

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 and President Bucy answered to roll call. Mayor Cmar, Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Lt. King, Borough Engineer Glistner, Public Works Director Volpe and Borough Manager Stinner were also present. Mr. Minstermen was absent.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS

Dave Oster, 6009 Walton Road, I have some questions on the Planning Commission Steering Committee. It will help our residents if you could post answers to these questions (and other questions that you might have) on the Borough website. This might encourage others to sign up for the committee.

1. What is the purpose of the steering committee? Is it to provide input to the Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan update?
2. Is this a new committee or has it been used in the past?
3. Who does it report to? Is it tied to the Planning Commission or to Council? Does it need to be authorized by a formal Council motion?
4. How much effort is involved? Monthly meetings?

Eric Lauer 6013 Independence Drive, I write to you to urge you to reconsider this year's paving schedule to include Patriot Pointe. We appreciate the efforts of Councilwomen Steffey and Ruscitto to investigate the matter. Additionally, we appreciate the Borough cold patching many of the utility trench settlements. However, the cold patch will likely not survive a winter of plowing, reverting us back to where we have been.

My family built our home here, and we are now approaching 11 years with the same issues with the road surface.

I certainly understand that many of the current council members did not create this issue. However, I have yet to find roads in Jefferson Hills in as poor of condition as these.

I understand the costs involved. However, many of our residents have paid a decade or more in property taxes. We have seen no change. It is time for the Borough and the HOA to work cooperatively first to pave the road, then to hold the developer legally responsible for paying for it.

Cindy Caulkett, 1424 High Road, I am a tax paying resident for over 35 years. Last year I was at a Council meeting where I noted and had pictures of Fern Valley Road that is breaking apart

and falling into my yard. The borough was kind enough to send the maintenance crew out and patch that area. They also filled a few potholes on High Road.

I was told at that time that High Road and Fern Valley Road was on the list to be ‘done’ this year. I took that to mean be repaired properly, not a patch job. I asked my neighbor Council woman Ruscitto to get a status for me as some of my neighbors have been asking. I was very disappointed to hear from Nicole that Council noted since the patch job was done, they would not be doing any further work. I don’t appreciate being lied to and told something to appease me. I let some of my neighbors know what Council has said and they are very disappointed as well.

There are potholes all up and down High Road. There are road drop offs all up and down High Road. There are chunks of roadway missing all up and down High Road and Fern Valley Road. Also, that patch job done for me has cracks in it already. I have mulched some of the area so that I can’t see how bad it is. I would appreciate a response from Council so that I can share with my neighbors.

Lori Bartrug, 708 Waterman Road. Spoke regarding the Planning Commission Steering Committee.

- Agenda meeting, it was mentioned it was advertised - I did not see it. Nor did the other residents I have spoken to.
- Can someone explain to us:
 - the role of the steering committee
 - the scope of the work
 - timeline of the project

Mrs. Ruscitto stated she doesn’t have the answer on the timeline.

Mr. Montgomery stated in the past they had a group of citizens and they would ask different questions as to where they wanted the Borough to go. They stated that they wanted to keep the area rural and that was what primarily came out of the one ten years ago.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated this committee is primarily for the Zoning Ordinances that we have. Such as buffers and such. The person that I’ve been working with from the DCED has recommended different members from the Borough such as clergy, business owners, residents, school board representatives, and senior citizens to come forth and represent this committee. The timeline possible six to ten meetings roughly.

Ms. Bartrug stated she has been on several steering committees and she thinks that what makes them successful is that the rule of the committee member be fully defined so they know what is expected of them. Having the project defined and outlined would be very helpful if you could get that to the residents.

I am running on the republican ticket for Jefferson Hills Council. There are eleven candidates running. Six republicans and five democrats running. I wanted to know if Council had any conversations on hosting a “get to know the candidate event” - where the residents would have the opportunity to meet all eleven candidates & ask questions?

Mrs. Bucy stated that has to be done through the Republican and Democrat committee and Council cannot be involved in that.

I've been out, door knocking and meeting the residents and wanted to relay some of the feedback that several of them suggested. They would really like to meet all eleven candidates running.

Solicitor Gabriel reiterated that Council cannot be involved with that.

Pete Doel, 420 Old Clairton, Over the last year, we have listened to the Fire Liaisons claim Gill Hall has not complied with their requests, such as handing in their certifications. We have heard President Bucy tell us on multiple occasions that she had all of this information from 885 and Floreffé, but not Gill Hall. As I've mentioned in previous meetings, I filed a right to know asking for all that data for all fire departments. The only certifications I received, were Gill Halls. I was told by the Borough that they do not have that and are not required to have, that data. I filed an appeal with the state, and I won. So hopefully the Borough will comply with the state, and hopefully, our Council will be more transparent and truthful in the future.

And for the record, while I know I've spoken here often concerning Gill Hall, that is hardly the only issue that concerns me in our Borough. We have air quality issues thanks to the Clairton Coke Works. We have concerns of Fracking moving to the Borough which can contaminate our water. We have issues with sewage and sewage taps. We have the UPMC deal that seems to come and go and never get settled.

I've often been called a Keyboard Warrior, and even Keith's warrior. I do not speak for Keith, nor am I his warrior. I speak for myself. I won't apologize because I am willing to speak out for what I believe in, and I do my absolute best to have civil discussions with everyone, even those I may disagree with. And I promise, unlike a couple of sitting Council members, I'll listen to the residents, and not threaten you with baseless lawsuits because you dare speak your mind.

Unfortunately, we have a small group in this Borough who are playing dirty politics. We've seen it from campaign to get Keith to resign. And we're seeing it now with posts to the Jefferson Hills uncensored page, attacking people who aren't even running for office. The same group who's been pushing the "Better Together" campaign, have also spread false rumors claiming the Jefferson Hills Democratic Committee has decided not to endorse any of the Democratic candidates.

Mrs. Bucy stopped Mr. Doel stating we are not permitted to speak about election items at Council meetings.

Solicitor Gabriel stated this isn't the forum to discuss election issues.

Bob Gulla, 1301 Collins Ave, At the agenda meeting the Rec Board brought up spending money to build a ballfield West Elizabeth. Why would you want to spend money outside the Borough when there are so many things that are needed in this borough that need attending to. I don't even know if West Elizabeth even owns that property.

Joy Mann 2621 Ridge Road, as a resident, it is my hope that members of council are looking out for the best interest of all of their neighbors in this borough, regardless of political status or personal opinions. Residents are not privy to all information that council members have access to, and for good reason. Instead, we watch or attend these meetings and get the information that we need to know. I have noticed, however, that some statements from residents and events that occur are being twisted to fit into a narrative that is being pushed. At the February 8, 2021 Council meeting, Councilman Reynolds addressed comments made by a resident and wished to “add on” his personal experience with another resident. At 14:17 in the video of the meeting, Councilman Reynolds states, “One item that came up to me from a concerned resident was that they have foster children at the house. One thing that, like, I never realized, they have to go through a lot of checks and balances to have those foster children there. **Part of it is, a fire hall within a certain proximity and so forth.** The lady that came up voiced her concern because she was on call for another foster child to come to her house. And I think sometimes we do lose the fact that we have individuals out there with foster kids that, you know, um, this has created a huge issue for them. And I apologize that I’ve been sitting up here, this is my 14th meeting since being elected by the residents, and we still haven’t been able to come to any resolution.”

I was interested in this statement and it struck a note with me for two reasons: 1. My mother has been a foster care provider for the past 9 years and 2. I’m currently studying to obtain a Social Work degree.

So, I began checking for the accuracy of this statement because it seemed that Councilman Reynolds was attempting to take the good deed of a resident and manipulate it to suit his agenda. I have reached out to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, A Second Chance, which is a foster care agency in the Pittsburgh area, my professor, Dr. Christopher Robinson who is a licensed social worker in the state of Pennsylvania, and have referenced the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Code book, Title 55, Chapter 3700, which outlines the requirements for foster care providers. All of these sources confirmed that what Mr. Reynolds stated in the public meeting is absolutely not true. There is ZERO reference from anyone with knowledge of this subject to a fire department being within a certain proximity of a residence for foster care.

While I certainly hope that it was not the intent of Councilman Reynolds to deceive the public watching the meeting with a lie, this information was readily available to me by doing a web search. I hope that in the future Council members will be more conscientious of misrepresenting information that they pass along to the public as fact instead of leaning on random statements to coerce public opinion to favor any particular subject.

At the agenda meeting on Wednesday, Chief Chalfant was also able to disprove the cost of a fire truck that was purchased recently. Councilman Reynolds had publicly stated that he was told the truck had cost \$120,000 of taxpayer money when in reality the truck cost \$35,000 of fundraised money by Jefferson-885. Once again, this is a situation where putting out inaccurate information leads the public to believe something opposite of the truth to fit his narrative.

Finally, I found it alarming at the April Council agenda meeting that at 37:38 of the meeting, Councilman Reynolds states that “the day that I was coming up here to sign that document

that I basically had to forge, for the date, that was like a year ago.” I would be interested to know what documents Councilman Reynolds has forged.

I hope that moving forward council and the community can work together to find a better solution for the residents in the Gill Hall area for additional fire coverage because it is necessary for the good of ALL of our residents as well as the active firefighters in the borough.

Mr. Reynolds stated the document that you referenced to, JHFR put in a request of a Right to Know and I was asked to come up here to sign it. Mrs. Lewis explained it was the Ethics form that is required to be completed every year and Mr. Reynolds did not complete it for 2019 and was asked to come and complete it. There was no forging involved.

Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Doel if he heard the same thing about the requirements to foster. Mr. Doel stated we have to write out the fire plan if house is on fire. I brought up the fact that our fire dept is closed down. Some do require that, and we do have to have a fire plan.

Regarding the truck, the information was brought to me and I relayed it to the fire liaison and asked if there was any truth behind it. All I was asking is if that was true. A number of individuals saw an ad that they posted for it and it said \$120,000.00. Several firefighters saw the ad with that asking price. That is probably where the \$120,000.00 came from. I was asking the information on it.

PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR

Mayor Cmar presented the following Proclamation:

BELLS ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA DAY

MAY 2, 2021

Whereas, a statewide emergency was proclaimed on March 6, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic necessitating all Pennsylvania residents to shelter in place, businesses to close or curtail their activities; and social events to be cancelled; and

Whereas, despite all of the efforts of state, county, and municipal governments to mitigate the effects of this pandemic, to date, over one million Pennsylvanians have been afflicted with COVID-19 and 24,972 Pennsylvanians have died from it; and

Whereas, in every municipality, there have been emergency medical personnel, firefighters, police officers, and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies, utility workers, and other life-sustaining businesses who have braved the viral elements, at the expense of themselves and their families, to maintain essential services to the general public sheltering in place and are deserving of recognition as “hometown heroes;” and

Whereas, elected official across the Commonwealth have joined together to promote a second annual statewide expression of *gratitude* to these hometown heroes, *solidarity* with other Pennsylvanians on the frontlines of the COVID-19 battlefield, and *determination* that their municipal businesses and civic-life will thrive once again; and

Whereas, since days of the American Revolution, the bell has served as an instrument for expressing communal gratitude, camaraderie, and resolve, and is a means well-suited for Pennsylvanians sheltering in place to demonstrate such values.

Now, therefore, the Mayor, in concern with the Council of the Borough of Jefferson Hills, hereby proclaims:

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Bells Across Pennsylvania Day

And calls upon all residents, businesses, and churches at 7:00 p.m. to ring bells or make other celebratory noise for three minutes to honor their hometown heroes, rally with other Pennsylvanians on the frontlines of the COVID-19 battlefield and show resolve to restore their local businesses and civic lift to their former prominence.

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

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

Mr. Sockman moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting March 3, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve minutes of regular meeting March 8, 2021, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to approve amended Parks and Recreation Code of Conduct, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy	YES
Vice President Montgomery	YES
Vickie Ielase	YES
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Reynolds stated although there are some very good points in the Code of Conduct, I don't feel the Rec Board has the right to review the finances of organizations throughout this

community and feel it is an infringement of their rights and feels it shouldn't of been included in the Code.

Mrs. Steffey moved to appoint Tim Mulvihill to the Recreation Board for term ending December 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to appoint Kevin Polick to join the Planning Commission Steering Committee, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to reappointment of Maryjay Rush to the Police Civil Service Commission term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved accept the retirement of employee No. 001038 effective March 31, 2021; and the termination of employee No. 000118, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to open and advertise two Parks Laborer positions in the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-2021 Implementing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Incident Management Systems (NIMS), seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 11-2021 Implementing the Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Mrs. Steffey, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to award security camera and access control contract to David Davis Communications in the amount of \$105,417.00, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the purchase and upfitting costs provide by Rally Specialist, Inc. in the amount of \$7,801.64 for the 2021 Ford Police Interceptor to be purchased from Laurel Ford, seconded by Mr. Sockman, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to approve to advertise and sell minor equipment for sale through Municibid.com (up to \$2,000.00) as per guidelines listed in Resolution No. 19-2018, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to enter into an agreement with Perryopolis Auto Auction to sell the car No. 263, 2016 Ford Police Interceptor and truck No. 09, 2011 F550 one-ton dump truck, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy	YES
Vice President Montgomery	YES

Vickie Ielase	YES
Mr. Reynolds	ABSTAINED
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Sockman asked Lt. King where the other vehicles were sent in previous years. Lt. King stated it was Perryopolis Auto.

Mr. Sockman recommended they both go to Perryopolis Auto.

Mr. Reynolds asked who approves the bid. You have a right to put a minimum bid and don't want to let it sell without one.

Mr. Volpe stated we set a reserve, if it doesn't meet it, it doesn't get sold. On the police cars if they are in decent shape, we will use them by administration staff first, then their cars are taken to the auction.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the purchase of a Shield 15 Radar Speed Display sign with a three-year warranty and a one-year equipment and software management package from All Traffic Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$5,100.00, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve purchase of a 2021 Ford Police Interceptor utility from Laurel Ford under the SHACOG purchasing alliance bid in the amount of \$35,920.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the purchase of a 2021 F600 Dump truck chassis for \$50,600.00 from Laurel Ford for (SHACOG Purchasing Contract); and upfitting of dump bed, hydraulics and snow removal equipment for \$35,620.00 from US Municipal Supply (State Costars Contract No. 025-019), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Addison unit repair on broken HVAC compressor in the Borough Administration Building in the amount of \$5,965.00, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve temporary maintenance contract with ABM for temperature control in the Borough of Jefferson Hills Municipal Complex in the amount of \$8,796.00, per six-months or \$1,466.00 per month, 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	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES

Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mrs. Ruscitto, how temporary is this contract. Mr. Drager stated it's actually six-months not a year. Mrs. Ruscitto stated that's good since she has read an article about this company that wasn't favorable. Mrs. Bucy reread the motion specifying the six months.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to table adopt Resolution No. 08-2021 granting final approval for a subdivision known as S-1-2021, Deer Hollow Plan, Phase 1, seconded by Mr. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. sockman asked if all the questions have been answered that has been asked by you.

Mr. Housley stated yes, all of the agreements have been agreed upon by the developer and the residents, have been a copy signed by developer and letter from attorney agreeing to it and asking for it to be conditionally approved was sent to your solicitor. The residents have not been able to sign due to scheduling conflicts.

Solicitor Gabriel stated there is an email from the legal counsel representing most of the residents and stated there is an agreement in place and asks that it be approved subject to execution of all parties by April 19, 2021.

Mrs. Ruscitto made a motion to table since she has not seen the signed documents.

Solicitor Gabriel stated he saw the documents and we still have time to approve this plan.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-2021 declaring the structures proposed for demolition at 102 Arch Street; 2265 State Street; and 3012 Hawk Alley as blighted structures, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 13-2021 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file the Act 152 Grant application in the amount of \$47,600.00 for the Demolitions at 102 Arch Street; 2265 State Street; and 3012 Hawk Alley estimated at \$56,000.00 with a Borough share of \$8,400.00, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from Allison Park Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$8,275.00 for work completed on the Waterman Road East Stabilization project subject to the receipt of the maintenance bond for 50% of the final contract amount for a duration of two-years and the five-year written warranty as required by the project specifications, seconded by Mrs. Ielase, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,809.34 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG Preventative Maintenance – Year 10 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve reimbursement payment in the amount of \$5,258.70 to the City of Clairton for paving work completed on the Borough of Jefferson Hill's portion of Short Street, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to award the 2021 Paving Program Base Bid including Add Alternate 1, Add Alternate 2, and Add Alternate 3, to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$530,038.25, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman asked if Fern Valley can be done in house or put in as an alternate?

Mrs. Ruscitto spoke with Mr. Volpe and my neighbor, Fern Valley is not in the best position and Mr. Volpe's crew did a great job of mediating it and, I agree it should be put on the list, maybe not this year, but in the near future.

Mrs. Ielase moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV Year 11 Project in the amount of \$199,935.00 with the Borough's share of \$51,025.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to approve bonding to finance for the purchase of a new Rescue Pumper for Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue and EMS, seconded by Mr. Sockman. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

President Bucy	YES
Vice President Montgomery	YES
Vickie Ielase	YES
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	NO
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Mr. Reynolds, If we are assuming financial responsibility, have we even seen the bids or quotes.

Mr. Sockman stated they got four quotes and I saw the specs on the one they chose at the last meeting.

Mr. Reynolds stated If I'm going to vote on guarantee payment, we should see the quote.

Mr. Sockman stated we never saw the quotes when they got the Gill Hall truck.

Mr. Reynolds stated I wasn't on Council then and a sitting Council member, if I'm going to vote on guarantying the money, we should see the quotes.

Mr. Sockman stated we give them \$200,000.00 a year that should take care of that.

Chief Chalfant stated we bid out to several manufactures. At the last JFR/EMS meeting it was voted and accepted.

Mr. Reynolds stated no one was supplied the quotes for this truck.

Chief Chalfant stated this is the first time anyone asked.

Mr. Reynolds motioned to table until we see quotes.

Mrs. Bucy asked if there is a timeline for getting a certain amount on the Pennvest loan?

Chief Chalfant stated JFR/EMS voted and order has been put in for the cab and chassis.

Mr. Sockman stated he feels there is no reason to delay this.

Mr. Reynolds asked whose name is going on title.

Chief Chalfant stated it will be just like the other vehicles in the Borough, Jefferson 885 and JFR/EMS.

Mr. Reynolds stated he feels our name should be on it since there is a lawsuit now for the other truck.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked if anyone has explored grant opportunities to help pay for the truck?

Chief Chalfant stated we applied for the FEMA grant for the last five years and were always denied. Only one that I'm aware of is the FEMA Grant.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked if Mr. Stinner explore that.

Mr. Stinner stated from my knowledge working in Congress, the FEMA Fire Grant is what most if not all the fire depts apply for on an annual basis.

Mrs. Steffey stated even moving forward with this vote, you can still look into grant options.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 14-2021 assigning Recreation Board permits, camp fees, and field/pavilion rentals into the recreation maintenance in the budget account no. 01-367-300, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey moved to adopt Resolution No. 15-2021 granting Borough of Jefferson Hills Council President Karen Bucy authorization to be signatory for the Route 51 Trail Gap Project grant application, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Ned Williams, Montour Trail Counsel spoke on the sidewalk project.

Mr. Montgomery asked exactly what you are paying for.

Mrs. Bucy asked what the timeline to be executed is.

Mr. Williams stated potentially next year. There's a lot of utilities down there to deal with and it takes time. Our initial meeting with PennDot District 11 was very positive.

Mrs. Bucy asked if it would it be possible since it's not projected until next week, could you give us an estimated cost for our portion to be included in next year's budget?

Mr. Williams stated he should know by then if it's awarded or not to give that estimate.

Mr. Montgomery asked how wide? Mr. Williams replied ten feet (10')

Mr. Montgomery asked if we would we be able to do any of it in house? Mr. Williams replied possibly.

Mr. Glister stated I think we are still in a very preliminary state to make any determinations on that yet.

Mr. Stinner added that we are working the Walk Works grant that may give us additional money to help with this project.

Mrs. Steffey moved to adopt Resolution No. 16-2021 "Compliance Procedures Resolutions Certificate" from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC as it pertains to the 2021 Municipal Bond Refinancing, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reynolds moved to recertify and reactivate Gill Hall VFC Station 179 as an independent Borough Fire Company and restoration of the Allegheny County 911 run cards as to reflect their territory prior to January 12, 2019, 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

31 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

Lt. King

Nothing Further

Mayor

Cleanup day will be held Saturday, April 24, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers should meet at the Borough building to pick up gloves, vest and bags. Volunteers can work in their neighborhoods or they can be assigned an area in the Borough. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Contact Grace Duda at gduda@jeffersonhills.net or myself for additional information. Mayor thanked Ms. Duda for all the hard work that she has put into this.

Memorial Day services May 31, 2021. Additional information will be posted on the Borough website in the near future.

Montour Trail Peters Creek, I was pleased to see media coverage on opening day of trout season. It's good to see the Borough getting some positive press coverage. Friends of the Montour Trail are seeking volunteers to maintain the trail including the Peters Creek section. Those interested in volunteering can email info@montourtrial.org for mor information.

Manager

Nothing Further

Solicitor

Council met in executive session to discuss personnel & litigation matters. To clarify my comments earlier to the residents, certainly any issues of the Borough concern can be brought up to Council, we are just unable to discuss any facebook, social media or any other political advocacy.

32 General Business

Mr. Sockman stated:

I have nothing further.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated:

I was hopeful that Mr. Housley would stay, but he has since left. When I met with Mr. Housley and a few residents at Deer Park, we had a long discussion and I tried to explained to Mr. Housley, because he asked me a few questions, this isn't personal, this is just the fact that residents have questions about where they live and what's going to become of their surroundings. He stated he appreciates that because it's difficult for him not to see it as personal. With that, I would like to let him know, I never received any gifts from him, and others did and if we are going to talk about personal feelings then I would like mention of that.

I would also like to thank Mr. Drager and Mr. Gabriel for all their hard work with bond and rates. I have it on good authority that this was done years ago and Mr. Shimko our Borough \$1,500.00 for additional work and Mr. Gabriel charged nothing. So, I would like to thank him for all his time and effort on this.

I also have heard mention that JHFR was referred to as JHFR and EMS, have they merged in some capacity that I'm not aware of? As far as our chief we are looking to hire, I think we should meet to discuss salary and such before interviewing.

Mr. Chalfant stated JHFR/EMS have not merged with JFR yet.

Mr. Reynolds stated:

Joy, just to go over that a little bit further, with the fire truck, the residents turned to me with their concerns about it, and I had concerns. Mr. Chalfant, you can agree or disagree, but a couple of months before that where Mr. Chalfant told us if we didn't pay the bill whenever they were looking for the fire tax money, and if they defaulted on the loan, because of the bond, we would be held financially responsible, and they didn't have the money to make the payments at that point.

Mr. Chalfant stated you are talking about two different organizations. Mrs. Bucy asked him to explain the two organizations. JHFR/EMS and 885 were the co-owners of the ladder truck. The 3.55 mills Fire Tax is what pays for the trucks. Not 885, nor did Floreffe nor did Gill Hall when their trucks are being financed.

Mr. Reynolds stated, so Joy, what I'm saying for the average resident that's out there, is it's difficult for us to keep track of is it 885, Floreffe, Gill Hall, JHFR/EMS or JFR, so I'm sure it's hard for the residents to keep track also. If they didn't have the money and the Borough would be held responsible if they didn't have the payment, then how can they pay for another truck.

Ms. Mann stated you said it with conviction that it was \$120,000.00 so where did you get that? Mr. Reynolds stated he was just relaying messages from numerous residents. Ms. Mann stated again, that's here say and I would like Council to have concrete information before stating what they say are facts. Mr. Reynolds stated he reached out to our fire liaison and nobody had any information, so I was reaching out. Mrs. Mann asked if he reached out to Chief Chalfant because he stated in the past that everyone has his cellphone number.

Mr. Reynolds said there is an unwillingness to work with me so reaching out to him is not going to happen.

Folks at Gill Hall are working on a fundraiser to have a car wash. Council won't allow them to use their water to put out fires, so they are going to use it to raise money.

Mrs. Steffey:

The Rec Board used equipment sale went fantastic on Saturday. They ended up making \$860.00 so thank you to all that donated and came out to shop. Only a few things left over and will be donated to the summer Rec Program.

Rec Board position and steering position was properly advertised in the post-gazette on Sunday, March 14th and we have proof of that. If anyone wants to change to process of advertising, then they should bring it up.

As we were sitting here, I got confirmation from a reliable source that the engine was never posted ever for sale by White Hall, so you were wrong once again. Mr. Reynolds, you didn't do your diligence, as you stated to Ms. Mann, you stated it was bought for \$120,000.00 and it was going to be housed at Matthew's Bus garage, which was a complete lie, so you are misleading the residents.

Council, if anyone in the past has ever participated on the process of renaming one of our ballfields or parks, like in memoriam, if there is a procedure they would have to go through?

Mr. Montgomery there is no real process for that.

Mrs. Steffey stated so the resident should come to Council meeting to request that?

Mr. Reynolds stated, I do have a copy of the actual post that the residents have sent me, of the fire truck and it states, White Hall Fire Company is looking to sell our 1994 Sutphen. It was custom built and put in service in 1994. Mrs. Steffey asked if it said \$120,000.00, Mr. Reynolds stated, no it did not.

Mrs. Ielase stated:

I have received several calls from our avid walkers addressing the walking trails. We have not brought in our summer help yet, and then it would be addressed?

Mr. Volpe stated we have been cleaning up down there, but there have been several acts of vandalism. We have been addressing to clean up the vandalism as it's happens it takes time and effort.

Library is having children's reading program starting in June.

May 8th is the annual fish tournament from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Peters Creek & Waterman. Tables are set up for you to sign in and get your bait. We also have the measuring tape to measure them.

Mr. Montgomery Stated:

The overtime expense for Public Works have been spent for the year wants to lobby Allegheny County and state for additional funds. We will have to cut other things if we don't get more money. Mr. Stinner stated he will draft a letter to them.

Mrs. Bucy stated:

Mr. Drager, is the Borough of Jefferson Hills financial statement posted online? Mr. Drager stated no. Can they be viewed in the office? Mr. Drager stated yes. It's not a very simple read, but I have been following the money source of the Borough since I've been sitting in this seat. I would like to point out page 47 note 12 - Guarantee of Debt. It states, on May 14, 2012, the Borough entered into a wastewater treatment agreement with Clairton Municipal Authority. Under this agreement, the Borough Guaranteed its share (30.29%) of the debt issued by Clairton Municipal Authority on July 16, 2012, in the amount of \$8,070,000.00. For the year ending December 31, 2019, the Borough paid Clairton Municipal Authority \$920,826.00 toward this debt as a plant expansion expense under other services and charges in the proprietary fund type. This is the reason why I voted for the CMA litigation. To this date, we have a share of 30.29% in that dept and we have already paid \$920,826.00. This is why I feel they need to be held accountable for the way they are operating and funding that Clairton Municipal.

As a fire liaison committee person, I spoke with Mill Stone Developer, he has indicated he has begun demolition on some of the structures on his property. There are numerous garages up there, there are aluminum and cement block garages. He is currently out of town and will return April 26th and I will meet with him about the procedure at that time and to speak about that property and what we would like to see happen out there. The front part is zoned commercial, and the back is zoned residential.

Also, as a fire liaison, Mrs. Steffey and I have been going to fire school classes and are currently in Mod 3. Last Saturday we went up there and that was just about the most excruciating days of my life having on four layers of clothes in 82-degree weather and standing out with fire extinguishers and hoses putting out the designated fires. We are learning a great deal of information about what is necessary to have education in the fire dept and I feel it is very worth while and I would like to thank my team at that consists of two 18-year-old, a 20-year-old and as I am termed grams, helping me along all my tasks. They take very good care of me.

We were indicated that the City of Pittsburgh looking for female fire fighters, if you are interested, you do not have to live in the city until application is accepted.

Mr. Reynolds stated in regard to the Gill Hall being dropped from Borough insurance policy, they want to know if we will vote before that happens. Mrs. Bucy stated we are still investigating that with Mr. Lang.

Mrs. Steffey stated post on the fire truck was posted on social media but was not posted as an official post on other sale websites.

Mrs. Bucy asked if JHFR could bring the truck down and show the residents the new truck?

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. on motion by Mr. Sockman, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager