

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 (via Zoom), 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.

### BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS

Judy Manfredi, Chairman, Jefferson Hills Democratic Committee and Matt Benford, Vice Chairman, stated We have been made aware of some baseless and erroneous claims on social media (i.e., Nextdoor) regarding a lawsuit against our committee brought supposedly by Councilman Reynolds and we would like to put these claims to rest.

Mr. Reynolds stated that was in reference to Mandy Kozlowski, she posted some stuff that said discrimination. What do you think about a sitting member of Council threatening discrimination to the Democratic Committee if they didn't put his best friend's name on their slate card? It was 100 baseless and false. Just more social media dribble. So, I don't want to drag us down in the mud here. Let's get past it. But Mandy, if you could please take that down it would be much appreciated.

Mrs. Kozlowski stated the only thing I want to say about that is what I posted on next door was a question. As he just read, it was a question. I did not say that Keith Reynolds threatened anything. I don't know why you're so focused on everything that happens on social media when you're running a fake page that you're pretending to be Jefferson Hills. At least the stuff I'm posting I post under my name. It was not accusations towards you.

Eric Lauver, 6013 Independence Drive stated, I am writing with a concern regarding the acceptance of Phase I streets in the Hunters Preserve development.

As a resident of Patriot Pointe for the last 11 years, I have watched the Borough pass the opportunity to accept multiple phases of Patriot Pointe streets, citing failure by Southersby Development to meet milestones in the building of Patriot Pointe. Right to know requests have shown multiple failures by previous Borough managers and members of council to meet milestones required by the development agreement with Southersby. While most of the members of council were not part of the council at the time, it has become the current council's problem to address.

While the current council directed the Public Works department to place cold patch in several utility settlements in Phase III, there are multiple issues with both Phase III and other phases in the development. Additionally, the cold patch is starting to settle, and we are returning to the same issues we had with large divots in the road surface.

I am asking the council to place residents in established neighborhoods in line for acceptance before new developments. No new acceptance of streets should occur until the Borough accepts the streets in established developments. Failures by the Borough over a decade ago need to be addressed and corrected by the current council. It is past time to make this right.

Cathy Bartolomeo, 405 Stille Road stated, please be so kind as to allow me to address the council this evening. I have questions regarding construction being done at Arnoni and Gill Hall Road connecting to Dale Street.

Mr. Glistler stated that's the Deer Hollow Development. That was previously approved last spring. The development, since the development was approved, ownership of development changed to a new owner that took a while, that explains the delay from I think it was April or May until now. But everything is in order with the terms of developer's agreements. S Grove, we had our preconstruction meeting with the new developer and the conservation district. That work is the beginning of work on the Deer Hollow Plan. Right now, they just mobilize equipment in last week and their first order of business, which will take a couple weeks, is getting all the erosion and sedimentation controls in place. So, there will be some limited clearing to facilitate those activities. But before they can really start clearing and moving dirt and things of those sorts, they have to get the erosion and sedimentation controls in place. So, we're aware of the work.

Mrs. Bartolomeo stated I remember this whole development coming up maybe 2006, and every resident signed a petition and came to the meetings, they were opposed to it. When I found out that they are destroying this much foliage and trees and shrubbery and places for the birds, for the deer, for the fox, for the chipmunks to live. Where are they going to go today? I heard that Pennsylvania is number one in the country for accidents involving hitting deer. Probably because we're not doing anything of conservative ship. This is just such a waste. It's just horrible. There are four trucks there and in two days they got all the way up to go. All right. I mean, I understand there's a cost and they want to get it done as cheap as possible. But I think we should step in. I think actually we have mines under there. We're going to have a stormwater problem. We already have a problem with the fire company. I don't think we should have any more homes in Jefferson right now. I think that Council should vote to put a hold on this until it is looked into.

Lisa Buckiso 3041 Shady Timber Lane stated, I'd just like to take a moment to recognize Melissa Steffey who was accepted into the A and B and Stein Excellence in Public Service Series for those unfamiliar. This is a prestigious leadership program for Republican women across the state of Pennsylvania that encourages women to get involved in politics and public service, something that I like to see across party lines. It prepares women to be more effective leaders in government, politics and in the community. It's highly competitive and requires applicants to submit a written application and once selected as a finalist, attend personal interviews with the selection board of the program. Melissa was just one of 12 people selected statewide out of hundreds of applicants. She spends countless hours outside of her council obligations to better herself for the good of the community. So, I just wanted to take a moment to recognize her for this achievement and thank her for her continued commitment to improve our community. I also would like to take one minute just to thank Frank Sockman Vicky, Ielase and Jan Cmar for their years of service to this community as they step away from Jefferson Hills next year. Your time and your effort are much appreciated.

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 Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting October 6, 2021, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve minutes of regular meeting October 11, 2021, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Jefferson Hills Public Library Update by Director, Dana Farabaugh is not present so we will reschedule.

Mr. Reynolds moved to appoint Brian Haberstock to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, finishing the term for G. David Parme (Term ending: 12/31/24), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint Scott McCarrison (Term ending: 12/31/24) and Mark D'Angelo (Term ending: 12/31/25) as alternates to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board as alternates, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to appoint Nikki Kurtik to the Recreation Board, finishing the term for Michelle Zacur (Term ending: 12/31/22), seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Sergio Flores to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), finishing the term for Richard J. Mainiero (Term ending: 12/31/23), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Employee Assistance Plan; a no-cost benefit offered through Municipal Benefits Services (MBS) to be utilized during personal and/or family emergencies by Borough of Jefferson Hills employees, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to open and advertise the position of mechanic in the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to approve the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters, Local No. 205, outlining salary and terms of employment for officers in the Jefferson Hills Police Department, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reynolds moved to table to adopt Waste Management's At-Your-Door Special Collection of Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW) at the monthly rate of \$.79 per household in addition to the current household trash collection rates and fees, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto. 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
Vice President Montgomery	NO
Vickie Ielase	NO
Mr. Reynolds	YES
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mr. Sockman	NO
Mrs. Steffey	NO

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Waste Management's At-Your-Door Special Collection of Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW) at the monthly rate of \$.79 per household in addition to the current household trash collection rates and fees, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously. The vote was 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	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Reynolds stated this concerns me a little bit here. I got the proposal in the packet on Wednesday. This \$.79 cent, that's clearly the oldest salesman trick in the book to break it down to the lowest common number. I'm looking at the impact that it will have. \$.79 cents, multiply that by 12, then multiply that by every household that's in this community, that's what the true value of this contract is worth. I was not comfortable with the individual saying that they are just merely using a third-party company. They are just processing and therefore marking it up.

Mr. Stinner stated you're incorrect, they don't use a third party, they use another subsidiary of Waste Management.

Mr. Reynolds stated he said it was a different company.

Mr. Stinner stated he said it was a different company. I did not hear him say inside Waste Management. Either way I think we should step back, take a month, take a look, see if there's any other companies out there that could process this for us instead of using another company. I was not comfortable with the fact that he said that based off the phone calls, he would promise that to be out here once a month, coming around to the residents. That was based on volume, he did say, that's a lot of money that we're talking about and to the residents and whether this is just \$10 to each household right now, but 10 bucks here. 10 bucks there, I think we owe our residents a little bit of responsibility to take a look and see if there's any other companies. Maybe we could have a drop off up here. It's a way to save the community some money. I'm all for keeping this stuff out

of the landfill. But I don't think that we've taken the time to look at any other options. I guess what I'm saying is based off the total value of the contract, I would have thought that we would have put it out there to a couple other companies to respond. So, I'd like to make a motion to table.

Mr. Stinner stated I would like to say this is an extension of Waste Management's already existing service. It's to clean up things like televisions and computer monitors, printers, et cetera, as well as hazardous household materials, most of which have been identified by the A.C. As something as well as President Bucy about the trash in and around the Borough. This could actually be utilized to help that versus taking things and paying for them if you're taking it,

Mr. Reynolds stated but we didn't look at any other options.

Mr. Stinner stated there aren't options like this out there.

Mr. Reynolds asked how do you know that?

Mr. Stinner stated because I vetted this program?

Mr. Reynolds stated just for the sake of looking at a number. How many households do we have in this community? Can you give me an estimate?

Mr. Stinner stated no because I don't want to be incorrect.

Mr. Drager stated I believe we have a little under 5,000 and that includes the commercial as well.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated my concern was that it was just given to us on very short notice. Also too, as you know, I pride myself on trying to help the conserve the environment and it's nothing against Waste Management whatsoever or the contract I would like to know personally which wasn't in the packet, where they dispose of their products.

Mr. Stinner stated they informed you the 98% goes back to the manufacturers. I'd also like to point out that Waste Management. When Governor Rendell stated that these things could no longer go to the landfill DEP worked hand in hand with Waste Management to develop this program. So, I don't know of any other program out there that would do as good a job as this first little of money Especially after Mr. Donohue's testimony, he spent \$60 to dispose of one television. They're paying for this is his share.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I think maybe we could maybe discuss having a program up here for people to drop off. Like I said I'm not against this, I do want something like this to happen, I just, it was such short notice and I do think we should explore a couple other options, like having our own like South Park does. I've driven over there several times to recycle televisions and whatnot. So, that's my only point.

Mrs. Steffey stated I think people would like the convenience of having it picked up at their house. You specifically remember the gentleman stating that all of the recyclables that they pick up for all of the materials they pick up, go back to the manufacture?

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I did hear 90%, but the 10% from every nine, there's percentages that are involved, I would like to know, for example, the chemicals that are inside of a bulb and things of that sort those are what are really toxic to the environment. I'd like to know if maybe that's part of that percentage that doesn't go back and where is that material going? Also, Melissa, I don't disagree with you at all, however, he wasn't very quick to give us information as far as a pickup and well, I'll come when you call and if I'm in the area, there was a lot of what ifs with the schedule of how this is going to go down.

Mr. Reynolds stated my big concern is, and I'm extremely skeptical of if you have to call and wait a month to have a light bulb picked up at your house. I'm pretty sure that residents are, can of paint a spray can, whatever, if you have to wait a month to have them come out and pick it up, I'm pretty sure that it's going to end up in a black garbage bag and it's going to be going to the landfill anyway. I don't think that that's a very good program.

Mrs. Steffey stated Mr. Reynolds. I really don't think that you can make that assumption at this point. And here we are again in a voting meeting where we could have had this discussion when the gentleman was sitting right in front of us last week. Discussion meeting is for discussions.

Mrs. Bucy stated I just wanted to say a couple other things. Under my regular garbage pickup with Waste Management, I asked about discarding paint. I had some paint in my garage for over 20 years, and I did spend well over \$25 buying cat litter to fill up paint cans. The contents have to be totally solid for them to pick up the paint and you have to have the can open to prove it. It takes a long time for that cat litter to dry up that paint. This method of discarding paint and other liquids seems to be more feasible. But, we do have a motion to table on the floor that trumps the original motion.

Mr. Reynolds stated Okay, can I bring one more? This is completely relevant to this. Mr. Sockman, when the contract for Waste Management was given and voted on, didn't you step back from the vote because your daughter worked for Waste Management?

Mr. Sockman stated no, my daughter works for Republic Services, and they are competitive with Waste Management. That was a couple of years ago.

Mr. Sockman moved authorize the Jefferson Hills Public Works Department to place an order for one (1) 2022 Utility 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. Sockman moved approve the distribution of the Pennsylvania Foreign Fire Insurance allocation in the amount of \$59,454.96 to Jefferson Hills Fire & Rescue Relief Association, 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	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Reynolds stated is there any way that we could give some of that money to the fire halls outside of our region? Like Pleasant Hills, Broughton Elrama, that cover our territory? With us not having adequate fire protection on Gill Hall, Pleasant Hills is first on the scene a lot of times Broughton is, is there any way that we can give them some of the money to say thank you for covering and protecting our residents.

Mrs. Bucy asked Mr. Dragger. Are you aware of that?

Mr. Drager Stated I'm not sure on that one.

Mrs. Bucy state to my knowledge, this is to be given to our own Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue Association.

Mr. Reynolds stated I was just making a comment because we don't have adequate fire coverage in that area.

Mrs. Bucy stated that is your opinion Mr. Reynolds.

Mrs. Ielase moved authorize payment, not to exceed \$20,000.00 to Maher Duessel for 2020 audit and 2022 budget preparation, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to ratify contract extension with Integrity Energy, maintaining the Borough's current rate for electricity through 2026, 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	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	NO
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Montgomery moved to enact Ordinance No. 885 accepting Chesapeake Drive in Phase 1 of the Hunters Preserve Plan of Lots as public streets of the Borough of Jefferson Hills; further accepting the infrastructures of storm and sanitary sewers serving said streets, with the exception of any Phase 1 (1) stormwater detention pond, and (2) storm sewer-related improvement within a (a) stormwater detention pond, and/or (b) private stormwater easement as depicted on the recorded plans for Phase 1 which shall be owned and maintained by the homeowners' association; and authorizing the appropriate officials of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to execute any and all

documents necessary to approve such acceptance and dedication, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously

7:36 Mr. Montgomery left the meeting

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to adopt Resolution No. 35-2021 granting final approval for a subdivision known as SP-2-2021, Chamberlain Ridge Plan of Lots – Phase 5, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously 6-0-1, with Mr. Montgomery absent for the vote.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 36-2021 granting final approval for a subdivision known as S-5-2021, Pinecrest Estates Plan No. 2, 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	NOT PRESENT
Vickie Ielase	YES
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	NO
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the Work Authorization dated October 28, 2021, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough in the Lick Run Pump Station Emergency Repair project in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously 6-0-1, with Mr. Montgomery absent for the vote.

#### REPORTS:

Fire Chief

Nothing further

EMS

Not present

Engineer

Nothing further

Consulting Engineer

Not present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing further



Public Works Director

Nothing further

Chief Dziezgowski

I did want to thank the mayor, she hosted meet and greet and I got to meet some terrific residents that night and I appreciate it.

Mayor Cmar

I was proud to attend this year's Amen Corner Law Enforcement Awards luncheon honoring officers for their heroism during 2020 and 2021. Our own Austin Albright shared the "To Protect & Serve" 2020 Award with officers from Brentwood, Baldwin and Whitehall. Also receiving an award was Kristin Mitrisin, Jefferson Hills resident and Pleasant Hills Police Officer. She received the "Not on My Watch" 2021 award.

Thank you to all of our first responders for their hard work and dedication. Also wish to thank all our veterans for their service as we will be celebrating Veterans Day on Thursday.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. I hope all of you enjoy your time with family and friends.

7:40 Mr. Montgomery returned to meeting

Solicitor

Just like to note for the record, the Council did not meet in executive session prior to this voting meeting but will be meeting in executive session very briefly following this voting meeting to discuss active litigation matters.

Manager

Nothing further

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Reynolds stated:

Go steelers.

Mrs. Ielase stated:

Nothing further

Mrs. Steffey Stated:

Nothing further

Mr. Montgomery stated:

The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow at nine a.m. to work on the budget. It's a lot more complicated this year because of the AARPA money. That's the money for the COVID relief and trying to effectively spend that. So, we're going to start on that again tomorrow at nine o'clock. That necessitates a special meeting On December 28th. to pass the final budget. Just so everybody knows.

Mrs. Bucy stated for those present, the budget needs to be posted for 30 days. The budget will come out November 28th. 30 days is December 28th. And that way we will be able to vote on the budget for the next year.

Mr. Sockman stated:

Nothing further

Mrs. Ruscitto stated:

Veterans day is this Thursday, it's a great day for all of us. A lot of people had to make some tremendous sacrifices for all of us to enjoy and celebrate that day. If you know somebody that's in your family, do something nice for them. Thank a Veteran, if you see them, I usually do anyway, and their faces light up that someone actually acknowledges them and appreciates them. So happy Veterans Day and thank you to all our men and women that serve.

Mrs. Bucy stated:

On November 11, 2021. The Federally recognized holiday of Veterans Days will acknowledge the service of all men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. November 11th was selected as Veterans Day because World War I armorist was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. We in Jefferson Hill, see many of our veterans memorialized with photographs that are posted throughout this Borough. They have protected our rights as Americans. Our hometown veterans have advocated for democracy and justice throughout the world. Also, they have engaged in humanitarian relief efforts during natural disasters and perilous situations at home and abroad.

On Thursday November 11th, please remember to honor our veterans and it would be appropriate if all the members of Jefferson Hills community would put a flag somewhere on their property to recognize their efforts in fighting for the freedom that that flag represents. We are forever grateful for the brave, strong and determined veterans who are our past history and continue to safeguard us in the future days.

On a personal note, I would like to have a shout out to the VA hospital in Oakland for all the nurses, doctors and personnel staff who personally helped my own husband, a Vietnam veteran have his pacemaker implanted today. And although many of us would find it unbelievable, but that

is considered outpatient surgery into 2022. So, thank you the VA hospital for taking such good care of my husband and my personal veteran in my family.

On that note, I would like to make a reminder to people that we will go an executive session for a brief while after this as per the request of Solicitor Deron Gabriel.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Ruscitto, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner  
Secretary/Borough Manager