

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Steffey at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Centers, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members Bucy, Vice President Budd, Montgomery, Ruscitto, President Steffey, and Mayor McCaffrey answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner, Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Dziezgowski, Engineer Glister and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Council Member Lynch and Consulting Engineer Minsterman were absent. Council Member Reynolds arrived at 7:05 p.m.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

Mrs. Steffey stated we are going to switch around item number five with number 32 because it looks like we have some residents in the audience. I don't want to make them wait on non-agenda items. We are going to do Borough resident taxpayer comments on non-agenda items.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tim Milko, 1108 State Route 885, stated before I start, I want to go on record and say thank you to the Borough, specifically, Mark Reis. My wife and I bought the property about a year and a half ago. I had never owned a commercial property or any kind of rental property at all. Mr. Reis was always very polite and helpful. I know he's not here, but I want to go on records saying that he made the process for us a lot better.

The intersection of Payne Hill and 885 is where the building is at. Most of you probably know it as the Paramount Flooring building across from Yoli's. The reason I'm here is to talk about the intersection. I had a conversation with Chief Dziezgowski a couple of months ago, and I thought things went very well. I want to keep the ball rolling on possibly getting something done at this intersection. As I'm sure all of you know, there was another pretty bad car accident there just a couple of nights ago. What makes it worse for us now was the building didn't have a lot going on with the flooring company that was there. Now, we have a store there selling children's items. There's a pretty good amount of traffic coming in and out, that is women, children pulling in and out of the parking lot. I feel like it's only a matter of time before something, maybe a fatal accident happens. To go back even a little bit further, about three months ago, I got a call from the post office saying that they will no longer deliver mail to the building because of how dangerous the intersection is. When they're trying to pull back onto the road, they've had so many close calls that they will no longer deliver mail. I now drive to the post office two or three days a week and get the mail for my building as well as the mail for my neighbor, Madeline Dinarda. She's in her 90s, doesn't get around well. Her mailbox is in the same spot as ours. The fix for that is to remove a little kind of partial wall that the previous owners put there. But the reason why I'm hesitant in doing that is because that opens up the portion of the parking lot that I would love to use, but it's a complete blind spot entering or exiting. I feel like if I remove that, it's only a matter of time before there's most likely a fatal accident. Considering the business that's in the building, it's probably

going to be a parent, a child, something like that. I just want to see if I can get the Borough's backing and see what we have to do to get the ball rolling with PennDOT to make something happen at that intersection. PennDOT should put in a stop sign coming up 885 from Clairton side, or speed bumps. If and when something happens, I don't want it to be on the Borough. I want us to be able to say, we've been going to PennDOT. We've tried this and they're not doing their part. I have a couple of pictures here of what I'm speaking of. The first one that has number one in the bottom left corner, just shows the wall and then where the mailboxes are. The other two, I did a little mockup of with the wall removed. There are some arrows showing the flow of traffic and where the problems would occur at if people were turning in or out of the parking lot where we would remove that wall. My feeling is, even if I put up signs saying, "Do Not Enter. Do not exit," people are going to use it. They're not always going to follow those signs. We have tenants in the apartment also who have a young child, and we have the possibility of another business coming in that's going to offer music lessons to children. Again, you have more and more parents and children turning in and out of this parking lot. I want to see what I can do with working with the Borough to get something happening on this intersection.

Peg Gordon, 922 Sunnycrest Lane, stated I live off of Wall Road. I drive 885 eight times a week, between going to work and coming back. There have been multiple times that within inches, I've almost been hit. I'm more here to support that something needs to be done at that intersection. The restaurant Yoli's parking lot is any which way that you go. You could come out on 885. You come out onto Payne Hill. A lot of people don't even look. They just pull right out. The stop sign even at Payne Hill, is not really a deterrent to people to stop. Drivers slide through it and just go right out onto 885. I've lived in Jefferson Hills for eight years. I've been yipping about this intersection because I drive it. I'm surprised there's not been more accidents, because you have to be really vigilant there. I do put my turn signal on at the Y, to say that I'm going to the left, but people pull out in front of you, anyway. No one knows where anybody is going. You have to be really careful at that intersection. I know the post lady has said to me about delivering mail up on 885, that how dangerous it is. I don't know what the Borough can do. I realize that 885 is a state road, but something needs to be addressed there. I don't know how many accidents have happened there, but more of them are going to happen.

John Simons, 1110 State Route 885, stated I live at 1110 State Route 885. I rent the apartment upstairs. The biggest problem is when people take off from that stop sign, by the time they get a quarter mile down the road, they're going 60 to 70 miles an hour. There are four wheelers, and dirt bikes that come up by Clairton and then they go down that way. People park at Yoli's. I've seen cars stopping in the middle of the road and people get into altercations in Yoli's parking lot. They get into altercations, and you can hear them right outside. The fire department, the rescue vehicles come up through there and people don't yield to them. We hear them coming all the time and people just never yield. They drive so fast through there. I'm honestly waiting for someone to end up end in the parking lot. My concern is with having to open up the other end is when Yoli's does get packed, people come park over here. Parking in our lot is not the big deal, but it's when they're leaving, there's nowhere to go. I have an eight-year-old, he does play outside, and that's a bit of my concern.

Chief Dziezgowski stated first of all, on behalf of the Borough and the police department, we appreciate the concern that you bring to our attention, first and foremost. Safety is a paramount concern throughout the Borough at any intersection, especially this intersection. We know a bad

crash just happened the other day. A lot of things I'm going to reiterate with you brought up yourselves. Just so you know the process that we have to do. Number one, PennDOT is very hard to work with, for a state road. Route 885 is a state road. It is regulated by PennDOT. They are never going to put a speed hump on a state road. Just to be honest with you, a lot of what you are talking about comes from driver error; drivers not paying attention, drivers driving too fast. We try to put up speed enforcement in that area. However, even though it is a bad intersection, it is a wide-open intersection, and there is not a lot of places to hide where you can monitor that intersection. People are going to stop because they see a police car, even an unmarked police car. We are going to do enforcement efforts the best we can and continue to do that. I can tell you from the data that I pulled for the least the last 3 years, and this is the same data that PennDOT is going to look at. There are not enough accidents at that intersection. A negative has to turn into a positive here, meaning we need more accidents to happen for PennDOT to make any decisions. But that is what they are going to look at. They are going to look at the crash data. Within the last three years, we only had six accidents at that location, one of which was nonreportable. All the rest were reportable. I have been talking to Mr. Glister on this subject. There could be a sight deviation there with your business and the home that sits up on top right next to your business. There is definite sight deviation, which is why the post office does not want to deliver to your location.

Mr. Milko stated I think for most of the intersection it's the speed thing. But, when you're coming up from Clairton you can't see, there's no kind of line of sight at all.

Chief Dziezgowski stated I don't want to discuss an accident that's still under investigation. However, there is a lot of negligence on the part of the people from Payne Hill not stopping and yielding the right of way to oncoming traffic. They think they can run and gun it. This is probably not what you want to hear, but it's an uphill battle dealing with PennDOT. We will continue to do enforcement in that area the best we can. We will get speed signs up and at least monitor, pull statistics, and argue the point that there is a sight issue on that bend coming around Payne Hill, especially with that little bit of an island there that is overgrown. But again, that is state property.

Mr. Glister added we get these requests on state roads probably once or twice a year. We do reach out to PennDOT and request that they perform a traffic study to see if a stop sign is warranted. We did do that for this intersection after the Chief brought it up to me. I pulled up the letter here. We should hear an answer back from PennDOT by the end of the year. But, as the Chief said, this is probably the fifth one, I have done, and they have not agreed to put in a multi stop intersection in any of them. What we typically have been seeing is they will come back and recommend some signage and some cautionary stuff. There might even be some markings on the pavement, as well as some street signs. With this being a state intersection, there is really not a lot we can do.

Mr. Milko stated I want to make sure that, we're at least trying to make something happen. I know that it's not going to happen right away. I just want to make sure that the process is at least following whatever footsteps it has to take to get there.

Mrs. Steffey asked Mr. Volpe, do you have any idea of the last time that that island has been maintained by the state?

Mr. Volpe stated they come through in the spring and spray the weeds.

Mr. Simons stated the other issue also is Yoli's. They get packed.

Mrs. Steffey stated when we are in communication, either Chief or Mr. Glister, with PennDOT we could add the necessity for the maintenance of that island. Nobody should be parking on that island because when they pull out, there are cars coming from all directions.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked could we request a sign for a fine if people park on that island?

Mrs. Steffey stated if all three of you would like to stay in communication with us about this matter, add your emails on a piece of that paper and handing it to Michele. Chief and Mr. Glister, if you could copy me on any and all PennDOT correspondence and see if we can get the ball rolling here.

Ms. Gordon stated I live just past the Beverly Hills Development. I don't know what's going on that hill. I don't know if it's going to be home or road or whatever. But I anticipate 885 is going to get a whole lot busier.

Mr. Glister stated the expressway is definitely going to be coming through there in the future. It is going to run adjacent to the power lines there. But none of that work has started yet. The work you are seeing, if you're heading on 885 towards Clairton on the right, has been ongoing for a couple of years. That property was purchased by a contractor in the area. All they have submitted with the Borough is an application for grading permit.

Ms. Gordon stated on the left is also construction.

Mr. Glister stated that is a separate contractor in the area. It is two different contractors, ironically, doing very similar projects on both sides of the road. With what they are proposing at this point, all that we can require from them is the grading permit. We can't really speak to any of their future plans. They have indicated they are looking to complete that work so that there could potentially be future plans. I think they are both residential right now. So, it would not be a gas station or anything commercial.

If they do develop those properties at some point, traffic plans would have to come in as part of that application. They cannot just start building the homes. There's a whole process they have to go through to get the Borough approvals, whether it's a major subdivision or land development process. Traffic one of the things that we specifically look at. We make them submit a traffic impact study. That would all be evaluated in the future. As of right now, they're just looking to create the fill. But they did go through all the proper avenues to do that. They are in compliance not only with the Borough but with Allegheny County Conservation District and the DEP for the earth work they are doing for the erosion sedimentation controls they have to have in place.

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mrs. Budd moved to approve the monthly payroll, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting October 5, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve minutes of regular meeting October 10, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to ratify the hiring of Brian Haberstock to the position of Laborer inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department effective November 7, 2022, subject to the 90-day probationary period, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve at-will job descriptions and evaluations for Borough Manager, Finance Director, Engineer, Public Works Director, Zoning Officer, and Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to advertise and initiate the review of minor amendments to the 2022 Zoning Ordinance #891, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve Tribune Review as an alternate newspaper of general circulation for legal advertising purposes, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to authorize the Borough Manager to send a letter to Pennsylvania American Water Company indicating that all future fire hydrants installed or replaced in the Borough are to be of the National Standard type, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the preliminary 2023 Borough of Jefferson Hills Budget, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd asked is this something that we will be able to suggest changes if we see fit? I have some concerns about the library budget.

Mrs. Steffey responded this is the preliminary budget. Any concerns can be discussed in executive session. Those concerns will also be brought to our finance committee and our next budget meeting with the finance committee as well.

Mrs. Budd moved to pay off PNC Bank note #606308215 in the amount of approximately \$130,000.00 which financed the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Complex, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to adopt Resolution No. 43-2022 establishing the minimum percentage of the unreserved fund balance necessary to maintain the fiscal health of the Borough, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to enter into a contractual agreement with MBM Collections, LLC for the purpose of being designated as the delinquent real estate taxes collector for the Borough of Jefferson Hills effective January 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Montgomery.

Mrs. Bucy stated I received a copy of this letter from Patricia McGrail on November 4th. It was discussed at the finance committee meeting. I went over it again on November 8th with Borough Manager Stinner. I want to make sure I have this right. When I look on the budget, Item 01-301-300, it has Delinquent Real Estate Taxes. It has \$194,771.88. Is this the amount that they collected?

Mr. Drager responded yes. That would be what they have collected for this year.

Mrs. Bucy asked is that a projection?

Mr. Drager responded that would be the amount anticipated for next year.

Mrs. Bucy stated we anticipate that approximately 93% of the taxes, the real estate taxes are collected. Mrs. Josephine Lipnicky has a year to see if she can bring that number up, maybe to 95%.

Mr. Reynolds asked how long does Lipnicky have to collect the taxes?

Mr. Drager stated at the end of the year, Mrs. Lipnicky turns over the delinquent tax report to McGrail. It is turned over on January 15th of the next year. On January 15th of 2023, it will get submitted to what used to be McGrail, but MBM now. They will take it from there and recoup whatever they can get in delinquent taxes.

Mrs. Bucy stated we would anticipate that this MBM would receive 10% plus their fees. If they would recover this 194,771, they would take 10% of that.

Mr. Drager stated that fee would actually come from the delinquent payer. So, whatever the 10% of their tax balance is, they would pay that on top of it. We would still get our money.

Mrs. Bucy stated we have discussed this numerous times that when a contract ended and we began a new contract, that we would put them out for bid. The Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, it states that all contracts and purchases must be made with the lowest qualified and responsible bidder. Mr. Stinner pointed out to me that there are some exceptions to this. The statute reads "Except those involving personnel or professional services." This might be considered a professional service; however, I feel that we know very little about this? I do not have anything to compare this to. I don't know if 10% is a good number or a bad number. I personally would like to see this put out for bid so that we could get some more information as to how this process all works. I know that Patricia McGrail made a recommendation, which I am sure we can take very highly. I personally feel that I don't have anything to compare it to. Therefore, I would like to see it go out for bid. On that note, I want to state that this is a democracy. People will vote, and then the majority will rule. This is what we do in a civilized society. We present our case. If other people agree with me, they will vote to have it go out to bid. If they feel this is substantial enough and they agree with this, they will not. The majority will rule

Mr. Reynolds asked did we do any due diligence for our residents to check and see that the fees that they charge are comparable to their competitors? I understand that when I asked that question on Wednesday, it was working on a short time frame. We have not done our due diligence to make sure that the fees that they will be charging our residents is comparable to any competitor that is out there.

Mrs. Steffey stated we had a discussion meeting. Solicitor Gabriel stated that it was professional services last week. If we had concerns, we should have discussed them. We had the same letter and the same contract last week.

Mrs. Bucy stated I did express the same concern.

Mr. Reynolds stated I expressed my concerns on Wednesday also. We have not done our due diligence to check that the fees that they are charging our residents is in line with any of their competitors out there. The only thing that we have is that gentleman said that they are. Well, he works for the company. I would much rather not take his word.

Mrs. Bucy stated I discussed that personally with Mr. Stinner. When the gentleman from MBM came, and he said that this is a contract.

Mr. Stinner stated we have a drop-dead date of the end of the year, the 31st of December, where we will have no delinquent tax collector at that time. This is a professional service, and a contract can be entered into.

Mr. Reynolds stated for two years, our residents are going to get charged fees that we do not know are competitive with the rates that are out there. We are not doing our due diligence to make sure that they are paying the least amount

Mrs. Budd asked if we were to go with a bid, what do we do with this motion?

Solicitor Gabriel stated right now, there is a motion and a second. The motion should be voted on unless there is a motion to table. If there was a motion to table and a second and that motion to table had the majority, then it would table the underlying motion.

Mrs. Budd with what Mr. Stinner is saying is that have a drop-dead date. I understand the concerns behind it, but what are the consequences of not having a delinquent tax collector?

Mr. Stinner stated the transfer of all of our tax data to our new delinquent tax collector would be another delay for delinquent tax collection.

Mr. Drager stated it will probably take about 60 days to transfer everything over. If we can get the process started quickly, we should be able to immediately start trying to get delinquent taxes. If do put it out, the RFP, or if it takes longer, then we would not get delinquent taxes until it is put in place.

Mrs. Steffey stated that would be money that we would not receive until another contract is put in place by either MBM or a different service.

Mr. Reynolds stated it would be short term delay to guarantee that our residents were getting treated correctly and paying a fair price.

After discussion a vote was taken. 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.

Mrs. Bucy	NO
Mrs. Budd	YES
Mr. Lynch	ABSENT
Mr. Montgomery	NO
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Three members voted yes, and three members voted no.

Solicitor Gabriel stated the tie breaking vote can be cast by the mayor in a 3-3 tie.

Mayor McCaffrey voted YES to break the tie; motion carried.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I would like to explain my yes vote. The person that was here last week from MBM stated that they have multiple times taken over accounts for Pat McGrail. I understand that this has been a process that's been ongoing for quite some time now. The reason for my yes vote, is the smooth transition.

Mrs. Bucy stated I felt that I did do my due diligence. Unfortunately, it might not have been as quickly as possible, but I did make my effort to do that. In the last two years, we have consistently said that we were going to put things out to a bid, and I still feel that we need the bid process.

Mr. Reynolds stated I think it was unprofessional in this case here where they came and approached us with it, with such little time left on the clock. I still think our residents deserve better.

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt Resolution No. 44-2022 designating MBM Collections, LLC as the delinquent real estate taxes collector for the Borough of Jefferson Hills effective January 1, 2023, 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.

Mrs. Bucy	NO
Mrs. Budd	YES
Mr. Lynch	ABSENT
Mr. Montgomery	NO
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Three members voted yes, and three members voted no. Mayor McCaffrey voted YES to break the tie, motion carried.

Mrs. Bucy stated I would like to make a response to my no vote. I do not feel that you can pass a resolution to designate this company as the delinquent tax collector if you do not enter into a contract with them.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Teamsters Union #205, that represents the Jefferson Hills Police Department, and the Borough of Jefferson Hills which shall modify the current Collective Bargaining Agreement Article No. XLIV-Tattoos, allowing officers to have visible tattoos on their arms only, with conditions and at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to approve a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office and the Borough of Jefferson Hills to permit agents of the District Attorney to process any civil and criminal ACT 22 video requests received by the Jefferson Hills Police Department, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and Laborer's Union #1058 establishing a \$20 per month stipend, or \$240.00 per year for the use of his/her personal cell phone for work purposes contingent on the employee maintaining an insurance policy covering the repair or replacement of the phone, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to authorize the Manager and Public Works Director to take the necessary steps to become a licensed inspection station by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT), seconded by, Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve the advertisement and sale of used mobile and portable radios from the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department on Municibid, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to advertise parcel #23-764-P-50 for sale to the highest bidder, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to reauthorize the allocation of up to \$40,000.00 for the purchase of a used dump truck for the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 32-2022 granting final approval to the land development known as SP-13-2022, Yellow House Homes Subdivision and Consolidation Plan of Lots, seconded by Mrs. Bucy. 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.

Mrs. Bucy	YES
Mrs. Budd	YES
Mr. Lynch	ABSENT
Mr. Montgomery	YES
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Five members voted yes, and one member voted no, motion carried.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve execution of a permanent conservation easement agreement for the Lobb’s Run Stream Restoration project between the property owner at Lot and Block 1274-H-148 and 1274-H-194 in favor of the Borough of Jefferson Hills for the consideration of \$1.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve execution of a permanent conservation easement agreement for the Lobb’s Run Stream Restoration project between the property owner at Lot and Block 1274-M-300 in favor of the Borough of Jefferson Hills for the consideration of \$1.00, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve execution of a permanent conservation easement agreement for the Lobb’s Run Stream Restoration project between the property owner at Lot and Block 1274-H-156 in favor of the Borough of Jefferson Hills for the consideration of \$1.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Work Authorization dated November 2, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough with surveying and preparation of an easement exhibit and legal descriptions for the relocated Peters Creek Sanitary sewer in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS

Fire Chief

Not Present

EMS

Not Present

Engineer

Mr. Glister stated we have had some calls regarding the public works and the trucks that were taken up down Stilley Road. I wanted to clarify that tonight at the meeting what we are doing is behind the Jefferson Estates Development and behind the Jefferson Woodlands Development, that is off of Harlin Drive in Jefferson Estates and off of Thomas Jefferson Drive in Jefferson Woodlands. There is a storm water retention facility down there, that has been there for a long time. It is probably the size of a football field because it serves both of those developments. It is quite a large drainage area. The Borough became responsible for the conversion of that retention facility. What that means is that when a smaller retention facility is built, initially, it acts as a sediment basin. It intentionally holds water. The purpose of that is when the developments build the streets and do the mass earthwork there is a lot of earth disturbance. When that is going on, you get a lot of stormwater runoff that has sediment in it and then it goes down to the stormwater basin. To keep it from exiting the basin and the site and into waters of the Commonwealth, the storm water retention pond is meant to be a sediment trap for the runoff water. This particular one was never converted by the developer. After lots of discussions, everybody agreed upon the Borough doing this conversion so that the permit for the pond can be closed out. What that entails is removing about 10 or 15 years' worth of silt and sediment that had built up in this pond over the area of about a football field. We are fortunate enough that our public works has the resources between equipment and trucks to take care of this in-house because it was quite a long project. We are about a little over two months into it. We have maybe another week or two left if weather cooperates. What we are doing is taking all this sediment out of the pond. We are stockpiling it in an area off of Thomas Jefferson Drive. Every so often, we are hauling all that out of there because it is on a property that our residents and the Jefferson Estate HOA is letting us use. We are hauling it down to our storage yard off of Brickyard Road, which is off the 51 below the 43 overpasses. It is not a very glamorous project, but nonetheless this project needs to be done. We are doing it in-house to save on costs. Hopefully that addresses any questions or concerns of why residents are seeing our trucks run up and down Stilley Road. We should be wrapped up here pretty soon.

Consulting Engineer

Not Present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing Further

Public Works Director

Nothing Further

Police Chief

Chief Dziezgowski wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and to be safe over the holidays.

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey stated we are holding our Holiday in the Hills event, Saturday, December 3rd. The time will be from 2:00 to 7:00. We are running a continuous shuttle all day. There will be no parking at the Borough building. The police department will still be open, people will be able to get into it. There will be a touch of truck. We are having a petting zoo. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here. We are going to have food trucks and vendors. There will be a live band. The library is hosting crafts for the kids. We are hoping to have a great turnout and hope to see everyone there. There will also be a lot more information coming out this week to make sure that everybody is aware of it. Good luck to the TJ football team and hope everybody has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Manager

Mrs. Steffey stated Borough Manager Stinner is going to be giving an outline of our public safety committee meetings that we had that was promised in last month's meeting.

Mr. Stinner stated we spoke about four separate topics during the meeting. The first is the radio repeater. One of the goals of the emergency management group is to get all three first response agencies and the Borough public works department on the same radio. That was problematic as we had different radios with different channels. We subsequently purchased a radio repeater to coordinate these types of events during emergencies. We also discussed the future of the ham reduction responder. We still have an overdose to action micro grant from the county for \$65,000 to apply towards additional training and wages for our first responders dealing with substance use or mental health distress. We are also working on the emergency operations plan with Vice President Budd. We're currently reviewing it for any redundancies or updated information. We have also had a young man named, Jacob Wiley, who's a member of Tri-Community South. He has a lot of EMA experience. He would like to contribute to that document as well. We appreciate that assistance. Chief Dziezgowski, could you give us a brief update on the surveillance cameras in the parks?

Chief Dziezgowski stated as of this date, we have cameras and access device operational at 885, cameras and access device operational at Beedle Park, and cameras operational at the GBU. We are still waiting for an access device part to be up and running at GBU. We are also waiting for an internet supplier at Beedle Park and the GBU.

Mr. Stinner stated additionally, we are going to be aligning NIMS training for any public elected officials who did not take it in the spring. It is going to take place in December. I will be sending out information as I receive it as to when that training is.

We are looking into a mobile alert system via text. It would be a free subscription-based service to receive updates or emergency updates from our EMS, and fire, and police departments.

Mr. Montgomery stated we used to have that Nixle system.

Chief Dziezgowski stated that was back in 2015. It was a free subscription at that time. That free subscription has run out and was not kept up. I did check into it. We do not have an active subscription right now. If we did want to have an active subscription to Nixle, it would be \$4,500

a year for that subscription. We are looking at other alternatives to see which one is better, whether it be SwiftReach, Red Alert, Nixle. There are a few other ones out there. We want to make sure that our money is well spent for the Borough.

Mr. Stinner stated there were some questions concerning hand money in relation to a property in the Gill Hall area for a substation to provide fire service. Just for the record, that money was never cashed or deposited by the Borough. It was held in escrow until such time as the property had been passed and that check was subsequently given back to Mr. Drager.

Mr. Reynolds asked is there any other advancements on getting the residents in that area adequate fire protection?

Mr. Stinner stated that has been taken up by the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Reynolds stated the Attorney General's office is now getting involved in adequate fire protection for those individuals over there?

Mrs. Steffey stated there have been many options that have been explored. A few of those options did not pan out. There have been a few events that have happened. In light of these situations, in order to go through the motions and find out what the outcome is going to be, in order to save our residents money.

Mrs. Bucy commented to the residents regarding the term, adequate fire protection. I realize that there are very differentiating points of view on this topic. I have spent the last two years not only in training but going to the University of Pittsburgh where the "Future of Fire" has been studied extensively. I do feel that Gil Hall area has adequate protection because of the following factual information. Due to the fact that we now have and have consistently, for the last year, four people on a shift crew located at 885 and at Floreff. We can check their response times. We can check how many people go to these sites. They are all under the national and county averages for times when they are arriving on the scene, with competent people. That is the reason why it does not matter to me about what is happening in a court case, which we are not permitted to speak about. We already have the adequate protection due to the fact that we are using taxpayers' money to man a four-man shift crew, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They have continuously served this community in a positive and beneficial way. That is the reason why we have adequate fire protection in this community whether it is in 885, Floreff, or Gill Hall.

Mr. Reynolds stated I never criticized the shift crew. Just where they are located. They are too far away from those individuals. Justin Allan stated on Wednesday that the area of Gill Hall was always going to have to rely on Pleasant Hills and Broughton to be first on scene because they are too far away. But what happens when the Pleasant Hills Fire Service is on site in Pleasant Hills or already out on mutual aid? Now, they are not going to be able to get there. Same thing for Broughton. Broughton has their own residence. They should be applauded. If there was some way that we could vote to send them some money for all the good that they have done in our area, I would most certainly do it. For that huge development Hunters Field, they are never going to be first on scene. He said it right there. If I was a resident in that area, I would not be happy with pushing the responsibility for my fire protection on to Pleasant Hills or on to Broughton. Thank

you for coming and taking care of our residents. That is our responsibility. They are doing their job as a shift crew. They are just too far away.

Mr. Stinner continued I was asked by Mr. Oster and members of the committee to update everyone on the status of the voter district reapportionment. We are currently in the process of articulating the boundaries in a verbal manner for the breakup of the reapportionment of these voting districts. Solicitor Gabriel has prepared a draft petition to address this. Mike Glister and I are going to be articulating these boundary lines this week, and we should have that submitted very shortly.

There were a few points on the map that we need to articulate correctly. We have no existing boundaries because that was 40-years ago when those districts were originally apportioned. What we have to figure out is what kind of boundaries or landmarks we have to use to articulate the boundaries of each voter district. From what he's determined, District 2 and 6, the lines between them are confusing. They do not even vote based on those lines. One of them is supposed to vote in two and they're voting in six. The county is listing the people in the wrong district, it does not even follow their line. We usually use street addresses. We can maybe use the longitude and latitude. We have to have all this verbiage straight and correct when we go down to the county.

Solicitor Gabriel stated there are three districts we have currently. District 1, 5, and 8, that all exceed 1200 voters.

Mr. Montgomery stated this is an issue. Most of the splits are based on addresses. But it goes out into the land dump and makes a 90-degree angle. His concern was, how do we describe that?

Mr. Glister stated in that particular instance, that is still to be determined. But if we can at least amend them to follow property lines, then we could at least reference parcel IDs and move that route. The simplest way, which we need to explore further, is trying to keep it to easily defined areas, center lines of roads, railroads, right of ways, streams, existing municipal boundaries. That is what we were seeing in some of the other examples that we had in front of us. We are exploring a couple of different ways it can be done. We are also trying to make it so it is not an extremely tedious and time-consuming task as well, to list out a lot of parcels. About two-thirds of the district boundaries are following easily describable features. There is about a third that are not. Part of it is the nature of Jefferson Hills with the way the topography is.

Solicitor

Solicitor Gabriel noted for the record that Council did meet an executive session prior to this meeting, and Council will return to the executive session following the adjournment here. We will not return to vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Montgomery thanked Karen Bucy for what she did with the job descriptions. That was not an easy task, and she drove us to get it done.

Mrs. Bucy stated I would like to remind people that in case you are somebody who would like to come to the Cloverleaf Ecumenical Food Pantry, there will be a distribution on November 22nd, even though it is the week of Thanksgiving. We receive lots of donations from numerous churches in Jefferson Hills. It is open from 9:00 to 12:00. Last time I was there for the donation, they were actually giving away coats, hats, and gloves from the Ladies of Charity at St. Thomas A'Becket in addition to all of the grocery items. I would like to wish everybody a happy holiday season during Thanksgiving and to have a blessed day with their families.

Mrs. Ruscitto also thanked Councilwoman Bucy for all of her help with the job descriptions. She indeed did work tirelessly on those.

In regard to items 18 and 19. I think most of the people know that I am a very independent voter and thinker up here. I am not afraid to discuss why I choose to make the decisions that I make. As far as MBM is concerned, I respect Pat McGrail's word more than anything. And if this is the service that she recommended as a smooth transition, then I find that that is more than enough for me to withhold the vote that I made this evening. As far as Councilwoman Bucy is concerned, I do agree that things should be out for bid. But sometimes there are extenuating circumstances with certain things. To me, this was one of those items that constituted an extenuating circumstance. So that's all I have to say about that. I also would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving holiday with their families.

Mrs. Budd stated I have a couple of updates from the library. Preschool story time continues throughout the year, every Thursday, at 10:30 AM. There is a wooden plank sign project November 15th at 6:30 and a safe babysitter class on Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. There is ACCESS taxi info and registration for people 65 and older, November 30th at 10:00 a.m. You can visit Jeffersonhillslibrary.org. to help seek further details, upcoming programs, and to register for these programs.

Similar to what Councilman Ruscitto said, I too felt that there is extenuating circumstances but also trust the opinion of our staff in this matter and Mrs. McGrail as well

Mr. Reynolds wished everybody Happy Thanksgiving and good luck to the Jaguars.

Mrs. Steffey congratulated the Jaguars for their win and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Steffey stated I also trust and respect the information that was given to us by our staff. I have also looked into the contract and also the record with the fact of how smoothly this company implements Sheriff Sales. I think that MBM Collections will be a huge benefit for us in our community.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Ruscitto, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager

Executive Session: Personnel, Lawfully Privileged/Confidential, Public Safety Preparedness, Litigation Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, et al. v. Clairton Municipal Authority, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, GD-17-017711; AUUE, Inc. v. Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, 328 WAL 2021, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Appeal No. 871 CD 2020, SA-19-000748; PICCO Superfund site- potential litigation involving WESA and Ashland; Potential acquisition of real estate; threatened litigation from WESA.