers, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy YES

Vice President Montgomery YES

Vickie Ielase YES

Mr. Reynolds NO

Mrs. Ruscitto NO

Mr. Sockman YES

Mrs. Steffey YES

Mrs. Bucy stated she asked the office staff and they were very happy with the service they have gotten from Ford Business Machines.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated she also talked to Mr. Drager and he was also impressed with the Wilson Group that South Park has with their service and they offered to include free shredding.

Mr. Drager stated Ford also offered free shredding.

Mr. Reynolds asked if this was done in a Request for Proposal format. Mr. Drager stated it was not. Mr. Reynolds explained RFP’s.

Mr. Sockman commented on the staff’s report of service and that he has also had problems with his email and Ford has helped him with his issues.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 5 from Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of $12,399.47 for the work completed on the Beedle Park Concession Stand (17-GEDF-09) Project, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto left the meeting.

Mr. Reynolds stated he had a discussion with the vendor doing the electrical work and asked if the bathrooms could be kept open during the winter and he stated the bathrooms would be fine with the heater.

Mr. Glister stated he spoke with the Consultant and he stated it could not be.

Mr. Sockman stated they were getting some anti-graffiti paint for the building also. Mr. Reynolds asked about cameras.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from SHACOG for Bioni Drilling, Inc. in the amount of $10,125.40 for work completed on the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously 6-0, Mrs. Ruscitto not present for vote.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2020 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 47 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of $30,631.25 for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 3 Project estimated at $47, 125.00 with the Borough share of $16, 493.75, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously, 6-0, Mrs. Ruscitto not present for vote.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2020 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 47 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of $31,005.00 for the Tepe Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1 Project estimated at $47,700.00 with the Borough share of $16,695.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously, 6-0-0, Mrs. Ruscitto not present for vote.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning CD 46 7.5 Andrew Reilly Park – Phase 2, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning CD 46 3.11.11 Property Demolition, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Work Authorization dated September 28, 2020 form Gateway Engineers, Inc. to close out the conceptual engineering and design work for the several gravity sanitary sewer repair and pump station concepts in the amount not to exceed $7,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Work Authorization dated September 29, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to continue to communicate, negotiate, and meet with Ashland, the Borough, and Regulators regarding the repair of the PICCO landfill landslide and the failed sanitary sewer line in the landslide in the amount not to exceed $10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked why every time Gateway is asking for something it’s $7,000 or $10,000. Mr. Glister stated item 33 is general, it’s not a defined scope. We don’t know what that level is. Rule of thumb is we will start at $10,000. Mr. Reynolds asked who polices their account to make sure they are billed correctly. Mr. Glister stated the Borough Manager and I monitors it. We are provided a detailed breakdown of what they are billing for.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Work Authorization dated September 29, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to cover the cost of the additional engineering, inspection, and cost negotiations related to the extremely poor subsurface soil conditions along State Route 837 and the resulting change order from the contractor for the forcemain and new gravity sewer installations for the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed Act 537 Plan project in the amount not to exceed $38,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated September 30, 2020 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough in the preparation of plans and specifications for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades, Ph. 2 project in the amount not to exceed $7,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reynolds received a message from a resident asking why the comments are being removed when she makes a comment. Ms. Duda stated she was told to remove any comments during the meeting. Mrs. Bucy explained we are not interacting with Facebook. Mr. Gabriel stated there is a comment period at the beginning and the end and that is the proper way to handle comments. There is no obligation for us to accept comments during the meeting.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Reynolds should bring this up under general business and can make a motion.

Mrs. Ruscitto specified this is not Ms. Duda’s fault that the comments are being removed.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the cost of new guiderails along Walters Road for $8,900.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to approve “dry” or “non-occupancy” building permits to residents who were under contract with their builder prior to the Clairton Municipal Authority sewer tap ban on or about May 27, 2020 pending the Developer and property owner sign a “hold harmless” agreement absolving the Borough of Jefferson Hills of any liability in the even that the Clairton Municipal Authority does not allow a sewage connection, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery asked if we need to do this if we pass the agreement.

Mrs. Steffey stated she would like it as a backup.

Mr. Reynolds asked if there was any way we could withhold these taps if one of the developers does not perform or have any active issues with the people they are building the house with. He spoke with a couple of residence who are receiving a house that is on unstable ground and are costing them a lot of money fighting them.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated the reason she is voting yes is for the residents that are building.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept settlement agreement between Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, Borough of Jefferson Hills, Township of South Park, City of Clairton and Clairton Municipal Authority, seconded by Mr. Sockman, carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Engineer Glister reported

* + - Nothing further to report.

Finance Director Mr. Drager reported:

* + - We go live with the new wireless internet, DQE, on October 23, 2020.
    - We will save $800 per year on phones and between $6-7,000.00 per year on the copiers and printers.

Communications Relations Coordinator

* + - Report in the packet

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

* + - Nothing further to report.

Police Chief Roach reported:

* + - Nothing further to report.

Borough Manager Mr. Stinner reported:

* + - Nothing further to report.

Borough Solicitor Gabriel reported

* + - Stated for the record Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss active litigation matters and he is requesting to reconvene to discuss AUUE.

Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Gabriel to explain what AUUE is to the residents. Mr. Gabriel stated that is the litigation involving UPMC.

Mayor Cmar

* + - Trick or Treat will be held in the Borough from 6-8pm on Saturday, October 31, 2020. If you wish to participate leave your outside lights on. If you do not wish to participate, turn off your outside lights. Social distancing and masks required.
    - Please consider joining the Montour Trail Organization, montourtrail.org.
    - Congratulation to Lieutenant King on his well-deserved promotion.
    - Thanks again to Mark and Linda Grimes for their contribution to our essential workers.
    - Thank you to Councilwoman Ruscitto for organizing Neighbors Helping Neighbors.
    - UPMC, SEREMS, and the Borough is providing a Drive-thru flu clinic at the Public Works parking lot date to be determined.
    - Residents have called her directly about signs being taken from their yards. Please call the police if this happens.

Discussion of Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company Probationary Plan Options

Mrs. Bucy asked who would like to begin the discussion. Mr. Reynolds stated he thinks the Fire Liaisons should because they have all the answers. Mrs. Bucy stated she was one of the few Gill Hall residents who came to a meeting long ago and spoke on Gill Hall VFC’s behalf. She did this because she wanted to see the fire hall open, and she still does. Mrs. Bucy stated the first Probationary Plan created by the Fire Liaison Committee was sent out to all of Council two weeks in advance and the Committee asked for Council’s input. Mrs. Bucy received about 7-8 responses, and the Committee changed the Probationary Plan based on the feedback from Council. Then we brought the Probationary Plan to Council and voted on it at the meeting, and the vote was 6-1 to accept. Next the fire companies went through mediation through the DCED with a man named Floyd Weiss. Mr. Weiss is the Battalion leader of the city of Harrisburg. Mr. Weiss asked for the rosters of all the fire companies, all the information, and reviewed everything. He also asked for our plans on how to get them back into service and made recommendations on that. The stumbling block that ended the process was we wanted each fire company to have access to all other three fire companies. When this couldn’t be mediated, the process stopped. Mr. Weiss said the least restrictive merger was an Operational Merger where the fire companies share equipment and resources. The Fire Liaison Committee agreed. There would not be a Financial Asset Merger. Phase two needed to have access to the Fire Companies. That is the reason we came up with different options for Phase two. Calvin Felix submitted Gill Hall’s ‘No’ vote to Option E. The 911 run cards were explained to Mrs. Bucy by Craig Bartolini. She asked him to write out a step by step process. Mrs. Bucy forwarded this information to Gill Hall and they received it. Mr. Bartolini suggested it would take about 12 weeks to get Gill Hall back on the run cards. Gill Hall was given the option to open as 180-3 and open immediately, 24 hours, and not wait 12 weeks for the run cards to be put back in place with their old number, 179. Mrs. Bucy stated the Committee still does not have the Line Officers and their certifications for Gill Hall. Gill Hall counter proposed with the following four points: active independent fire department; restore run cards to reflect the status prior to January 13, 2019; recognize GHVFC as one of two official fire departments for Jefferson Hills (JHFR and GHVFC); any money collected and distributed by Jefferson Hills for prevention/suppression will be distributed equally between the two official fire departments (JHFR and GHVFC). Mrs. Bucy put slides up and asked Mr. Drager to read the numbers on the slides. Mr. Reynolds asked the Fire Liaisons to talk about Plan B. Mrs. Bucy said she doesn’t have or know any Plan B. Residential, Industrial, and Commercial area properties were put on power point slides. The total assessed value was taken and then put into the area where their Fire Department is located. Mr. Reynolds asked how they came up with Gill Hall’s territory? Mrs. Bucy said it’s on the Geoplan, not a run card. Mr. Stinner stated it’s a GIS system, not an Emergency Management Response System.

GENERAL BUSINESS BOROUGH RESIDENTS:

Lori Bartrung – She comes to the meetings to be informed. Mr. Reynolds stated he doesn’t want to create a narrative. Ms. Bartrung felt her time is wasted. She asked whose by-laws Gill Hall would be under. Mrs. Bucy stated their own. Ms. Bartrung asked what it means that their information was wiped out. Mrs. Bucy stated that was done at 911 on the CAD system, that is what was told to me. I live on Waterman Road and they are my fire team, I want them to be able to respond to a fire if there is one at my home, and I urge this Council to open them. Mrs. Bucy stated we were asking for unified standards across the Borough.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked if Floyd Weiss works for a paid Fire Hall or Organization? Mrs. Bucy stated Yes, and he also coordinates all the volunteer fire departments in his vicinity. Mrs. Ruscitto stated if he’s paid it would distort his opinion. Mr. Reynolds stated Floyd Weiss runs the fire department for Harrisburg and this is Jefferson Hills, you’re not comparing apples to apples.

Mr. Hudson – 420 Old Clairton Road – Stated Mrs. Bucy wasn’t the only person who came to the Council Meetings on behalf of Gill Hall. Mr. Hudson stated that Gill Hall didn’t want the truck kept at the old Matthews Bus Garage. The truck was purchased for the Borough Residents and the Residents within Gill Hall area. The garage you want the truck stored in was vandalized, and not secure. Mr. Reynolds stated homeowner’s insurance for all residents in Jefferson Hills Borough will go up because the rating will change as a result of Gill Hall being closed. Mrs. Bucy asked Mr. Hudson to get Council a copy of Gill Hall’s Linemen. Mr. Reynolds would like to know how all the information was wiped out of the system with the county. Mr. Reynolds ask Mr. Stinner if he and the Mayor have been added to the alerts for the County. Mr. Stinner stated the Emergency Management Coordinator is the only person that receives those alerts and Doug Pascoe is currently receiving them until he is trained sometime in November.

Pete Doyle – 420 Old Clairton Road – Mr. Doyle stated this process has been going on for 10 months. I mean a year before that, since Council shut them down. This is month after month after months of coming to these meetings and nothing is changing And I'll be honest, you should all be ashamed of yourselves. Every one of you. This isn't Gill Hall’s fault. I don't see it as JHFR’s fault. I see it as your fault. And at this point, I think you all need to be locked into a room and not come out until this is decided on and they reopen. We can't afford another month to wait for you to make up your minds. What do we have to do? Does the house have to burn down? Do children have to die. Does the school have to burn down before you do something? This is an absolute disgrace for the Borough. And it's time for it for something to happen, because basically what we did this month here was just kicked it into November, which is the 11th month again. If we're going to create the 12-week period starting in November, then we're into next year, and I believe that we have failed in our duties here. But I must give Gill Hall credit. We're very, very close to losing them for good. I mean, I just want everybody in the borough to know that that's a fact. Because of the lawsuit that's going on, that's a lot of money to be spending for somebody who are not paid they’re all volunteers. I don't know what Plan B is. Listen, Mrs. Steffey told me that you guys have a plan B. We need to know when they shut down. Where is the money going to come from? To build a brand-new fire hall to get it trucks and to get it. You're talking millions of dollars.

GENERAL BUSINESS BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mr. Montgomery stated he wanted to touch base on the Agreement they voted on tonight. The two major things that are big benefits to the Borough is the taps. We'll be back online. They can never be severed again unless there's a state mandate. Gateway Engineer will be the overseer of the project. The cost will not get out of control, which will affect the rates. It's going to affect the rate starting in 2023 but minimize that as much as possible.

Mr. Reynolds stated he will keep his comments to the end.

Mrs. Steffey stated she wants to be clear with the vote regarding Gill Hall VFC tonight, they have the option to be up and running tomorrow. We understand they need to take this back to their governing body meeting on Wednesday, but hopefully we will have an answer as quickly as possible. Mrs. Steffey asked Mr. Drager and Mr. Gabriel if the Borough pays for both Workers Compensation and vehicle insurance for all three fire companies? Mr. Felix is shaking his head yes.

Mrs. Ielase stated standards for the fire halls is nothing new. It's not from last Council or from this council. We went through the archives to find out what the standards were all the way around. And it's not like we're saying you have to get them all at one time. We just want everybody evolving. And that's where the probation period came in. Because no job, no volunteer position, any organization with the CEO, such as teachers should stay stagnant. Not only do you get your bachelor's, you must take your state boards, and you must go back and get credit. I never once asked you guys to merge, so don't put me in that category. I already said that our intentions were to open you up as 1 79. My problem at this point of the game right now is nothing has been done on a timely manager man. Period. The probation period has been thrown out the window. You keep saying that we're kicking the can down the field, but we're the ones trying to look for solutions. And every time we give you something or discuss something with you, it doesn't come back to us for 30 days. That's not a timely manner. And I don't know what is going to happen here in the next two months. All I know is communication needs to be improved because I'm done calling around and asking for all the answers. I'm done trying to make something happen. When we've asked for suggestions, they’re 30 days late, I don't get a response from anybody. And then I'm told to take my papers and put them where sun don't shine because I don't need anything. And I have only been on this committee since August and I worked with Calvin. I understand Calvin was the spokesperson. Then Brian got involved in it, and then it was back and forth. Who are we communicating with truly? Who are we supposed to talk? There must be a head of command and it trickles down. I have always been for opening Gill Hall up, and I still am. I'm just not getting why it's a struggle right now to even get started on the run cards or to get any communication. The Library wants to remind everybody for the virtual programs of being expanded to the Children’s Program, their adult and Children’s Yoga weekly and weekly Storytime. The child's craft kid is available for pickup each week. As of October 1st, they began computer usage by appointment only. Lobby pickup is going well. The patrons order online on phone or email at JeffersonHillsLibrary.com. The concept of a community art of festival was brought up by the Recreation Board as a discussion. We're thinking about combining a festival with crafts and games for the kids. There'll be BP checks, CPR classes, flu shots, different mental health organizations. That will be November 7th at Floreffe Fire Hall and November 14th at GBU from 12 to 6. I'd like to put a motion on the table to proceed with the community autumn festivals at this time. Everybody else makes their own money for what they set up for. Mr. Reynolds asked how the social distancing will be handled. Mrs. Ruscitto stated if this is borough sponsored it's a big issue. How far in between the booths? Mrs. Ruscitto stated she just saw it on social media and didn't even really know anything about it. She’s so glad that Ashley’s eager to start these things, but the Rec Board is just a recommending body, Council is the approving body. Mr. Sockman asked how many stations will be set up. Mrs. Ielase said that’s part of the discussion Wednesday. Mrs. Bucy asked if Mrs. Ielase would like to table the motion until after the meeting has occurred. Mrs. Ielase stated she would like to remove the motion and try it again some other time.

Mr. Reynolds asked if anyone was left on the computer. Ms. Duda answered 69 people. I'm not trying to attack a council member or so forth. I'm just trying to explain to you and let you see that a lot of this is just on the narrative that has created for you and some of the information that keeps getting shared with you. And I believe that putting a little bit of pressure on the fellow members that I sit up here with is not necessarily a bad thing. Some of the items that I wrote down here, we talk about we sat here and try to create a negative narrative to Gill Hall’s attempt to be put back on the run card because if they did it this way, it would it would they could be active right away when we actually still don't even know the organizational chart in which the line officers would fall. Who would be covering what territory so forth? It's kind of it's very misleading in the information, but we keep harping on trying to create a negative narrative towards Gill Hall. 12 weeks if it in fact did, and we do have collecting conflicting reports. 12 weeks versus never. I'm not a mathematician, but I know that 12 weeks would have been better to go with what Brian said we would have already been there and done. The three members of council that did get elected in this last election was me, Nicole and Karen and we all stood behind it. We've been here for going into the 11th month, and we still haven't honored what we said here, and we're still fighting over the same stuff. The standards that was talked to and referred to tonight it's being thrown around and anybody that's been paying attention to this can verify we’ve only been talking about the standards for a month, maybe two months. A couple of individuals went back and they found the previous standards that have been in place for a long time that nobody knew about. But we just kept referring to standards, standards, standards. Not once was that ever brought up in the past. Not once was that ever said that there's a preexisting document. Okay don't be misled by suddenly that the standards are some of the things that we need to discuss. As for the truck being put up in Gill Hall, it wouldn't necessarily be a bad thing, but to try and sell you that it's actually going to help you if anybody is from Hunter's Field if you have an individual that's in Gill Hall by the Fire Hall or the school if they have to drive out to the bus garage to pick up a truck to turn around and drive back to Hunters Field to bring you some water to put it out. I don't understand how that goes with the closest between two points is a straight line. When the fire alarm went in the kitchen of the Gill Hall Elementary School, as everybody knows that elementary school has kindergarten, first grade and second graders, you know we should be protecting our youth. If a fire alarm goes off, they're not going to know what to do. Mr. Felix was sitting over at the lawnmower shop at that point in a fire. Calvin had to stand on the sidelines at the lawnmower shop and was not able to go over there. I think that is horrible. I think every one of us here should be embarrassed when we look in the mirror. The access that we hold this up for is very misleading. We've never sat down and I think it has a lot to do with the fact that the seven of us really can't get along. And we're failing on our planning as demonstrated just here with the with the fall issue. You know, I've asked simple questions as what happens if an accident happens, that individual was not a member of their fire company. There are other issues, what if somebody goes in and who's going to handle it if something breaks? We haven't even discussed any of that. I guess there's only one thing for me to do right now, and that's to say thank you for everybody. Listen, thank you all for coming, but I would before I leave, I would like to make a motion that we accept Option F that was displayed up here for Gill Hall and get this in the process and get this fixed and solved once and for all. Can anybody second it? Second by Nicole Ruscitto. Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Montgomery had to leave to go to work, he works 11pm to 7am. Mrs. Bucy stated the biggest thing that I have wrong with Option F is that I do not believe if you have statistical data based on the areas so I am opposed to the last item where it is 50 50 on the money. Mr. Reynolds stated I made a motion that was seconded, and so now we need to know. Mrs. Bucy let me revise my motion. Gill Hall VFC gets their run cards restored back to January 13th, 2019, they get their territory back, they are full independent, and divide the money in thirds. Mrs. Ruscitto seconded the motion. Mrs. Bucy asked Mr. Gabriel are we able to vote on anything without Mr. Montgomery being here? We'll require four votes to pass a motion. Mr. Reynolds moved to adopt option F reactivate Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company as an active independent fire department, restore Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company run cards to reflect the status prior to January 13, 2019, recognize Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company as one off three official fire departments for Jefferson Hills, that being JHFR, 885 Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company and Floreffe and any money collected and distributed by Jefferson Hills for Prevention and Suppression will be distributed equally between the three official fire departments, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto. Mr. Sockman stated Madam Chairman, I'm in favor of a lot of things there except for the last one. My suggestion is we would hold that and think about it until next month, when we have a little bit more time to digested in terms of how that wanted because there's different thoughts and how it could be done. But in order to get the ball rolling a little bit, I think we need to consider some of the other segments in that presentation. Mrs. Bucy stated I’m in agreement with you. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy NO

Vickie Ielase NO

Mr. Reynolds YES

Mrs. Ruscitto YES

Mr. Sockman NO

Mrs. Steffey NO

Motion died 4-2

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 10:44 p.m. on motion by Mr. Sockman, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner

Secretary/Borough Manager