

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
September 13, 2021

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. Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Borough Engineer Glister, Public Works Director Volpe, Police Chief Dziezgowski and Borough Manager Stinner were also present. Mayor Cmar was absent.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISIONS

Dana Farabaugh, I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I realized that I've been here in since January, I haven't really had a chance to update Council on what we've all been through over the past year and a half at the library and where we're going from here.

2020 disrupted everything and libraries were no exception to that. We were forced to close from March to June of 2020 reopened with very limited curbside service. One of the small silver linings of Covid I think, in that forced closure is that it made us realize that we can serve our community in ways that we didn't really think about before. Our physical location was closed, but we continue to serve the public in really new and exciting ways. We started holding virtual story times and virtual yoga classes streamed on our Facebook page. We actually had over 14,000 people watch those, which is way more than the in-person attendance at any of our programs. So that was really successful.

We also increased our digital resources that we have available so many of you might be familiar with overdrive, we have Ebooks and EAudio, we bought a lot more. We increased the resources that we have, including paying for a subscription to a service called tutor me that supported our remote learners in the school district. It actually allows students to book live one on one tutors online.

Our digital resources last year we saw an increase of like 32 percent in that usage and that has been sustained through 2021. So that means that we're not losing anybody. We gained a lot of new users and we managed to keep them, which is great. 2020 was definitely interesting. We learned a lot of lessons and we are glad that it is over.

Then 2021 rolled around. Jan Reschenthaler retired after serving as a Library Director for I believe 24 years. That was another really big change with me coming on. I started in the middle of a covid related shutdown. I did not actually see the library until week two of my job. That was also really, really interesting. But since then, we have fully reopened to the public so as of this March people can come in and browse and check out our materials. We're still doing a lot of the online stuff and we were really excited to resume in person programming this summer with our summer reading program. Which while not as successful as the 14,000 people that saw our Facebook videos, we did have over 200 kids show up to our summer reading program this year which is possibly a new record. Very, very successful. We are continuing in person programming

throughout the fall and into the winter. I encourage you all to check out our Facebook page and our website to see what we have going on.

Moving forward, we are at a place now where I've been here for about nine months. So, I feel like I kind of have my feet on sturdy ground and we are moving beyond just kind of dealing with the day-to-day uncertainty of everything. Looking forward to what's coming next, I set three priorities whenever I came on in January number one having spaces that are usable, vibrant and comfortable. That includes both our physical space and our online spaces. We are working with a company called Plus Public to redo our logo and our branding identity as well as creating a brand-new website for us to kind of help all of those new digital users we have to actually find the resources that we have. Our website, it needs some love. We should be debuting our new website by the end of the month as long as well as our new logo which should be approved at our board meeting on Wednesday.

We're also evaluating our physical layout and thinking about how people use our space and how they want to use our space as well as our collections and how what we have in our library serves our community.

The second priority I set was making sure that we serve all community members in Jefferson Hills equally. We do a lot for kids. We have the story time going on. We have our Great Summer reading program. We also have a lot of programs for senior citizens but we kind of miss a lot of those folks in the middle. So, we are looking at different options. I'm working with the T.J. High school librarian to get every high school student a library card which will give them access to our digital resources. It's going to save the school a little bit of money because they will not have to pay for some of the data bases, research databases that we might be duplicating. And it also gives us a chance to show teenagers, which are notoriously hard and busy group to attract, what we have going on.

We're also looking at ways to expand our services beyond the walls of our libraries. While nothing is formalized, we're looking at options for maybe a vehicle so we can do some pop-up library events and some outreach services. Really getting to where the people are instead of sitting there at our desk and expecting people to come to us. So that is what we have.

I guess the last priority, and this is like a super library thing, I don't want to get too in the weeds with it but making sure that our collections are useful and used. I already talked a little bit about our online collection, but obviously we're a library. We have a lot of books, and I am looking at whether we have what people want, what people use and maybe getting rid of some of the stuff and replacing it with more usable things. One of the things that I'm pretty excited about, I honestly did not expect to happen and kind of surprised me is I pulled our circulation data for physical collection every month and last month we actually are as of last month, we are back to our pre pandemic circulation numbers. So that surprised me. I thought it would take a lot longer for us to build up that cirque again. But it has not.

It's also love your library month. I think I gave every Council member a nice little tote bag and a pin. We are kind of celebrating all the ways that we serve Jefferson Hills, and all the cool things that the libraries do this month. We are also using it as a fundraising opportunity. The buncher of foundation out of Pittsburgh is partially matching any donation to the library throughout

the month of September. So, we are fundraising this month as well. So, thank you. That's all I have. Unless anybody has any questions.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I just wanted to thank you for your hard work because your efforts certainly are showing. Everything is fresh and new, and the approach is different than before and I'm thankful for that. So, thanks for your hard work, and the tote bag.

Ms. Farabaugh stated we do have more over across the hall, so if anybody didn't get one and his feeling really jealous, I can give one to you. We also do have some yard signs, I forgot to bring them over, but outside the library door there are these really cute Love your library yard signs. If anybody wants to pick those up and show off to your neighbors how much you love your library. Thank you everybody.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS

Lori Bartrug 708 Waterman Road, Good evening Council, during the September 8th agenda meeting of Council, Councilwoman Melissa Steffey read her own resignation letter. There were several things she said and how she acted, which are concerns to me and many residents, which I spoke to. The first one, quoting from the resignation letter Melissa Read, "If this is the trash that our community wants to represent them, then I cannot be a part of it." I ask you all, are you okay with a member of Council in a public or private document using derogatory terms? Are you okay as Council hearing hurtful comments made about our residents? Are you okay with that?

Moving on to another concern, Councilwoman Melissa stated, "I also feel that we've done nothing but backpedal and clean up messes over the past year and a half and have not progressed forward at all." President Bucy, during July 12th regular meeting of Council, you presented achievements of Council from January 2020 to July 2021. Melissa made it clear she does not agree. Again, quoting her "She feels this Council has not progressed at all." As I mentioned in my comment last week, I'm concerned that a resident was misled. She told a resident not to come to the next Borough meeting because she officially resigned. I have a question to the Council, has anyone reached out to that resident?

My last concern is the biggest during that same September 8th meeting, if you review the time stamp of 25:24, I will quote Councilwoman Steffey, "When we get to that part of the agenda, I would be happy to read my own resignation. I volunteer to do so." Move forward to timestamp 47:20, 22 minutes later, Councilwoman Steffey did not read her resignation letter. She left that portion of the meeting pass by. When challenged to read it, Councilwoman Steffey changed her stance. She stated not once, but twice, if the President would like me to do so. What happened to the comment and the commitment made 22 minutes earlier. As a Council member, do you serve the President, or do you serve the residents? President Bucy, you responded with, and I will quote "Well I looked around and no one was saying anything." Remember President Bucy, you told the residents we are not to speak out during Council meetings. You contradicted your own statement. I am disgusted and discouraged by the lack of respect which is shown to myself and the residents of the community during public comments. I am saddened by the favoritism, the lack of accountability, and the lack of integrity which was shown during Wednesday's meeting. Thank you

Pete Doel, 420 Old Clairton, I'd like to read a post that was recently shared on social media. It reads, "Florida Board of Education unanimously approved allowing families to take their Children's education dollars elsewhere if they disagree with their public schools masking rules." This was shared by Councilwoman Melissa Steffey, and she added, "this is for people on both sides of the fence. I believe this should be an option, our Children, our tax dollars, our choice. I believe most people know that is an option already. If you feel your Borough school system cannot adequately educate your child, you may choose to send them elsewhere. In in many cases, your tax dollars will pay for that tuition." Since this came from a city Council member, surely, she can understand the same should be applied to fire protection. If I, as a tax paying residents of Jefferson Hills feels that a fire department is too far away to adequately protect my home in the event of an emergency, I should be able to choose Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company and have my tax dollars follow. So, I'm asking that a motion be added to the agenda to allow residents to choose to have Gill Hall opened and have their tax dollars support Gill Hall. Our homes, our families, our tax dollars, our choice.

In the last monthly meeting, Councilwoman Ielase, you stated, and I quote, "When Council requested Gill Hall's certifications, we were given explanations like, we don't know where they are, and we don't remember where we took them. Not complying with the Boroughs requests for information and not responding in a timely fashion are part of why you voted to keep them closed. Right here is the list of all the stack of all of the certification's that I was given from the Borough when I filed a Right-to-Know request. I also requested those of 885 and Floreffe, I was not given any of those. The official response from the Borough was, and I quote, "It has not been a past or current practice of the Borough to maintain records of certification as the Borough does not have operational control of the fire companies, their personnel or their training requirements." President Bucy told us they had them for 885 and Floreffe but not for Gill Hall. I have proof in my hands the opposite is true. And funny how when I called Karen on several occasions asking for the missing certifications, I got similar answers to what Vicki claimed of Gill Hall. One day she told me they were in an office in the Borough building, the next she told me they were in a box in her spare bedroom.

In November, Councilman Sockman added an item to the agenda to temporarily decertify Gill Hall to allow Council to come up with a plan to get them reopened. Where is that plan? Why has it never been created and why wasn't it presented to the Borough. And a couple of months ago, Councilman Sockman stated that he wanted us to take money from the Rec budget just for the remainder of the year to pay for a shift crew in Floreffe, because come January will have a new Council and we have no idea what they will do in regard to fire protection. Well, we need fire protection now, you're on Council now, why should we have to wait for the next Council to clean up the mess is created by this one.

Finally, in the agenda meeting, there was much discussion on the resignation of Councilwoman Melissa Steffey. I feel you seem to be focusing more on the timeline of the resignation and rescinding of said resignation and not the actual behavior of a city Council member. First, in her letter, she states after much consideration, this isn't something she did in haste. Let's not forget she wanted to resign because something better came along and because she wanted to tell residents what she really thinks of them. In her resignation letter, she refers to residents of her community as trash. She also states that she feels Council has done nothing but backpedal and clean up messes and have not progressed at all since she's been on Council. Not exactly a glowing review of any of you. This is quite typical of the way Councilwoman Steffey

addresses our residents who dare speak an opinion different from her own. This behavior in these comments don't speak well of Councilwoman Steffey's character. If you vote to keep her on Council, it won't speak well of any of yours either. And Vicky if you would like a copy of these, you can have them since you seem to not have them.

Lisa Buckiso 3041 Shady Timber, I am here to discuss general conduct of Council. I find it quite frankly a waste of my time that anyone needs to be here to address this. But here we are. Specifically, I would like to address the resignation and the quick recission of Melissa Steffey's position on Council.

between the last two meetings, if you look at the agenda from last week's planning meeting in this week's voting meeting, there are four items on the agenda to discuss something, that is a non-issue. This is a non-issue. Why we are here is beyond me. She resigned privately, quickly rescinded that, and that should be the end of it. Why we're out here all taking swipes like Melissa's some pinata up there to be swatted at four individual times is beyond me. It should not be on the agenda. But whatever we have to listen to this so that's we do. So, I can't keep my mouth shut anymore about it.

Getting back to my notes. Lori to answer your question, if you want to know if Council is going to tolerate rude and unethical behavior, the answer is yes. They already have. We've seen it by the Mayor. We've seen it by Councilman Reynolds. It's fine, you can swear at Melissa, you can do whatever in a public meeting in not so nice terms. In my opinion, Since I feel the need to stand here and defend someone who is a very strong woman on Council, in my opinion, again, she did not mean trash residents. She meant to trash politics. And this is exactly what we're seeing from this Council too. We can talk about the prior Council and how everyone ran, and we want to make it better. And guess what? It's not. This is bull crap. I think it needs to end. We're better than this. I mean, there's people that I don't agree with. I probably never will. I can have conversations with them. I hope that you all can get to that point. Pretty much. I think you all need to rise above the fray of this and get back to Council business. This here is not Council business. It's a waste of my time, it's a waste of your time, and it's a waste of everyone's time.

So, everyone needs to stop looking for the gotcha moment and the opportunity to embarrass whether it be someone on Council, whether it be a resident, whether it be whoever, move on, progress. I understand Melissa's frustration when she says I haven't seen any progress because all I feel Council meetings after Council meeting is we're waiting for the big ah ha moment. The big I gotcha. It's terrible and it's nonsense. So please stop. Get down to business for the residents. All of the residents not a select few, not select favorites. You all represent, Keith, we don't get along, you represent me, and I know that you will take that seriously. Melissa, you don't get along with some people, you represent everyone. The game's just need to stop. It's embarrassing.

And on a side note, thank you Karen for the wonderful 911 ceremony that you put together. I thought it was wonderful and thank you to all of our first responders, our police officers and everyone. It's been a very trying week for the last two weeks. So, someone crumbling under a little bit of pressure is understandable. Someone having a bad moment is understandable. This nation is in turmoil, and we need to stop and at least get control of our own house.

Mandy Kozlowski, 118 Hillview Road, at last week's agenda meeting, the discussion raised a concern with me. So instead of disrupting the meeting and jumping to the podium, as others have

done in the past, including some prospective Council persons. I respected the rule of order. I am here tonight to address my question, Keith said multiple times that the residents should be concerned that Melissa's access to the building and secure and private information on the residents was not taken away the second her email was sent. I'm more concerned about what kind of private information about the residents that Council members have access to. Can someone explain to me what this private information is?

Solicitor Gabriel stated this is really not a question-and-answer session. You are entitled to express your opinion, if Council chooses to respond they can.

Mrs. Kozlowski stated I understand that, but Keith said multiple times about the resident's private information. So, I'm concerned about what kind of like what kind of information you have on me that's hiding in this building. You know like should we all be concerned what's so secret about the residents that you're worried about someone having access to? No? So, you can just say stuff like that but not explain to us what you mean? Okay, very good. That's all I'm done.

Solicitor Gabriel stated the only other public comment that was submitted was already read at last week's meeting. It was read in its entirety but there was one sentence that was a reference to the elections in November and that one sentence was omitted because of the reference to the election and the Council's policy of not mixing politics with Council business.

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.

Mrs. Ielase moved approve minutes of agenda meeting August 4, 2021, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve minutes of regular meeting August 9, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to approve Eagle Scout signage project for Lobb's Park by Matthew Danen, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously

Mr. Sockman moved accept the resignation of G. David Parme from the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to advertise open position on 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.

Mr. Reynolds moved to accept the resignation of Michelle Zacur from the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to advertise open position on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board, finishing the term for Michelle Zacur (Term ending 12/31/22), seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Reynolds moved to accept the resignation of Melissa Steffey from the Borough of Jefferson Hills Council (Term ending 12/31/21), 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	NO
Mr. Sockman	NO
Mrs. Steffey	NO

Mrs. Steffey stated earlier today I was asked by our Solicitor to kindly confirm that I would be abstaining from voting on my resignation and/or recission this evening. I was not given a choice, I was just asked to kindly confirm that I was abstaining. So first and foremost, I would like to read into the record the Borough code 901A-1. It states a vacancy shall not be created by a resignation until the date that the resignation is accepted by a majority vote of a quorum of Council at a public meeting or the effective date of the tendered resignation, whichever is later. A Council must accept a resignation no later than 45 days after it has been tendered in writing to Council. This is in bold letters, unless it is withdrawn in writing prior to acceptance in which my case it has been.

Therefore, I see no reason as to why this motion is even on the agenda for this evening. That's Borough code. So, after reading this Borough Code, are we going to proceed with this agenda?

Solicitor Gabriel stated, this was discussed last week during the workshop and there were no objections to having this matter on the agenda. When I conveyed to you my legal opinion today, it was based on research, it was the Pennsylvania Supreme Court case on point. It's an old case 1915, but it's still good law and indicates that a Council person should not vote on his or her own resignation. The reason why we're voting on this is because the terms of the resignation, it says immediate resignation. It was published; it was put on social media; it was provided to the Borough. The research indicates it's a public record, so therefore the Borough had to address it. I believe there was consensus of everyone to be transparent. The matter should be voted on as a legal matter, resignation even though it says immediate will not be effective until a lesson until it was accepted by Council. So that's why this matter is before Council to vote.

Mrs. Steffey stated well, I'm definitely going to play along. But my reason for bringing us up this evening is obviously because if there is a tie vote then the Mayor would have to break it and I think we all know how that would end up and she's not here. So, I don't know how that would happen.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated before we jump to any conclusions here, I wanted to bring this up to discuss it, I would have voted no to the resignation, I would have said I wanted Melissa to remain on Council and I wanted people to know that because I realize that people make mistakes. I do, it happens to me, it happens to everyone. But before, you want to call me a Melissa hater online because I wanted to bring this up, I would just want to say honestly to everybody that sits up here. If the shoe was on the other foot and that was Councilman Reynolds in this situation, would we have been more swift to accept the resignation? I'm just asking you to think honestly to yourselves. I'm going to extend the kindness to Melissa that maybe might not be extended everyone up here.

Look, I've known the Reynolds family for years. Keith and I are closer now that we became elected, and we work together. Do I agree with him all the time? Absolutely not. We fight sometimes like brother and sister. Actually, I refer to him as another older brother that I didn't really want, but here he is. When it comes down to it, he treats me with respect, mostly because I treat him with respect. Trust me, everyone that's listening right now or laughing about this right now because you find this amusing, I follow no person. No one tells me what to do. No one makes up my decisions. I make decisions based on residents, my family's wants and needs, and my career. Those are how I base my decisions. I've never gone to anybody to make a decision for me, not even my parents really after I turned 16. I hope that you know, most people up here now will be willing to put all these caustic words behind us and progress forward. But that is the reason that I brought this up this evening because I really felt the need to address the community on some of the things that I see and move forward.

Mrs. Bucy stated to get back to the rule of order, we are on item number 15. We had a first and a second.

Mrs. Steffey stated I still have something to add though about my abstention. Mr. Gabriel did give me his, I asked him to submit his legal opinion in writing and he sent over the case law, which he just spoke about. So, I pulled the case law up from Supreme Court holding the Council person cannot cast a vote either way of his acceptance of his or her own resignation in the commonwealth vs Robin Bush 2 49 P. A. And this was in 1915. Pull the case from the year up to clarify. And the reason I'm pursuing the fact that I believe I am allowed to vote on this item is simply in case there was a tie which I had explained, and it had to be broken. But this particular case that was sent over to me points out that the Council in question at the time, I was told to abstain because there was still a pecuniary interest in the position that he held as a water superintendent. So therefore, I would like to decline or wave my pay for the remainder of the term, which will be up until December 31, 2021. And I would like to therefore pursue my right to vote on this item that has no business being on the agenda in the first place.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated it's I don't really care honestly. I mean, we agreed to this last week. I don't really want to look like a fool one. We all agreed to put this up for a vote. So, I mean, let's have the vote, see what the outcome is. And let's go from there.

Mrs. Bucy stated I would like to make a comment now, in reference to what Mrs. Ruscitto said and to the members of the audience. In reference to accepting anyone's resignation, if they put in a rescinding letter to me, it will be accepted. Then Council has to vote on it. I would like to extend to the residents that if you're not happy with a Council member then you yourself have an opportunity to change that. This will be done individually.

Mr. Reynolds stated I thought we were not allowed to talk politics?

Mrs. Bucy stated I did not say anything about a political process. I said to the residents, you would be able to make a change individually. I made sure I did not say anything political.

Mr. Sockman moved to accept the rescission of the letter of resignation for Melissa Steffey from the Borough of Jefferson Hills Council, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote was unanimous after 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 in regard to those two items right there. I made it loud and clear it for me, it wasn't necessarily about Melissa, it was about the process. It was about the resignation letter coming in and being kept and held privileged to only a few individuals of Council. That was why the main reason why I stood behind it. It is just my opinion and my opinion only, I thought this from the very beginning was just a way to cover up Melissa was attacking. And there was a lot of disgruntled residents that was fighting back and forth on social media, and I thought this was just a just a little way of side tracking and pulling the attention away from that so that people could come say they are in support of her. So, that's why I voted the way I did, just I want to let everybody know.

Mr. Reynolds stated I've got one other question in regard to these two items. A couple of residents asked me on the way in since in the last meeting, when Melissa read both resignation letter and the rescind letter, will they be part of the minutes that we will be approving next month, since they were read in full.

Mrs. Lewis replied yes.

Mr. Reynolds stated okay, there's my answer. Thank you and for the residents had asked me listening, there's your answer. The answer was yes.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to appoint Pashek MTR as Municipal Planning Consultant for the Borough of Jefferson Hills, 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	ABSTAINED
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES

Mr. Sockman
Mrs. Steffey

YES
YES

Mr. Reynolds stated I was unable to make the first interview, so, I don't think it's fair for me to vote on this, so I'm abstaining.

Mr. Montgomery moved to engage Randy Rhoades to analyze and evaluate all pension funds for Borough of Jefferson Hills in preparation of issuance of requests for proposals (RFPs) to retain pension counsel, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Ordinance 884 to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement or agreements with other participating municipalities and tax jurisdictions of Allegheny County for the purpose of joining the Tri-COG Land Bank, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to table approval Conditional Use CU-1-2021 – F45 Franchise Gym, located at 115 Gill Hall Road, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery stated there was an updated submission submitted to the Borough and it's not up to what the Borough needs, and I understand there's been a letter for an extension. So, do we vote this down?

Solicitor Gabriel stated the appropriate thing I believe would be a motion to table a motion to table until November 2nd days.

Mr. Montgomery stated it's 45 days from now. It will give them an opportunity to make the corrections which aren't major but two pass it now, it's not up to standard it's not up to the ordinance. This will give them time to make the minor adjustments. We can't accept that the way it is.

Mrs. Steffey asked what's missing because I thought they've been here multiple time.

Mr. Montgomery stated the parking wasn't right.

Mrs. Steffey asked if this was all established at the planning meeting.

Mr. Montgomery stated no, it was here. They brought it in late on Wednesday and he had to analyze it. The parking isn't right, and the lighting wasn't right. So, then they submitted another plan and it's still not right. It's not a lot off but it doesn't mean it doesn't meet the ordinance.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated to the applicant, you came here tonight, did you know about this letter earlier?

Applicant stated We got here earlier today right before 4:00 to sign for an extension.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated did you know that this was going to happen?

Applicant stated no, we were told it would be a good idea to attend and be here.

Mr. Sockman stated I do have a couple concerns. I was out and extensively looked at your site and you indicated you have 33 parking spots for your people. Is that correct sir?

Applicant stated yes, 33 parking spots and three ADA.

Mr. Sockman stated approximately how many people will be in each of the sessions that you have starting at 6:00 PM.

Applicant stated 25.

Mr. Sockman stated okay, my concern is you know, given the fact that some people may stay over, some people may come early, you know, that does not give you a lot of buffers for parking. Also, there is a room up there for you to make another exit because they were concerned by the residents, the number of funerals that Thomas a Becket has, it's a very close proximity to that curve. You could go down over the hill if you're facing the building on the left-hand side and go down and have an exit that would at least alleviate some of the problems of the congestion you have at the one intersection with people coming and going and it's such a close amount of time.

Applicant stated I will definitely consider this one. In regard to the number of the parking spots, this one has to do with the size of the building and the building code, so 33 is exactly the number the minimum number that we can use.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated they actually have 36 because he has three ADA.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve maintenance contract with Cummins for generator-related service in the Borough Municipal Complex for the annual amount of \$2,580.28 (1 Year), seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

After a discussion on the number of years, it was agreed that it would be for only one year.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the Jefferson Hills Police Department to place orders for two (2) 2022 Ford Police Interceptors, related police equipment, and ammunition 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 Mr. Reynolds and carried unanimously

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$479,965.32 for work completed on the 2021 Road Program, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated September 1, 2021, from The Gateway Engineers, Inc. to complete the preliminary design on the PICCO Pump Station in the amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning the SHACOG Joint O&M Preventative Maintenance Project – Year 11, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning CD 47 7.5 Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 3, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously

Mrs. Steffey moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning CD 47 7.5 Tepe Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mr. Sockman moved to pay out balance of shift crew pay for remainder of 2021, 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

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

Motion did not pass.

Mr. Reynolds stated I'm going to eventually make a motion to table this and I'm also going to explain as part of why I voted No for the shift crew. The shift crew works obviously we all know that. My biggest concern with it is the way we're paying it out right now. I don't think that we should move ahead with formalizing paying any payouts. I think the one thing that we should be concerned about is we should have a time clock where they have to use their hands so that we can track, we have no idea. We keep giving taxpayer dollars away. A yearly expense now, with four shift crews is reaching upwards to a half a million dollars of taxpayer money. We took \$50,000

out of the recreation to help afford it down in Floreffe. Obviously, you know, if you look at the fire hall reports without that shift crew for that call on Gill Hall, we would have been in some serious trouble. I think the thing that we should be concerned about is having a little accountability. We have no idea how this money is being spent. We have no idea if it's working, there's no time sheets. We don't get anything other than something from their accountants says, hey, give us some money, we paid these people. I think it's irresponsible for us to allowed it to go that far without a time clock. Every other, every other employee that we have, whether these ones are borough administrators or not, they all have to report how many hours they work so forth. They all have things that we should be doing. I think we should be doing a little bit more to police the program before we're just giving away half million bucks a year with no accountability for. So, I'd like to table so that we could discuss what we can do in terms of making some kind of agreement to have a time clock. I wouldn't want one where they would just, somebody else would be able to go in and punch themselves in like they used to do down the meal and so forth. You would have to do with your thumb or with your handprint to know that that person was actually there in and out.

Mrs. Steffey asked do we have to use fingerprint stamps for public works to punch in and our police department?

Mr. Stinner stated we do not.

Mrs. Steffey stated but we're going to make people that are \$12 an hour risking their lives to use their fingerprint for you?

Mr. Reynolds stated some accountability. I think it's a different scenario too.

Mrs. Steffey stated, haven't you always been the one that says you don't want to police other programs.

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to table the vote, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, not because of fingerprints, but for more accountability.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Drager, since this was one of the things that you had discussed at the pre agenda meeting that you would like to have seen. I would like for you to explain why you brought this motion forward and why you thought it would be helpful in your budget process.

Mr. Drager stated over the past few years, just due to the timeliness of receiving the pay statements of the shift crew, they're usually sent out one to two months after they're submitted. So approximately four or five months of 2020 were paid out in 2021. It messes with the budget and getting the money out timely to pay the shift crew. Currently, when we receive everything from their CPA, it has all the backup paperwork for the shifts and such and that's what we pay out. Ultimately it is the amount that is budgeted and approved by Council. But going forward it would be very helpful for budgetary purposes to have a pay schedule to pay out. As we receive them, we can check to make sure that all of the shifts were covered and in fact all of them were fulfilled. If not, we would obviously on the next payment pay whatever the variances. That was the main purpose of putting this forward.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated if you're able to do that and you're able to adjust the future quarter of payment to fit if need be then I don't see a problem with that.

Mr. Reynolds stated, Mr. Drager the issue is the timeliness of their paperwork? So we are changing the way we pay because of their reluctance to submit on the time.

Mr. Drager stated I usually receive it like I said 1-2 months after the period.

Mr. Reynolds stated so we're changing the way we pay because of their reluctance to put paperwork in on time?

Mrs. Bucy stated, Mr. Drager, didn't you get the paperwork from their C.P.A.?

Mr. Drager stated I believe we've paid through July, and I don't think I've gotten anything since. So, we have five months left. But I haven't received any update from August or September.

Mrs. Bucy stated I think that was discussed. What I'm asking you is you're not getting this from JHFR. You're getting this from their C.P.A., correct?

Mr. Drager stated correct.

Mr. Reynolds stated Karen the timeliness, as you know when the three of us got elected when we came on here Charlie at one point told you that they were eight months behind. Is that a correct statement?

Mrs. Bucy stated I wanted to be known that they have a C.P.A. who lives in this Borough, who donates his time to do this, if I'm not mistaken. So, we could maybe send a letter from the Borough asking this individual that we would like to have this set up in this way. Could that be accommodated?

Mrs. Ruscitto stated in the in the interim let's just go with the table then until details are figured out.

Mr. Reynolds stated we're talking about, they don't have their paperwork and submitted to get paid. We don't pay public works out three months in advance. We don't pay a police three months out in advance. You submit the paperwork in for the time that you worked, and you get paid. If you don't submit the paperwork, then you don't get paid. That's just reality in life. I don't understand. You know, this is just getting into the situation where, your against the fire hall, You're against that. No, this is just the reality of life. If the if the paperwork isn't submitted, then you're not getting paid.

Mrs. Bucy stated I'm just clarifying who submits the paperwork.

Mrs. Ielase left the room at 8:03

Mr. Reynolds stated I got one question before. I mean, are we still, when we say we're paying quarterly if they don't submit the paperwork from the last quarter, are we still going to pay

out the next quarter? We need to let John know how he needs to perform this. We can't get him in a situation where he doesn't know what to pay out and you know, when he's paying it on, and he paid too much out here. We didn't, he doesn't have the paperwork on this. You know, if you don't turn your homework and you don't get, you don't get a grade.

Mr. Sockman stated you can't pay an invoice unless he gets unless he gets one, he has to get it first to pass.

Mr. Reynolds stated so, all these invoices that have been paid Jon from here on out. If we don't have an invoice for anything, they're not paying.

Mr. Drager stated yes, correct. I spoke with the auditors today and going forward, that's exactly what we're going to do is we're going to pay out the quarterly payment. And if we don't get an invoice we won't go forward with the next quarter.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Drager, could you send a letter to their C.P.A. explaining this? That this is our procedure that we're going to follow. I think that might be helpful also. When Mr. Drager comes to me and states, this procedure will help our books and help our budget to be more precise and efficient, I am going to follow his advice.

Mr. Montgomery stated I think part of this is that the many years they did not bill and so would run a huge surplus and then the next year they would pay and run a big deficit. So, it does make the budgeting and the accounting of the money very skewed. The money is always the same. There's no overtime. It's just \$12 an hour. So, Mr. Drager mentioned this is a better way to control that cost. So, when I look at the budget, I can understand it because we have a big deficit one year and a big surplus the next year. It's the same spending. It's just a matter of submitting the paperwork. Mr. Drager felt that this would make the budgeting process more precise. One year, they didn't bill us at all, and it looked like there was a big surplus. They billed later, and we caught up. Mr. Drager's recommendation was to do this. He says, I think this will control it better and that's why it's here.

Mr. Reynolds stated okay, do you understand my point of view what you're saying, but we ought to be grateful that we have somebody like Jon Drager that finally brought this up. The fact that it was allowed to be police and carried out in such an inefficient manner is beyond me. Still to this day, all we're getting is a piece of paper that said, oh yeah, these people worked these eight hours. I find it hard to believe that some of them they're not working overtime, you know, because they're on a call when it comes in. So, does that mean the next time if shift crew person A is out there for 10 hours, why is it always still coming up at eight? Is that next time they come in, do they only work six hours, and leave us? We don't know that. Dave, we have nobody policing it and we have nobody watching over it. Don't you see that we're spending half a million dollars of taxpayer money and we're not paying attention at all. That's my problem.

Mrs. Bucy stated and it's not a half a million, it was \$210,00.

Mr. Reynolds stated Karen, we went through this 1000 times if you take the hourly, and you take at times four people times 365 days so far, it came exactly out over the \$400,000 as the yearly expense. I said close to half a million. But we're still not watching over. I understand your

point. If I was a resident of kids and utilized our parks and recreation, I'd want to know why you took \$50,000 away from the parks and recreation and nobody is policing this. There is no common sense.

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Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mr. Sockman	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

30. Reports

Fire Chief

Nothing Further

EMS

Nothing further

Engineer

Nothing further

Consulting Engineer

Not present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing further

Public Works Director

Nothing further

Chief Dziezgowski

Nothing further to add to my report, but I wanted to thank you, Madam President and the rest of Council for honoring the first responders last Saturday, on behalf of the police department. Thank you.

Mayor

Not present

Manager

The Borough is beginning to coordinate a flu clinic with the local SouthEast Reginal EMS to have a flu clinic to do vaccinations here in the fall as well as the Mayor has aligned us with a service that will be able to do some COVID community health testing in the fall. We are also coordinating with them to deliver that service as well. So please keep an eye out on social media for both those two events.

Solicitor

Just like to note for the record Council will meet an executive session following this voting meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

General Business

Mr. Montgomery stated:

I'd like to thank Karen for putting on a very moving ceremony Recognizing the sacrifices of our fellow citizens on 911 and coupling it with the recognizing our own first responders of the police E.M.S. and fire companies. I thought it was well done and I thought it was appropriate and I was very proud of what you did on behalf of the United States and on behalf of the Borough, thank you for what you did.

Mr. Sockman stated:

I've talked to Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue after the last council meeting, and they requested and I've talked to Mr. Stinner about this for us to update our radios from VHF UHF. Unfortunately, right now, those two are not compatible and if mike's crew happens to be somewhere and they're on the telephone and then trying to get ahold of the chief and they can't reach them if we have this capability and the radios that would be much easier and safer for everyone. So, we're going to put this in the budget for next year so that we can update our radios.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated:

Thank you again to all our first responders, our firefighters, our policemen, our E.M.S. It was my privilege and honor to be with you during the 911 ceremony. Thank you again for your service.

Mike and crew, I got a couple compliments from residents. You were down on the other side of the old high school cleaning up on the old high school property. So, thanks for doing that. You guys didn't have to do that, but you do because you go above and beyond all the time.

Also, there was a young man at the ceremony, Matthew Conroy thank you for coming out and representing your troop 1843.

Mrs. Steffey stated:

Thank you, Council president for putting on the ceremonial, I was sad to miss it due to activities, but I heard a lot of nice things about it and very appreciative from the people that had attended.

I do have an update on the Wakefield property, which I think Nicole, that was what you were speaking about. An update just as current from today from Dr. Ghilani and I will speak to the residents in particular to let them know that I was in touch with him and we've come to discuss some items that will be taken care of but I just wanted to put that out there for public record as well.

Mrs. Ielase stated:

I wanted to also thank you for Saturday. It was a very nice time for everybody to be at. It was beautiful weather out. It's kind of like the same morning that happened 20 years ago that was the weather.

I have one more thing. I was wondering if Mr. Doel will go back in your speech because sometimes, we don't hear everything that said. But I wanted to hear what you said about a spare bedroom and a box.

Mr. Doel stated there wasn't anything you said I had two conversations with President Karen Bucy asking, after I got the Right-to-Know, I had to do an appeal because I didn't get any of the certifications for 885 or Floreffe only for Gill Hall. So, I had to appeal it asking for their certifications because in numerous meetings Karen had stated that we had them for them but not for Gill Hall. So, after I got the official word from the borough that it is not, they've never made that a requirement. They do not have them. They've never had them. I called her asking why the discrepancy, why have you told us in meetings you have them? But the official word from the borough is that you don't. So, the first day I called her, she said, I believe there's somewhere down in the Borough building there in an office down there. So, I called her the next day, not even on that, another question for her. And she immediately answered the phone and said, funny, you should call me right now. I'm walking into my spare bedroom. I think those certifications are in a box in here. So that's, that's always been referenced.

Mrs. Ielase stated sometimes we just don't always hear up here.

Mr. Doel stated, there's a lot to read and I read it kind of quick. So, I apologize,

Mrs. Ielase stated no problem. We did get those, the liaisons did get them in. I think it was August, maybe first of September, but there were some things missing and I specifically asked a few of the gentlemen to get them for us and I thought, well maybe they just put it away somewhere or whatever and I did make the phone calls and all they have to do is whatever county that they

took those classes in. All you have to do is call and give social number and or hand it back to you. That was all I was justifying with that.

Mr. Doel stated I get that. I just think it's a shame that you will not, you're the only one who voted not to reopen Gill Hall whether they merge or not based on the certifications which you have when the official word from the Borough is we don't have them for 885 or Floreffe and they're not required. We don't make that a requirement to opening a fire hall. So that was the only point I was making

Mr. Reynolds stated:

I just need a little bit more clarification on that. Was Gill Hall always held to the same standard as the other two. If we don't have any information with Pete saying, we don't have any information on those two. And Vicky you said that you double checked with the county and all it is just simply a phone call, and they can get their certificates, then I don't understand why the impression is always out here and the narrative that's created for the residents is the Gill Hall is the only one that won't turn over a document when in this case here. Gill Hall is in fact the only one that did turn over a document.

Mrs. Ielase stated at that time, they were the only ones asked, but JHFR usually posts their things. When all those people that took their classes during the COVID we were all made aware of them.

Mr. Reynolds stated, Pete, I got a question for you are those documents that are on file, are those just the most recent documents, are they certificates and training? Because my concern is just like you said, and if there's a resident sitting out there, what they just heard you say Vicky is that Gill Hal was required to these training requirements and the other two were not. Wasn't in fact what you just said? The other to the other two fire stations were not asked.

Mrs. Ielase stated we were trying to set up a probationary period where they had so many months to get on. We have never ever had a problem with 885 and Floreffe showing us their certificates.

Mr. Reynolds stated how could you, how could you make that statement Vicky? Pete's just telling you right here that he even went through the process of appealing it and no certifications were ever shown for the Floreffe station or the 885. Am I correct?

Mr. Doel stated in the official word from the Borough is it is not a requirement. We have never had them, and we have never asked for them. So, to say that they've always provided them There's a contradiction somewhere.

Mrs. Ielase stated I've seen them all.

Mr. Doel stated how do I know you've seen them, Vicky? How do I know that?

Mrs. Ielase stated because if you truly knew me, you would.

Mr. Doel stated I don't truly know you because, this right here states that you come up here repeatedly claiming that you don't have them, it took too long, and I apologize to any environmentalist out there because I hate the fact that I had to do all of this. But this was everything. I printed them off one after another. This is all of the firemen for Gill Hall and all of their certifications. It's pretty hefty as you can see. and we're keeping them closed saying that they're not educated, and they're not prepared, and I'd say this says otherwise. It's a saying that half the Borough does not have adequate fire protection, claiming that the Gill Hall is not prepared when clearly, they are month after month.

Mrs. Ielase stated we were trying to make a probationary period for them to get back open. But everything we asked for didn't materialize. That's not everything. There are three of your gentlemen, older gentlemen, said he has x, y, and z, and he will not give it to us. And that's why I made comment.

Mr. Doel stated and 885 and Floreffé have not given it to you either.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Doel would you like to sit down?

Mr. Doel stated I just want to say, I don't I don't disparage anything that 885 or Floreffé does. I feel I believe that they're fully qualified and I trust them. I'm just saying that the stance of the Borough is that we don't trust Gill Hall when we really should.

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Chalfant, would you like to address this?

Mrs. Steffey stated I can add that I went through every single one of those certificates as well. There are a lot of duplicates in there.

Mrs. Bucy stated to Mr. Chalfant, in the issue of your certifications would you like to address your stance on those certifications? This is not necessarily your stance. It was my understanding that you had a meeting, and this was agreed upon by your whole entire group. You are representing the group.

Mr. Chalfant stated there's a certificate of attendance and there's a certification of qualifications to a test it to a standard. So, anybody can go take a class and at the end of the class they get a piece of paper that says they were there. Doesn't mean they participated; doesn't mean they know what they're doing. Certifications that we're talking about is Firefighter One, Firefighter Two and many more which are met by national standards through IFSAC and Pro Board. You have to take a written 100 questions test and then you have to perform a set of skills afterwards proving that you know what you're doing. So yes, I have a lot of people who went and there's a lot of people out there in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who take a class and get a certificate of attendance. Doesn't mean you know what you're doing. My certifications that we require our Firefighter One in the Department of Health Certification, which is a written test for the vehicle extrication. There's a difference. If we're going to talk about certifications, are we talking about certifications attendants or are we talking about national Pro Board certifications? Which in order to be an interior firefighter in JHFR, you have to be a National Certified Firefighter One at a minimum.

Mrs. Bucy stated, and would you feel comfortable sharing those certifications?

Chief Chalfant stated, actually, after everything we've seen on social media, everything is taking place. I'll take it back to my department. They're probably tell, you no. Because no sooner than we submitted our driver's license, it was all over social media where everybody lives. Does it really matter about the people who come here to protect his community where you live? I don't think the police departments required to live here. I don't think the road crews required to live here. But by God, we had it all out to everybody lives who comes to work and provide protection in Jefferson Hills. So, I'll take it back to my department if they want to vote on it, then let them vote on it. The answer is probably going to be no, but I'll give you an answer.

Mr. Reynolds stated it is 100% relevant and I don't think it's a fair comparison to compare yourself to the Police Department or the road crew or so forth.

Chief Chalfant asked why not?

Mr. Reynolds stated we were talking; you represent yourself as a volunteer organization. It is relevant when you sit there and say that these lists of volunteers that can drive the vehicles are from x amount of places. The police have their crew on duty. They're here. They're policing. They're driving around the whole time. We're requiring at your point. You want to represent as volunteers? You only have two people sitting there on a shift crew.

Chief Chalfant stated correction. We're paying two people to just sit there. We average about 6 to 8 people a day sitting at the firehouse.

Mr. Reynolds stated nobody knows because nobody you know it.

Chief Chalfant stated you know it, you come, and you parked across the street and you stare at you guys down.

Mr. Reynolds stated do me a favor, take some off of your security camera and show me where I sit over there and stare the guys down.

Chief Chalfant stated not a problem. And while I'm here, can I correct something else you the Council was discussing about the payroll? Mr. Drager, did you ever cut a check just blindly cut a check a monthly for shift through payroll?

Mr. Drager stated no, I don't believe so.

Chief Chalfant stated, so again, we weren't changing it from monthly. So, we have a track of how many people work and if only five people work or four people work or whatever it's kept.

Mr. Reynolds stated what was asked of in that resolution right there was to pay you up front and to pay you for three months ahead of time.

Chief Chalfant stated correction. I never asked for that. That didn't come from us. Mr. Drager who come up with that plan?

Mr. Drager stated we discussed it in the finance committee because it's causing some issues with the budget.

Chief Chalfant stated and I will talk to our C.P.A. about it, but let's clarify that for the residents, the fire department did not ask for that.

Mrs. Bucy asked if the reason why you did not submit your certificates of attendance and/or certificate of competency or a certificate of completion was because you and your JHFR Fire members felt that your private information would be made public?

Chief Chalfant stated we were never asked. We weren't the ones that were shut down. We never turned our backs on his community. We came here wanting to merge, we didn't shut Gill Hall down. We have nothing against Gill Hall.

Mr. Reynolds stated they've never turned our back on this community, they were forced to be taken off the run card.

Chief Chalfant stated I'm not going to sit here and argue with you about it.

Mr. Reynolds stated that's fine, you're the one that just brought it up Brian. They've asked this Council time after time to allow them to support this community and be back on the run card. They have not walked away from this community one bit. They've supported this community in whichever way they can in the fashion that they can in the meantime. It's this Council here that keeps them off the run cards. You don't have the right to force them into a merger period.

Chief Chalfant stated I never said I did.

Mr. Reynolds stated you don't have the right to force them into a merger.

Chief Chalfant stated so leave us out of it.

Mrs. Bucy Stated, Chief Chalfant, will you just ask your organization if they would like to have their certificates posted and if you felt more comfortable reading them then that might be an option also.

Chief Chalfant asked do you have all night, ma'am? If you want, you want certificates of training or you want certifications because my file alone is as thick as that one. So, we can be here all night if you want.

Can I ask one more question since I'm here. I missed the Fire Chief reports since I had my daughter's softball game. I am wondering if Council can tell me have you got JHFR's tablets back?

And my second question is for Mr. Stinner, as the Deputy EMA Coordinator, did we ever get the new Knox box keys back?

Mr. Stinner stated, no, we have not.

Chief Chalfant stated, do we know who has them?

Mr. Stinner stated we do not.

Chief Chalfant stated I think we need to launch an investigation into that, Sir.

Mr. Reynolds stated Vicki, you want to answer his question? Because Mr. Khalil showed in the last court hearing that there's a recording with you sitting here saying that you've seen the Ipads returned by me and you're on tape for it and you usin them in the finance meeting.

Mrs. Ielase stated Step back real quick. I said I saw you bring him into the building, and you left with them. First of all, I don't even know how to open them up, turn them on or use them. I still have a flip phone and I don't give a lickety split who has Ipads, because I don't want one. I've never taken them. If anybody knows me, knows I would give something back that doesn't belong to me.

Mr. Reynolds stated so you have no problem in the next meeting we put up on a camera what you said at the one Council meeting?

Mrs. Ielase state I saw you bring them into the meeting. I saw you leave.

Mr. Reynolds stated can we put that? You have put that on the agenda.

Mrs. Ielase state I never had never seen them. I don't even know what they look like.

Mr. Reynolds stated then I don't understand why you said it in the meeting.

Mrs. Ielase stated I gave you credit.

Mrs. Bucy stated we're calling the order. I haven't even spoken yet.

Mr. Reynolds stated well I haven't finished mine half a mile. The majority of my time was taken up by Brain. You started talking about all the other things when all it was just Vicky asking him to come up there and show him those certificates that get the Gill Hall always gets the negative narrative that they've never submitted anything.

Mrs. Ielase state and you've got that backwards too. I asked him to come up to repeat a section of his speech about a box and a spare bedroom.

Mr. Reynolds stated I didn't get a chance to make a motion to reopen Gill Hall like we said, in the agenda.

Mrs. Bucy stated then make the motion if you want to make a motion.

Mr. Reynolds did not make a motion.

Mrs. Bucy stated first of all, I am a resident of Gill Hall, I'm on the fire liaison and I was at many meetings. I only know of one person that was a line officer that did not have their certifications. I saw three out of the five people that were line officers at Gill Hall had Firefighter 1 and had those certificates. The other people did not. They actually had the same amount of certifications that I do. I want this put on record.

We have a responsibility to make sure that the calls can be answered to their utmost ability. When we went to mediation that was requested by members of this Council and the mayor, Floyd Wise was our mediator. He was handpicked by Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Dept. He asked for those certificates as part of the probationary plan. Those certificates were to serve as a baseline of the knowledge and experience that Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Dept. had within their ranks of the memberships. Floyd Wise is the Battalion Chief of the City of Harrisburg. We're talking about fire protection, and he was assessing the competency levels. That's what the point of acquiring the certificates.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Ruscitto, seconded by Mrs. Steffey and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager