

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, Council Members Ielase, Reynolds, Ruscitto, Sockman, Steffey, Vice President Montgomery, President Bucy and Mayor Cmar answered to roll call. Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Borough Engineer Glistler, Public Works Director Volpe, Police Chief Dziezgowski and Borough Manager Stinner were also present. Mr. Minsterman was absent.

Mrs. Bucy switched the agenda items to do items 6 and 7 first.

Mayor Cmar recognized former Jefferson Hills Police Chief, Eugene Roach for his 10 years of service and presented him with a flag and Proclamation.

Mayor Cmar recognized former Library Director, Jan Reschenthaler for her 24 years of service and presented her with a flag.

#### REPORTS FROM BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

#### BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS

Rod Campus, 611 Cochran Mill Road, I like to know if there is any progress on the demolishing of abandoned house at 613 Cochran Mill Rd. Also, I would like to see if it's possible to have white speed trap lines painted between McElheny and Arch Street, hoping to help with the excessive speeding in this area.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Glistler, I think I had you contact him with the latest update, did you make contact with him?

Mr. Glistler stated I haven't actually called him yet; I didn't have his phone number. I thought I had an old email and just haven't been able to get it yet. But we did look into including that in our CDBG Year 48 applications for demolitions. After talking with Mr. Reis and Mr. Seskey, they were initially under the impression that we had already started some of the legal paperwork that needs to take place. Items such as taking them to the magistrate and having a history documented are important. Therefore, when it comes time to obtain legal clearances that we would be in good position. However, when we checked and looked at the file, we didn't have those record. So, they're actually going to be starting to work on that. Hopefully, next year we can get it into CDBG Year 49.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Campus, if you are listening today, please contact the Borough, and give Mr. Glistler your phone number.

Roxanne Curinga, 1408 Gilmore, stated this is regarding the Resolution No 31-2021 for the demolition of 1412 Worthington Ave. This property has been an eyesore, and I believe it now

to be a health hazard. It has been in this condition for too long and should have been taken care of years ago. It is currently the view from my backyard, and it is a disgrace. The roof has holes in it and windows are broken.

We all take great pains and expense to keep our property in good shape and to have to look at this every day is ridiculous. Please vote to demolish this property.

Mr. Glister stated that was applied for already. One of the things I was going to mentioned under my report at the end of the meeting was that on Friday we did receive notification from SHACOG that our demolition preapplication was approved to move forward to a full application. So, I was going to share that with Council and the public then. So that's slated to go to the full application, we'll get that submitted the beginning of November. They typically don't render their decision until sometime in June 2022. So, if the funding is awarded, the demolition probably wouldn't actually occur until near the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023.

Mr. Montgomery stated it's almost a two-year process just so they understand that.

Don & Norine Thompson, 3004 Phillip Drive, we have been in the neighborhood for five years, and we enjoy the sound of the storm easement; well, we used to enjoy the sound of the storm easement outside our bedroom window. Occasionally in the last few years it has backed up and I've called you folks, and someone's comes down, and they do something over the hill and it's fine. I guess after the last couple of big storms it took three weeks for it to finally dry up and it's overflowing onto the street. It's flooded the front of our yard, and someone has come and marked that, so, I know there's plans. I just haven't heard what the plans are. I've called several times. I even came in person once, and I did get a call back from a gentleman named John from the garage who said he will try to find out what's going on. But I've never really had an official call back about what action is planned. I know you're not miracle workers, we understand that, but it would just be nice to know what's going to be done or what the plans are.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Volpe, do you think that you could investigate this situation?

Mr. Volpe stated we've been there several times. The last time the water company stated they think they have a leak in the yard now and that's who's planning on digging it up and fixing the leak.

Mrs. Thompson stated well, when is that going to take place?

Mr. Volpe stated I have talked to the water company because there was water running. We checked our sewers and everything and they said there was a water break and they're putting it on their repair list to fix.

Mrs. Thompson stated is there someone at the water company we can call to start applying some pressure. What we're concerned about is the cold weather because when the rains come, the front yard gets flooded. So does the driveway, so does the street, because the water goes down and ices. We're here because we need help. Is there's somebody we can call at the water company to pressure to get this done?

Mr. Volpe stated it's best if we call because they probably will never return your call. So, we'll bug them again and get back to you on something.

Mr. Thompson stated if there is a water leak, it's not coming up now. When there was rain, that's when it's evident. I'm not so sure there is a water leak, but I don't know. We're going to trust you folks to try to help us on this. I mean it dried up. So, if there was water leak underneath, why isn't it still coming up? It's been dry the last week or so basically, I'm assuming because there has been no rain.

Mrs. Thompson stated this has really been going on now for six weeks. This started before Labor Day. The utilities did come out and mark up our yard as well as the road with their stickers. This all took place before Labor Day and still nothing's been done.

Mr. Montgomery stated did they dig anything?

Mrs. Thompson stated no, they just marked it. It is what it is, and we have a beautiful home. We're those homes on Worthington that are very nice and the way it is, it's not working anymore. Okay, well if you can apply pressure to the water company than we would greatly.

Mark D'Angelo 5023 Alta Vista Drive, some of you have seen me here before, but I wanted to follow up and revisit my letter to Council from August 19<sup>th</sup> of this year in regard to the proposed UPMC medical complex. I don't want to spend a lot of time discussing it and only have four minutes anyway. But for four years we've been going back and forth, and I just wanted to touch base on my letter of August 19<sup>th</sup> and I feel point number one; the ambiguous language in the Borough Comprehensive Plan opened the door for this proposed hospital complex, and I really think the Borough should be responsible for closing that door or at least forcing some type of action on UPMC's part, so the Borough residents know what the plan is and if we need to do something else. I.E. options may be leaving the Borough. These our homes, this is our little piece of heaven, but it won't be if this hospital goes in.

Number two, nobody's trying to stop AUUE or UPMC from developing their property, but there are more neighborhood friendly options that are available than a full-scale medical complex to be put in the middle of a residential area, especially with the helicopter pad.

Number three, over the past four years, we've seen support from Council between the residents and UPMC. Now is the time to show that you truly support your residents' concerns and if our voices even matter, So, I'm asking you to please vote yes to appeal the PA court ruling that overturned the Allegheny County Commons Court ruling, on the UPMC matter.

Joy Mann, 2621 Ridge Road, I have three things this evening. First, I would like to thank Mr. Stinner for allowing myself and my children to have a collection box at the Borough building as well as the library for Socktober. As well as Mr. Reynolds for donating socks today. Our goal is to collect 200 pairs of socks to donate to Light of Life Rescue Mission for the homeless this winter by the end of October.

There were some discrepancies being put out on social media last week after the fire on Cochran Mill, and I went back to confirm whether or not what was being said was accurate. There were people stating that Gill Hall was never offered a shift crew, which is simply not the case. On January 9, 2019, Councilman Frank Sockman stepped down from his Council chair to speak to audience. Mr. Sockman commented, if Gill Hall VFC decides to join the consolidation, he would

make a motion that two (2) paid firefighters (shift crew personnel) be put at the Gill Hall VFC. So, just to be clear with residents, they were offered a shift crew at one point.

Finally, I spoke to some people who were on the scene at the fire on Cochran Mill I think the residents should know some events that transpired that evening. Councilwoman Melissa Steffey went to the scene and was there alongside members of JHFR, including Chief Chalfant, until 1:00 a.m. The Red Cross was involved but there was some confusion about the need for their assistance and Chief Chalfant offered to pay for a hotel room for residents who had nowhere to go until the Red Cross assistance was straightened out. Councilwoman Steffey also offered to pay for rooms for the displaced residents out of her pocket. THAT is what community is about, not the constant back and forth arguments about the fire halls. JHFR and surrounding community fire departments did their job when they arrived on scene, in under 8 minutes mind you, and put out the fire to keep the residents safe. Councilwoman Steffey's position doesn't require her to go to the scene of a fire to make sure residents are safe and it certainly doesn't require her to offer to pay for strangers to have somewhere to go. As a community, we should be grateful to have JHFR, to know that the individuals within that organization are constantly training and working to do better to make sure that they provide the BEST service they can to the residents.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the monthly payroll, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting September 8, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve minutes of regular meeting September 13, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to adopt the first Wednesday of October as "Energy Efficiency Day", seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to table to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, finishing the term for G. David Parme (Term ending 12/31/24), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to accept the resignation of Richard J. Mainiero from the Borough of Jefferson Hills Environmental Advisory Council, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to advertise open position on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Environmental Advisory Council, finishing the term for Richard J. Mainiero (Term ending 12/31/23), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to renew annual contract for Hoffman Boarding Kennels for animal control services in the Borough of Jefferson Hills in the amount of \$400 per month or \$4,200 per annum, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept the Appendix A from Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company Utility Fee Delinquent Cost Schedule, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to authorize the Solicitor to file a Petition for Allowance of Appeal to the PA Supreme Court, by Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in the case of AUUE, Inc. v. Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board v. Borough of Jefferson Hills and Residents of Jefferson Hills, No. 871 C.D. 2020, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to purchase of a 2013 Bobcat 24” high flow planer attachment from Bobcat of Pittsburgh, for the purchase price of \$8,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to authorize the Jefferson Hills Public Works Department to place orders for one (1) 2022 10-ton dump truck under state Contracted or Government Regulated Pricing to be paid for on or after, January 1, 2022, and applied to the FY2022 Borough Budget, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery asked if it was a Peterbilt?

Mr. Volpe replied yes, it is, we are eliminating all internationals.

Mr. Reynolds moved adopt Res 34-2021 - Conditional Use CU-1-2021 – F45 Franchise Gym, located at 115 Gill Hall Road, seconded by Mrs. Steffey. 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	YES
Mr. Sockman	NO
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Sockman stated I had stated my reasons at the agenda meeting. I said I think that they needed another entrance to the facility. I think it's going to be too complicated. And also, I'm concerned about the number of parking spots, so therefore that's why I voted no.

Mrs. Ielase moved reappropriate funds from 2021 budget to the 2022 budget and authorize the Jefferson Hills Police Department to place an order for one (1) 2022 Ford Police Interceptors, and related police equipment, due to the cancellation of their vehicle in 2021 in accordance with

the motion from the September meeting to purchase two vehicles, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$64,930.00 for work completed on the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repair Year 9 project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to adopt Resolution No. 29-2021 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 48 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$24,863.00 for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 4 Project estimated at \$38,250.00 with a Borough share of \$13,387.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 30-2021 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 48 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$86,157.00 for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 5 Project estimated at \$132,550.00 with a Borough share of \$46,393.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 31-2021 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 48 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$35,100.00 for the Demolitions at 102 Arch Street, 1412 Worthington Avenue, and 1420 High Street estimated at \$54,000.00 with a Borough share of \$18,900.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mrs. Steffey moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2021 declaring the structures proposed for demolition at 102 Arch Street, 1412 Worthington Avenue, and 1420 High Street as blighted structures, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the Work Authorization dated September 28, 2021, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough in the preparation of plans and specifications for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades Ph. 3 project and the Tepe Park ADA Upgrades Ph. 1 project in the amount not to exceed \$13,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Work Authorization dated September 28, 2021, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough in the preparation of plans and specifications for the Allegheny County Act 152 Jefferson Hills Demolition project in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously

Mrs. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 33-2021 directing distribution of the Borough's allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid for 2021 in the amount of \$278,242.39 along with the Borough's responsibility of \$299,934.61 totaling the Borough's MMO obligation of \$578,177.00 for 2021, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously

## 31. Reports

### Fire Chief

Chief Chalfant stated good evening, Madam President and Council. I would just like to tell you we completed 28 hours of structural burn training over the last two weeks up at the old Matthews bus garage property. The property was donated to us by Kaclik Builders. The guys went through a lecture, wet line drills burned for eight hours on October 2nd. We were there well into the evening, and then we repeated that process on Thursday of last week. We burned this past Saturday. I think we're up until roughly 2:00 – 3:00 o'clock in the morning, making sure the hot spots didn't catch the woods and stuff on fire. So, its 28 hours of invaluable training. I know a lot of residents called in, they posted pictures. I heard one time it looked like a volcano erupted in Jefferson Hills come across the police radio. We had roughly 22 volunteers there between the two days just out of Jefferson Hills. We also offered the training to Elrama, Elizabeth Borough Glassport Borough, City of Clairton, Pleasant Hills Borough, Broughton Borough, and Whitehall Borough. They will all present. A lot of neighboring municipalities got to come in and train with us as well. I wanted to let the residents know all the health department permits were completed. It was under a state authorized class through the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, so, everything was on the up and up.

Additionally, I know last month it was asked if I can turn over all our training records and our certificates. As I said before, it's too much to print. However, I did bring my laptop if we can hook it up to the overhead projector. If anybody has any questions, I'll love to show it to you electronically of all our certifications and everything that we do in our organization to keep track of everything.

Mrs. Bucy stated I didn't get to go up to the burn on October 2<sup>nd</sup> because I was out of town, but I did go up on October 9<sup>th</sup>. I did dress and went in with three Firefighter Ones in the burning building. The one thing that I found out was that immediately my face mask was totally covered with smoke and actually how dark it is in a facility when you have that much smoke in it. I, as fire liaison did participate in that, and I was impressed. I would also like to say that Southeast Regional EMS was up there taking blood pressures and making sure everyone's heartbeat and oxygen supply was on task. I think Munhall Borough also assisted in rehab when you were coming out of the building. So, I'd like to give them a shout out also.

Chief Chalfant stated as you can see by this is a program that we purchased for emergency reporting, any time we get a dispatch for an incident, it automatically populates in here. As the units mark enroute, the 911 center is acknowledging the times and acknowledging that the units are calling enroute. It automatically dumps the times into this program. So that's one less step that we have to do. It actually becomes more official since we don't have to go in and load this up by hand.

Going on here to our training records, I can go over the ones we posted in here. This is all the training that we have conducted for the year of 2021, and I can go back, many years for as long as we've been putting these in here. I can also go over here to the certifications. When I go by certifications; and these are certifications, not certificates of attendance. These are certifications that are recognized by the state. So, if you look at where everybody who is Interior Structure Firefighters, that's putting on an SCB and going inside, we require them to have Firefighter One

at a minimum. we currently have 50 Firefighter Ones listed in our roster. It gives you the date that they received them. Due to multiple people entering these in, there is some inconsistency of whether the certificates were scanned in or not, but they all been verified through having copies of certificates back at our station and we're working on moving them too electronic.

Firefighter Two, we have 18 people certified in Firefighter Two. We have some people certified in Fire Inspectors One and Inspector Two. Out of those are members, we also have 13 members who are Fire Instructor Ones, two who have proceeded onto Fire Instructor Two's. Fire Officer One, we have seven. Fire Officer Twos, we have three. So, these are all national certifications where people actually have taken a test and moved ahead to be evaluated for their skills and got through the hazardous materials operations or refreshers, Hazmat Technicians, and all the Ice Rescue people. Any questions you have I can gladly pull them up and show you exactly what we have.

Mr. Reynolds asked could you go back to that list with the Firefighter Ones? Could you tell me how many of those were Floreffe volunteer firemen?

Chief Chalfant asked, does that really matter sir? Floreffe decided to merge operationally. There's one on there and his name is Eric Welsh, but that really doesn't matter. They're the ones who decided to merge so that we become one. We're becoming one organization. You decided to single us out, so I'll answer your questions.

Mr. Reynolds stated I live in Floreffe area and wanted to know how many of their firemen down there were Firefighter One's.

Chief Chalfant stated they have one, but everybody who is stationed down there that are 24 hours a day have it.

Mrs. Bucy stated thank you Chief Chalfant, I know that this has been asked numerous times. I appreciate that being put up on the screen. As you know, people who want to have individual names can be addressed in a private executive session. I know that people did not want to have their addresses on there because they felt their personal addresses were personal information. So, thank you very much.

EMS

Mrs. Bucy stated I was out of town at the last agenda meeting, and I did zoom in. Chris Baldwin very expediently fixed up our Facebook, but I know it was very difficult to hear. So, in the event that we might need a recap, because this was important issue, could you kindly recap what you said last Wednesday? If you have anything new, then please add it.

Chief Pascoe stated I don't have my notes with me that I had last Wednesday so I wasn't prepared for that, but I will do my best. I came to the Council agenda meeting last Wednesday to address the social media rants going on between the Gill Hall VFC Facebook page where they posted at one o'clock in the morning that they had brought a new ambulance service partnership into our Borough. Southeast Regional EMS had no clue of, and apparently the vast majority of Council didn't either. So, I started doing some more research, started calling places finding out what's going on in the EMS world and it quickly became the hot topic. All of my friends from

Baldwin EMS, Brentwood EMS, Tr-Community Self that provide services to South Park, Rostraver, ourselves, McKeesport, we've all seen this as a clear and present danger and it's like, what in the world are they thinking? What are they doing?

Then, an article came out in the Tribune Review where they said they were going to be doing emergency and non-emergency work. They were going to be doing transports overnight for Allegheny Health Network, and whatever else. In our research, we found out they weren't in a contract with AHN, so that was a misrepresentation, one of many. Allegheny 911 had no knowledge of them, they don't have a station number, they have no way to contact them. They don't know who these people are and the information that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is likewise as incomplete. But, what I can tell you is, apparently it's legal in this state to grab a license for an ambulance, if you meet the minimum requirements and be qualified. My conversation with the mayor who contacted Calvin Felix, stated that it was nothing more than a garage rental of space. Well, I kind of find that hard to believe because the Vice-President, who didn't speak, then said that he was going to give us the other 50% of the information, whatever he was allowed too legally. What is legal about renting garage space as far as the contract goes?

I got a phone call from Mr. Perez, who is the Operational Chief of this outfit. He called me the morning after the Council meeting to address the inconsistencies, and I thanked him for it. Number one, he claims that the Tribune Review grossly misrepresented his comments, and they were highly inaccurate with everything that they put in the paper. I don't know, I'm not an editor. He said we are working with Allegheny Health Network; we're just waiting for the paperwork to go through so we can do these transports. I called Allegheny Health Network yet again and have another meeting tomorrow. They deny any and all affiliations with this group.

Then I said to him, you're here for some reason, you're either trying to get into all of our nursing homes, I mean, listen, the police are funded 100% by taxpayers' money, the Fire department is funded greatly by taxpayers' money, we receive less than 8% of our 100% budget from direct municipal support, I'm here to help you and I need you to help us. This company is going to come in, they're going to take our contracts off of us. We do the non-emergency transport, all of us out of this hospital. So, that's why I took this head on.

The third thing he says, by the way, the other thing we're going to do is interface in the community. I said, what do you mean you're going to interface in the community? He says we're going to be at the Gill Hall VFC, and we're going to offer free CPR, first aid and evac classes. I said, oh, really? No, you're not. That's our responsibility. We offer six CPR classes a year here. We offer annual classes free. We've worked with the Borough for years as you guys know, we filled them up completely when we have them right over in this room here. You know what you're getting with us. He says, well, maybe I misspoke, imagine that. He says Gill Hall VFC is going to host the classes, they are going to run the classes. I'm only going to give them certified instructors. I said, no you're not. He says, are you really going to sit here on the phone and tell me that you would oppose a fire department providing free education? I said absolutely, I wouldn't dream of having a class teaching people how to burglar proof their homes, that's this gentleman's responsibility. I wouldn't get online and teach people how to use a fire hydrant, that's their responsibility and it's my responsibility to teach our residents health and safety. And that's why I'm asking you to stand behind me on this.

I didn't want to get in this fight and Keith I'm going to say this because we're friends, I stayed out, I stood here, every one of you heard me and I've said I'm not getting involved, I've sat here and said it's indifferent, this is a fire department issue, this is not an EMS issue. But you've made it one and you've encouraged me. When I talked to that night on the phone, what did you say? You'd rather me take a position then just sit back and become part of the problem not saying anything.

Mr. Reynolds stated if you want to and if you're going to quote past conversations that me and you discussed, then there were residents that questioned your response time and I said, you and Calvin agreed that if there was a snowstorm or so forth, that you could use that because the residents that's out there in Washington Square, Patriot Point, the whole way out Gill Hall, that is a far road for you to travel. I asked that maybe you should explore. That was where this conversation started. Then it turned with, you said that you would just absolutely, you know this, is you're not going to get involved because you're going to protect your own. To compare your funding to the police or the firemen, you also got to be fair to the residents and the police do not bill a resident whenever they come out. The Fire department does not, do you?

Chief Pascoe stated and most of the time that's at a loss.

Mr. Reynolds stated I'm asking that's when you're just representing that funding that way, a resident may interpret that to say, wow, okay, hold on, why is there such a discrepancy. What they need to know and understand is you are also billing the residents.

Chief Pascoe stated what they need to know is that this Council stands behind Southeast Regional EMS. It doesn't support bringing fly by night organizations in here to cause confusion to our residents.

Mr. Reynolds stated Doug, you're making statements that they're a fly by night organization.

Chief Pascoe stated okay I'll make the statement they've been in business since June of 2021, Keith. Why is your name always involved with his problems in public safety?

Mr. Reynolds stated I don't know, Doug, maybe I'm the one that's willing to ask the questions. If they're bringing trained people into here, sorry Doug you might lose a transporter two, but you know what, maybe the money that we are paying you, you know when there's residents that sit there in their yards for a half hour because you're busy. That call then goes to, ask the residents, is there anybody here that's live in the Gill Hall area, ask them if it's okay if you're tied up in a non-emergency transport. That when that call comes in now, they may have to wait for an ambulance to come from Baldwin or the other company you name the other day. If they're there grasping their chest looking for assistance and you're on a non-emergency transport that their next support may have to come from Rostraver. Are the residents in Gill Hall fine with knowing that that's the course that your support is going to go through?

Chief Pascoe stated first of all, it's been that way forever, Baldwin is five minutes away from certain areas, Keith, number one. Number two, we work with our fire departments and our police department, and I'll tell you a quick story. After last Wednesday night when I let you all know that we're working even closer now than ever with JHFR, less than 12 hours later a resident

went into sudden cardiac arrest at six a.m. in the morning. Three police officers, Jefferson Fire Rescue and Southeast Regional ambulances were all on scene within 10 minutes. He was successfully revived. He made it to the hospital with a blood pressure and pulse. He was stabilized by the experts in Jefferson's E.R. and subsequently to the ICU. What we gave that family was hope and opportunity. We don't have a problem with the EMS. You're making one by bringing a company in here when you can't even get a straight answer, depending on who you talk to.

Mr. Reynolds asked who brought them in?

Chief Pascoe stated I'd like to know. Why don't you answer that, Keith? You're the only one on Council that made a public statement in a Tribune Review. You always want to shift the blame to everybody else. Why don't you take some kind of blame?

Mr. Reynolds asked what did I say?

Mr. Pascoe stated you said that you hope that this opens the eyes of these Council people to reopen Gill Hall VFC, and that is as a political of a statement as you can make. This shouldn't be about us and the fire department.

Mrs. Bucy stated Chief Pascoe, I would like to give a little personal example of the importance of your organization and, actually Chief Dziezgowski can speak to this. I think it was maybe two weeks ago, I got a call from Chief Dziezgowski personally, and I thought he was calling me about a borough issue. President Bucy, we had a 911 call for your address. I said really. He says yes, your husband's doctor has issued a 911 call welfare check of our police department to your address because your husband's doctor from the VA hospital is panicking that your husband is passed out. I ran up the steps and he was sitting there watching TV. I said what is this 911 call about. I had Chief Dziezgowski get on the phone with my husband. Evidently the VA read his pulse and said he had a pulse of 37, and they didn't want him driving. They wanted him to come to the hospital immediately. Well, like several men that might be a little stubborn, he wanted to take a shower before he went. I had my son there sitting by the bathroom door while he took a shower. I said I would get an ambulance to take him if I had too. He then asked me to take him to the VA hospital myself. He's a veteran. That's where his oncologist are and his cardiologist is. I took him in to the hospital, and then he proceeded to stay there for six days.

When people in this Borough call 911, and I will speak for myself and maybe the other Council members can agree, however they see fit. 911 means to me an emergency. When my husband's doctor called 911, he meant an emergency. He knew to call the police department. The police department knew to have you on standby. That's the way we operate in this Borough for the safety of the people in this community. There's a system that is intact. It has been working. Has been successful. I don't want any confusion about this, and I also know that I, as president, and appoint people to sit on your board. Southeast Reginal EMS is part of our emergency management and the primary person I appointed to it was the mayor. She has been coming successfully to your meetings. I also appointed Councilman Reynolds. He is supposed to be in support of your organization, if he sits on your board. Is that correct?

Chief Pascoe stated the mayor's our primary voting member, but in her absence, Keith is a voting member.

Mrs. Bucy stated I may have to address that with you because if someone is not going to support our own Southeast Regional EMS, then I am going to have to have somebody else sit on the board.

Mr. Reynolds stated Karen, at no point in time did I say that I do not support them? All I said was that if Gill Hall VFC wants to bring in an organization to rent out a bay to do non-emergency transports and so forth, who are we to stand in the way of that? Doug, did I ever say that I didn't support you?

Chief Pasco stated no, you never told me you didn't support me.

Mr. Reynolds stated Karen, don't act like I don't support him.

Mrs. Bucy stated another point is, we have ordinances. we took an oath, and this is not in reference to Keith, we took an oath when we were sworn in to uphold the ordinances of this Borough. One of the ordinances is when we have people that go from a residential area to a new conditional use, ordinances must be upheld. An example that we've had just recently has been the Jewish synagogue that has remained vacant. The owners went through the process. They applied, and we told them exactly what we needed them to do. Has there been an application for this conditional use? I don't think anything's ever been submitted to anything.

Mrs. Steffey stated it's been a week. Have we received anything?

Mr. Stinner stated not to my knowledge.

Mr. Montgomery stated it would be a variance request.

Mr. Reynolds stated the Borough Manager called over to Gill Hall VFC and told them to remove the ambulance, and Gill Hall VFC had it removed.

Mr. Stinner stated I didn't call; I'd like to make that clarification. Actually, Tom Perez called me to try to clear up the same comments that he contacted Chief Pascoe about. I informed him that he would need to make application to our zoning hearing board. The EMS is not a permitted use in the R-2 zoning district. Also, that they would also need to apply for an occupancy permit. The area in which the ambulance would be located would have to have an occupancy inspection by our zoning officer.

Mrs. Steffey stated so, at this time, do we know if this service is running?

Mr. Stinner stated we don't know. I'm unaware. I have not heard anything to the contrary. I have not heard that they have not turned in an application as far as I know.

Mrs. Bucy stated well, I want to once again echo my support for your organization. I think it's well run. I think it's well managed. I stand behind Southeastern Regional EMS.

Chief Pascoe stated to the residents, dial 911, you'll get the help, you'll get it from all three vetted services.

Chief Chalfant continued his report

It was also brought to my attention that there were several posts on social media in regard to the apartment building fire on Cochran Mill Road. I have the official print out here from the 911 Center. That call was received at 20:39.33, which makes it at 8:39.33. The first apparatus from Jefferson Hills calling enroute at 8:40.33, they were on the road in a minute. The first arriving apparatus was at 20:47.56. In just under eight minutes. The first truck was on the scene, I pulled in right behind, actually, Broughton's Chief pulled in right behind them, and I pulled in right behind Broughton's Chief and assumed command. So, under eight minutes from the time 911 was called.

The resident said they lost her power 45 minutes before the call came in. So approximately 45 minutes prior to that, the power went out. The fire started sometime within that's 45 minutes and the roof is still on that building when we left. The second arriving piece was Pleasant Hill's engine, who couldn't make the grade because of the front bumper grinding. I asked Broughton's engine to pull over to allow our ladder truck to make an attempt to get up in to have a ladder in front of the building. Due to the topography of the roadway, that ladder truck could not make it up in there. I can assure you, had residents been hanging out the windows, we would have ripped the front bumper off that truck getting it up in there to save them, but everybody was accounted for and out of the building. We then tried to get Broughton's engine up in to have a second piece, and due to topography, they cannot get their engine up in. So, to clarify for the residents out there, because someone is spreading false information, engine two out of Floreffe was there first with three Firefighter Ones on it, followed by Pleasant Hills, followed by Broughton's engine which pulled over to hit the plug to allow our ladder truck to come by, and my first engine out of station one was right behind our ladder. There was sufficient manpower, sufficient apparatus on scene. We hand Jacked some hoses, we carried some ladders, but the fire went out in a timely fashion and no one got hurt. I just want to put that out to the residents. It wasn't the 20 minutes that was being displayed all over social media.

Mr. Reynolds asked who was the first truck there?

Chief Chalfant stated Floreffe was there in seven minutes and then Pleasant Hills who was dispatched the same time as we were.

Mr. Reynolds asked then when did Broughton get there about.

Chief Chalfant stated I can tell you, I have it all right here. 270 Engine called on scene at 20:52 and our truck caught on scene at 20:54. So, the ladder truck was two minutes behind Broughton, which they stood by the hydrant to allow our truck to pass so we can get it up inside. But unfortunately, due to topography, we couldn't get it up there.

I addressed that with Mark Reis asking if we have any ordinances or anything like that before we issue an occupancy permit back into that apartment building to get the driveway fixed. Unfortunately, due to the outdated fire code that we have here in the Borough, we don't have anything to stand on. I would like the Borough Council to work with Mr. Reis to adopt International Fire Code so he has some teeth and some authority to make these places and these new residents going into the Borough and these new businesses up to code. With the International

Fire Code, you have to be able to have every apparatus to be able to maintain entrance into those buildings. Right now, he doesn't have any authority to enforce anything.

Engineer

The only thing I wanted to add tonight, which was already touched upon briefly at the start of the meeting, is that I received notification from SHACOG that are CDBG Year 48 demolition preapplication has been approved to move forward towards full application so that's at least a step in the positive direction. That came in on Friday. Then this afternoon I also received notice from SHACOG that the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades Phase 4 Project, that preapplication was approved to move towards full application. The Andrew Reilly Memorial Park 885 Upgrades Phase 5 Project, we haven't heard anything with regards to that preapplication, so it hasn't been denied but it also hasn't been approved to move towards a full application.

Consulting Engineer

Not present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing further

Public Works Director

Nothing further

Chief Dziezgowski

With Halloween coming up on Sunday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Jefferson Hills Police Department will have extra police out to patrol residential areas to make sure that the children are safe. The officers will have some candy with them so don't hesitate the kids coming up to the police cars and say hi to them.

Also, we are at the tail end of what's called the National Faith and Blue weekend, which happened over last weekend, from the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> tonight. The premise behind this movement is that law enforcement and faith institutions are the key pillars of each community when they work together neighborhoods thrive. I just want to remind everyone that the Jefferson Hills Police Department continues its community outreach daily to help this community prosper.

Mayor Cmar

I will be hosting a meet and greet for the residents to meet our Chief of Police Chief Dziezgowski. It's scheduled for Thursday October 28th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and it will be held in the community room right across from the library. I hope to see the residents show up and we will have refreshments. Please RSVP [gduda@jeffersonhills.net](mailto:gduda@jeffersonhills.net)

A flu clinic will be held by the Southeast regional E.M.S. on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. It's a drive through flu clinic.

Like the Chief said, Trick or Treating will be held Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., residents wishing to participate should leave their lights on their front porch lights on.

I want to thank all our first responders for their hard work and dedication.

Solicitor

For the record, Council did meet an executive session prior to this voting meeting regarding one personnel matter and one litigation matter.

Manager

Nothing further

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Montgomery stated:

I talked to a member of Council in Whitehall and two years ago they converted to automatic garbage removal. Every resident gets a 90-gallon can for garbage and 90-gallon cans for recycling. We looked at that option when that contract was adopted here and opted not to do it. It saves them a lot the money. In Whitehall that saved them \$1 million. Well, that's got me thinking that we should reevaluate our position. At the time, Charlie Bennett asked Council if you wanted to go into that and you just can't go back. Now in some areas it won't work because of the way the road is so they would remain with the current system. But if we can save getting close to \$1 million dollars on garbage removal, I think it's something we need to look at. I think it's worthwhile. It's worked in Whitehall. John's going to talk to waste management and see if that's possible.

Another thing came today, and I just got it, so I haven't read it as carefully as I usually do. But there was a settlement that came from the State Attorney General's office that the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen and one manufacturer, Janssen pharmaceutical, which is part of Johnson and Johnson have made a settlement for the opioid crisis and the money will be earmarked for participating states and subdivisions to immediate the impacts of the opioid crisis. The settlement funds were divided to providing the states that participated in the lawsuit, Pennsylvania being one of them. So, each state's share of the abatement funds was then further allocated within each state according to the agreement between the states and subdivisions. The bottom line on this is that we need to apply for this money for opioid treatment. They say the average, from what I understand, I made some calls, the average is \$100,000 for this purpose. So, this is quite a windfall for us, and I eagerly look at this to help with the LEAD Program that the Manager is working on to stem drug abuse. So, I'll give you the form John and we can just, I understand, file for this.

Mr. Sockman stated:

I think as a Borough we are very fortunate, and I mean it sincerely, to have Southeast Regional and Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue as a service provider for our community. When you look around and see what's available in other communities, yes, they are there, but they're not as fast, and they're not as responsive and attuned to our needs as they are. My hat's off to all of you gentlemen and the ladies that are involved, appreciate your service very much. Thank you.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated:

Chief Chalfant, in regard to the International Fire Code. I just want to let you know that I've been trying to pursue that. The Borough also joined the International Maintenance Code as well because that gives us more authority to make things right and do things the right way within the Borough. I've been working on that for sure.

I do though want to talk about CMA one more time because I asked Jon for some numbers. This is not Mr. Drager providing me these numbers, he did after I inquired and asked for these numbers. We joined a lawsuit with Clairton Municipal Authority, for those of you that don't know what that is, it's every time you flush your toilet pretty much, you flush your money to the sewer authority. And they take a lot of money. Certain members here voted to join a lawsuit with Clairton Municipal Authority and upstream communities. And so far, I just want the public to know that the solicitor on that, his name is Kerry Fraas, has collected \$32,000 in revenue for that so far to work on that project. And we've been paying Gateway \$13,300 thus far, and this hasn't been that long, to babysit the Clairton Municipal authority to make sure that they're doing things on the up and up, which they're still not. An original project that was supposed to be \$44 million has now gone well over \$70 million dollars and that's concerning to me as a resident and as your representative up here. The CMA has continuously increased their cost. Now they're in the process for a Phase Two bond request with Pennvest that's going to be between 23-33 million. I asked Mr. Minstermen to go down there, they have a reserve fund, the Clairton Municipal Authority, to get numbers on their reserves so that they could maybe help the Borough municipalities, the participating municipalities pay for this project, and he can't get the numbers.

So, to me, I ask, why are we paying them to be down there when we can't get the answers that we need? That to me means, eventually there's going to be a rate increase. I mean, people can say that that's my opinion, but if you do the math on the money, that's right now happening, it's destined to happen, and I don't want to be any part of that. With this Pennvest loan, I'm not sure exactly how they're going to get it because they've had altercations in the past, things have happened, they have not the best reputation. I'm wondering if they're going to want us two possibly hold this this Pennvest loan because we have good credit here within the Borough. I have a lot of concerns with this. I haven't heard from Mr. Fraas at all. There's been no communication directly about this project or what's forthcoming and I just want the residents to know that I voted no for this. I will continue to not support this.

Mr. Reynolds stated the only thing that I would have added so that the residents know is an original round of funding that you spoke of was for them to in fact cover both Phase One and Phase Two, but they overspend the money and spend it all in Phase One. That's why this whole

second round of funding is needed. They had enough money to do both phases, they overspend it now, it becomes our problem and your problem.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I don't think that Clairton's intentions at all were to sell this facility, they wanted to have ownership of it, make it right and clear out all the nonsense and garbage that's been happening. I know that there are people up here and this is where the things are difficult for me because I respect everybody that sits up here. But politically there are differences with things, and this is where those differences surface for me. I know that people voted to join this lawsuit. When I look at these numbers, I can't justify that being the case. I'm personally glad that I didn't vote Yes.

Mrs. Steffey stated:

I was just going through my packet and the Borough Manager's report, there was a letter in there that was sent on October 4th I think, and it had today as the deadline. Just checking to see if we got the Knox box keys back.

Mr. Stinner stated we did not.

Mrs. Steffey stated Chief Dziezgowski, it states you as second person to receive if Mr. Stinner was not here, have you received them?

Chief Dziezgowski stated negative.

Mrs. Bucy stated Councilwoman Steffey, I think you need to identify what Knox box keys means.

Mrs. Steffey stated well let's have chief Chalfant explain.

Chief Chalfant stated the Knox Box system, several years ago, the Jefferson Hills E.M.A. entered into a contract with the company called Knox Box Co, a national company throughout the United States. They manufacture secure boxes. Jefferson EMA was assigned a key code, so, if anybody calls up and orders a Knox box, I was the Deputy EMA Coordinator, I handled that project, they would email me or contact me stating they want to purchase a Knox Box for their business, residence, or whatever, whoever wanted to participate. I would send them an email request to Knox Box to authorize the sale of that. The only reason why it goes that route is that we get notified as the fire department that this resident or business is participating in this program, and it goes into our list. Once the business receives that box, it's their responsibility to mount it. It's so we're not doing any damage to the building, they have to hire somebody that mounts and secure boxes. Once they mount the box, they notify us, we come down, we open up the box, we put the keys into the box to their business and then we go ahead and secure it.

Right now, we have three keys that are unaccountable. Former Fire Chief and EMA Coordinator Andrew Tomer sent requests to Gill Hall to overturn the keys since they were no longer responding agency. At one point of time, I believe in a meeting up at our fire station. Councilman Reynolds says he was going to get the keys back for us. I don't know who has them right now. So, I'm still the Deputy EMA Coordinator, but I asked Mr. Stinner, can we please find

out where these keys are because if they don't become accountable, I'm going to turn all the keys I have in my fire station back into EMA and the system is going to be useless because I have three keys floating around out there that I don't have account for. I'm not going to have those us being blamed for breaking into somebody's business even though the business all have burglar alarms and we don't have the security codes to them. If someone does go in, it's going to trip the burglar alarm, and I'm not going to get the fingers pointed at us.

Mr. Montgomery stated Chief, with those keys you can go into any business with them?

Chief Chalfant stated just a business who participates in a program and the school district. So, if they get into the school district boxes then there's the keys inside there that allows access into the school highly not advisable because you're on camera, every square into the building you go into. But yes, that's what these boxes are for. Allows the fire department to show up, get in, if it's an incipient stage fire we catch, which is just starting, we can catch it small before it grows into something large. We don't have to bust down any doors or cause any unnecessary damage. So that's what the new Knox Box system is for.

Mr. Reynolds stated my question would be is Gill Hall still recognized as the Fire department by the state of Pennsylvania?

Chief Chalfant replied That's not for me to answer.

Mr. Reynolds stated is Gill Hall still recognized as a 501C3 charity active with the I. R. S.? Deron, when we removed them as a council off the run cards, because again, there is no certification, that was magically thrown around here, that word, was that temporary? Was, was the terminology temporarily removing them from there?

Solicitor Gabriel stated, I believe so, I believe it was referred to the commission.

Mr. Reynolds stated with Gill Hall just being temporarily, maybe you want to bring that up with Mr. Felix and the members of Gill Hall.

Mrs. Steffey stated we sent them a certified letter with the deadline for today and there's no Knox Box keys which is concerning because that is a safety feature. What I'm saying is there they may be recognized Keith, but they are not running on calls.

Mr. Reynolds stated there are only temporarily taken off. I can understand why they wouldn't want to give up their stuff.

Mrs. Steffey stated It doesn't matter whether you understand it or not, it's property of somebody else just like the iPads.

Mr. Stinner stated it was indicated in the letter that the keys would be returned to Gill Hall if they ever recertified by the Borough.

Mrs. Steffey stated so I think with the deadline for today that we should move forward with some sort of criminal charges Chief. However, that needs to be taken because safety concerns and

things of this nature are just spiraling out of control. I think that some things need be put a stop to with some sort of action instead of sending certified letters to just get ignored.

Chief Dziezgowski stated we will evaluate it.

Mrs. Ielase stated:

I just wanted to remind everybody about the upcoming programs at the library. Wednesday night and Saturday mornings will be yoga. There will be a CPR certification course, and you can make an appointment to read to a therapy dog. Everything's on the new website, [www.jeffersonhillslibrary.org](http://www.jeffersonhillslibrary.org). Make sure everybody stops in because they we as a Borough get things in return for more people we have in the library.

Mr. Reynolds stated:

I got a question here for Mr. Hutson, and I certainly didn't want to go this route and I certainly didn't want to keep us here, but obviously, you see this meeting has went in this direction. Mr. Hutson, did you received any formal apology for the Borough's Code Enforcer trespassing on Gill Hall's property? Did you receive any formal apology for the Code Enforcer stealing your goods while he was trespassing? It's just a simple it's just a yes or no answer.

Mr. Hutson stated I did have communications with the officer who took the initial report. He did tell me that it was brought up to the Borough Manager and that the person who removed the sign did not have permission from the Borough to remove the sign and it would be addressed internally. That was it. From Borough Council or anybody else on the Borough, no, we have not had any official recognition.

Mr. Reynolds stated so, you did not receive an apology for somebody trespassing on your property and stealing your goods. So, thank you very much, Mr. Hutson.

Unfortunately, I think I have to do this again. I'm going to make a motion here in a second, the reason why I'm making this motion is. I'm going to make a motion here in a second, just basically under the urging of, I've talked to employees up here, I've talked to residents at length, the one thing that we always seem to get lost up here on this Council is just basic common sense. When I had some people ask me that, but basic common sense is for that organization over there. I went and I took a drive from Gill Hall to the entrance of Washington Square because you know, that's where that one incident happened. It was .5 miles. 885 from their fire department it was 5.4 Floreffe it was 4.4. And those are hard numbers, I still got pictures of it. So, then you get into the common sense and say, wouldn't it be best if we have something there, that's not costing the borough a dime. When we decided to pull their off of the insurance, that's an umbrella policy, it didn't cost the Borough anything, we didn't receive any savings. All we did is we chose to pull an organization, and their funding away, their insurance away. It's no cost savings and we put the residents at risk. So, to me that just doesn't make common sense and I just can't, never could wrap my head my head around it, Again, Chief Chalfant did confirm today, there was always question of, what Floreffe had, what Gill Hall had, so forth. Chief Chalfant confirmed it for everybody that Floreffe only had one Firefighter One. As far as my knowledge, you know that Firefighter One has stopped responding to any of the calls down there at Floreffe. So, it's actually zero. I know that we

have listings of Firefighter One for the Gill Hall area. So, Gill Hall, in fact, always did have more people than Floreffe. If it was just that Floreffe agreed to the merge and turned their assets over. So, for that reason based off of Chief Chalfant telling us that Floreffe never had any more trained firefighters than what Gill Hall did based off of it doesn't cost us sending money to put them back on the insurance, give them their workman's comp based on the actual travel in between different stations in some of those areas. I mean, if common sense would be if we were to have a race, pick any three of your Council members, one would leave Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company, one would leave 855, one would leave Floreffe, we would walk to there like an old school a race. You would have to think that the one from Gill Hall is going to win. So, for that reason, I would like to make a motion that we reactivate Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company as an independent fire hall to Allegheny County 911 run cards.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I would like to explain why I'm not going to second tonight. Because I know what the vote count would be, and everybody knows what the vote count would be. And it's not that I don't support Gill Hall because I do support Gill Hall and it's not that I don't respect JHFR because I have the utmost respect for JHFR. This has just gone on far too long. But I will say this, there are a lot of things that the public doesn't know about. Things that happen behind the scenes. There's a lot of clandestine actions that don't need to take place. I asked for Mr. Seskey to be present here this evening because I wanted to ask him what would possess him to take the signs from Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Department. He could not make it here this evening, but I still would like to have a conversation with him about that. He also gave Gill Hall Fire Department of citation for weeds in the back of the fire department where nobody can see the weeds at all, when I have a neighbor who has grass up to the window cell in the front yard. So, those are the little things that I am going to tell you with this back and forth that are out of hand. You talked about the Knox Box keys being out of hand and let's take legal action. Well, I think Gill Hall could probably take legal action too because they had something stolen from them, if they chose to pursue that. I know they're different items but it's the same situation. I am just frustrated and tired with all of the back and forth. That's all I have without causing disrespect for the people that serve, for the people that volunteer because I do have the utmost respect for you and that.

Mrs. Steffey stated it doesn't happen very often. Where I agree with Councilman Reynolds, I'll put that out there, but I agree with him. Common sense, right? So, I have this nice little Right-to-know that was just sent to me by the County. Allegheny County says the following is an official Right-to-Know time response log from Allegheny County Division of 911. The dates are January 2017 to December 2018. I went through every single page highlighted. Do you want to know what these response times are specifically for Gill Hall Fire Department when they were last activated and running? 177 calls in between January 2017 December 2018. I'm going to go with the good news. Eight minutes or less response times, they had attended 60 calls. Eight minutes or less seems to be the standard as from what I learned in the fire academy is you want to be on scene eight minutes or less. So, but I went through each individual address and Councilman Reynolds, you're talking about your race to Washington Square, who would get there first. Ten minutes from Gill Hall Fire Department to Green Drive. We have eight minutes or over 89 calls, where it took them eight minutes or more to show up. We're talking 13 minutes, we're talking 15 minutes for crashes, these are from a Right-to-know, anybody can file it. So, you talk about a race and getting there? Yes, I want them to be open and active as well under a merger, under one set of rules, under one set of operating standards because going through the academy, I see how important that is. You cannot risk confusion when you're on a fire scene. I feel that there would be confusion. I feel that

there would be confusion over who is commanding the scene. Who gets there first because of the tension between the three companies? Tangelo Drive, 12 minutes. Wires, fire, arcing, danger. Stillley Road, in their backyard, 13 minutes. I can go on forever.

Mr. Reynolds stated did you do the same thing for Floreffé that same time period? If you're going to judge somebody in that time period.

Mrs. Bucy stated we're not going to go back and forth and do this.

8:40 Mr. Reynolds left the meeting and did not return

Mrs. Ruscitto stated this was before that were shift crews. So, they had to wait for people to show.

Mrs. Steffey stated what I am trying to get at is that we are fighting so badly to have this company open because everyone feels that they're going to be there in three minutes. That's not the case and this proves it.

Mrs. Bucy stated:

Mrs. Bucy stated first of all, the motion has died for lack of a second. The second thing is, I don't think anyone else has not spoken. I always end up last. We always come back to the issue of Gill Hall. I would like to also state that in 2017, I know Mr. Sockman, you told them you would put a shift crew there.

I have a couple more things to say and I understand the frustration sometimes with different people with different hot topics. I would just like to say the reason why some of us addressed CMA, and I'm not up for discussion, I've heard people's response. When we address the CMA, we had a lot of history, and we had dialogue between numerous parties. I personally am not happy with the way the City of Clairton has appointed people to the board to help run CMA. I've stated this publicly. I know they have new officials now, but the people that were appointed by their Borough Council were ineffective.

The second thing was, I don't like the way CMA runs their operation either. I think they've overspent. The reason why numerous people voted to join the lawsuit was because we did not want the CMA, that we own 30% of that plant, to be sold to a private industry. As far as having a babysitter down there with Rick Minsterman, I call him the watchdog. He saved us a great deal of money.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated can't get me answers to their finances though, President Bucy.

Mrs. Bucy stated so if that's what we're looking for right now there's a vehicle and a way to get that addressed.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated he addressed it at the engineers meeting and said that he has asked them multiple times, and he cannot get a direct answer from them.

Mrs. Bucy stated then we will pursue that. If we have that with Mr. Fraas. Kerry Fraas, our other solicitor, did give us a report, we can ask Solicitor Kerry Fraas to come and give another update. One of the reasons why I did not want it to go to a private company was because of this information that was given to me in my own Pennsylvania American Water company bill. It came in your bill too. I still am old school; I get paper sent to my home. I still write out a check, I still put on a stamp. I send my bill. In that bill from the Pennsylvania Water company. It stated that they had recently purchased a sewage water treatment plant in York PA. As a result of that, which you can look at your bill and find this, our water company bill is going to go up to 1.3% and sewage is 6.3%. When private industries buy sewage waste plants, and they bought them in Coppell PA, they bought them in the McKeesport, now they're buying them in York, capital fund improvements come back to us as the consumer and somehow, we're paying for this. It states right on this paper that came in my bill. That residential was going up 6.3-8% and it specifically cites that they bought this sewage waste plant, and we are going to pay for this purchase transaction.

If it were up to me, I'd want a third party going down there to run that. That's what I would want.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated if he actually was able to go down there and run it. But that's not happening.

Mrs. Bucy stated that's what I'm fighting for. Because you can check this out on your own. You can see this. This is the standard operating procedure because private companies work for a profit. That's the whole point. I understand this. When I was away, I had the unfortunate experience of a cancelled southwest flight. You've seen it on the news, and I was delayed. I sat in an airport for six hours next to a man from Punxsutawney that runs a third-party wastewater management. The best six hours I ever spent because he explained the whole process of how a third party can come in and run this waste plant. CMA is not at this point. I don't want it sold to a private industry so that they can then take it over for profit.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated that that's not my point. I don't want to see that happen either. My point is that the majority of Council voted to join this lawsuit when it really wasn't necessary at all. We don't have a seat at the table. We can't make any decisions. We're not getting any answers. This is where my frustration lies. It is costing the taxpayer's money.

Mrs. Bucy stated we will ask Mr. Frass to come and speak to us directly

#### ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m. on motion by Mr. Sockman, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner  
Secretary/Borough Manager