

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
May 9, 2022

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

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS

Rod Campas, 611 Cochran Mill Road. I noticed on the agenda for tonight's meeting, number 37 and 38 demolition discussion for blighted structures. I was wondering if the abandoned house at 613 Cochran Mill Road is still being considered for demolition. Here is what it looks like now. And he attached some pictures. Mike, do we have anything on that?

Mr. Glister stated 613 Cochran Mill Road is still being considered for demolition. It's just not currently applied for it in a grant. In 2021, for the Allegheny County blight removal program, we applied for three properties, 102 Arch Street, 2265 State Street and 3004 for Hawk Alley. We were awarded two of those. Then we added 1412 Worthington Avenue and 1420 High Road for our grant application in the fall to CDBG. We were hoping to get notice on the award of the CDBG before the 2022 Allegheny County Blight Removal applications were due, but they weren't. Talking to SHACOG, they advised us to apply for the same ones we applied for CDBG, and if we are awarded some for CDBG, then we'll have the opportunity to switch out a couple of properties. 613 Cochran Mills Road is one of them as well as another one on Coal Valley Road. It's still being considered for demolition; it just hasn't quite gotten up to the top of the list yet.

Pete Doel, 420 Old Clairton Road, I'd like to talk a little bit about the Planning Steering Committee. First, in the last two months, residents who came and speak concerns of what they'd like to see in the Borough at these meetings are now receiving thank you letters in the mail from Council. I'll be honest, I did not need a thank you from Council printed on letterhead paid for by tax dollars. I'd rather Council show their thanks by listening to the voices and concerns of residents and acting accordingly. Anyone who watches these meetings knows firsthand the concerns often fall on deaf ears.

Next, it's my understanding the Borough is going to be paying a planning company to do the actual legwork for this committee to find out what the residents want at a price tag of upwards of \$100,000.00. This Planning Steering Committee will simply be taking that data and making recommendations to the Council. I'm not sure how many of you got out during the election and talked to residents, but I did. I can tell you what the residents want. Number one on their list is recreation. They want a rec center. They want ball fields. They want parks. They want a community pool. We have hundreds of new families who've moved here recently. And while we have a great school district, we don't have a lot to offer these families.

Most of the residents I spoke with, even those who live in Floreffe and 885, don't understand why Gill Hall is closed and want them open. How many times have I come here asking

for a town hall on the Fire Department issue? I've been denied every time. I fear all this money for this project will again fall on deaf ears if the results go against your agendas.

Next, it came to my attention that someone voiced concerns on some of the residents being appointed to the Steering Committee this evening. In that discussion, President Steffey, it's my understanding you made a comment that the same could be said about me. First, I didn't put my name in for this committee, nor am I being voted on. I'm not sure why my name was brought into this conversation.

Second, the same cannot be said about me. Yes, I speak my mind on social media. I do so civilly, and I do my research so that I can have informed discussions. I'll give you some examples of things that I've experienced with three of the people who are up for vote this evening. One has referred to women in our community as pigs. She falsely and repeatedly accused a member of our community of being an alcoholic and ridiculed him for being retired and working at a beer distributor. A little hypocritical since this person has been charged with multiple DUIs, a drug charge and disorderly conduct. Another was caught spreading lies on social media concerning candidates during the election. When confronted, she said that because she formed it as a question i.e. what do you think of "insert false story here", that it was okay.

Three of these candidates are members of an uncensored Facebook group that they often use to ridicule members of our community. I'm sure most of you know of our local TJ Parents page. A little history there. A friend of mine is an admin on that page. When I moved to Jefferson Hills, she added me to that page, saying it's a good place to learn about the community. At that time, we were thinking about becoming foster parents. So, I stayed, figuring it'd be a good way to learn about the school district to determine if we'd want to foster children and have them attend TJ. Since that time, we have become foster parents and are looking to get our foster child into our school district. As a result, these three women have ridiculed me, called me creepy, and one even accused me of being a child predator for being on a parent page and claimed it was creepy that I would want to research a school district. So no, the same cannot be said for me. And since I've not asked to be on this committee, I don't know why you're even trying to compare me to them. I'll be honest, if this is what's going to be steering our Borough for the next decade, God help us all.

Mrs. Steffey stated Mr. Doel, actually, I wasn't sure if you did apply for the committee tonight or not. Mrs. Budd and I were discussing that prior to coming in here. That was also privileged information that came out of Executive Session.

Mr. Reynolds stated thank you for your concern, Pete. I truly view you as a valuable resident in this community. I'm glad that you keep your eyes open, pay attention. That question of comparing to you, were you ever thrown off of social media for attacking and bullying people?

Mr. Doel stated no.

Mr. Reynolds stated okay, so that completely separates it apart. I truly believe, for you and the residents that may be sitting out there watching, we are at a crossroads tonight. I've questioned our moral makeup and our character before in the past for rooting for an organization to fail, applauding their misfortune. I've stated that like the acronym KISS, where it's keep it simple, stupid, if you have to lie to get something, you probably don't deserve it. We keep embracing that

here. This vote here will show a lot if we're going to keep moving in that direction or if we're going to make a stand for what is right and what is wrong. I've heard the way these individuals, they personally attack. They bully the residents. We should not be rewarding them with a spot on the Steering Committee to steer us for the next decade or so. We should make a stand tonight for what is right and wrong. If I was you, I would pay attention to how this vote goes. I was talking and I would appreciate it if you guys don't talk whenever me and Pete have a discussion.

Mrs. Steffey stated I will say something. This is a voting meeting tonight. You had plenty of time to come in and to have a discussion during the agenda meeting. You were not here, and he had four minutes, so we're done.

Mr. Reynolds stated this is resident taxpayer comment. I'm addressing the taxpayers.

Mrs. Steffey stated you weren't addressed, I was.

Mr. Reynolds stated I'm addressing the taxpayer right here. He's addressing all of Council.

Mrs. Steffey stated no, he addressed me.

Mr. Reynolds stated I have the right to respond back.

Mrs. Steffey stated and it's a voting meeting. We will see how you vote.

Mr. Reynolds stated it's a voting meeting when we vote on this stuff. Right now, it's resident taxpayer comment. The resident has a concern, and I have the right to address his concern.

Mrs. Steffey stated address it quickly, please. Are you done?

Mr. Doel stated I know you've been a big proponent for a Code of Conduct. And I know you've pushed that for Council members, but I think it should include committees such as this. I think if they're going to be on there, I think that needs to be part of their ongoing going in the future rules.

Mrs. Steffey stated the people that also have applied for this Planning Steering Committee are also people that volunteer throughout our community. I'm not going to turn volunteers away. Yes, but you didn't apply for this committee, did you? What? I asked if you were on the committee in Executive Session, I'll add, again.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I'm just going to tell you that I texted Pete to see if he was indeed on the committee.

Mrs. Steffey stated that was verbatim, Nicole. Verbatim.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I'll explain it to you after the meeting.

Mrs. Steffey stated we'll move on since now we've had children and families leave Council Chambers, and we have something good to celebrate.

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

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

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting April 6, 2022, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve minutes of regular meeting April 11, 2022, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to present commendations to Jefferson Hills Police Department (JHPD) Officers John Haas and Jacob Moldovan for excellence in the line of duty leading to the arrest of an Allegheny County Sheriff's Office "*Most Wanted Fugitive*". Reference Jefferson Hills Incident #JEFP22001884, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Chief Dziezgowski stated Council, Mayor, thank you very much for this opportunity. Before we start, I want to say that police work is a very demanding profession. Police officers are expected to handle all types of calls for service, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations and whatever else they are called on during their daily tour of duty. The Borough of Jefferson Hills, like many other South Hills communities, is not immune to the criminal activity of some. Each day brings different challenges for JHPD officers, but they rise to the occasion and meet those challenges on a daily basis head on. As their Chief, I am proud of each and every officer, especially their work ethic and the way they represent the Police Department. Jefferson Hills is fortunate to have such fine officers protecting their community. With that said, there are actions that merit special attention. At this time, I like to call Officer John Haas and Officer Jacob Moldovan to the front and center, please.

Ladies and gentlemen, on April 19th, almost midnight in the next day, these officers were on routine patrol. They noticed a vehicle with window tint and followed the vehicle and made a traffic stop on that vehicle. What transpired after that was really something astonishing.

They pulled the vehicle over. Immediately, the driver exited the vehicle and appeared like he was going to take off. The officers remained calm. They yelled commands out to that individual, and the individual made the right decision and complied. After they came back and started talking to the individual, they noticed criminal activity afoot. They asked the individual for a name. The individual gave them a false ID. Due to the investigative skills of these officers, they noticed a marijuana blunt in the console in plain view, and subsequently arrested the individual.

The individual was not who he said he was. He ended up being one of the Allegheny Sheriff's most wanted fugitives, wanted for homicide with a firearm. Secondly, he was also wanted out of Clairton for another potential homicide involving a firearm. Subsequent to the arrest, officers found a quantity of marijuana, quantity of heroin and a quantity of cocaine. Plus cash and a scale that led to further charges on this individual.

This is outstanding effort by two of your officers on routine patrol. Who knows what this individual would have been up to and what he still would have been up to if they did not capture him?

So, without further ado, I'm going to ask the mayor to present the awards. I'll read it to you guys. This is a departmental commendation to Officers Jacob Moldovan and Officer John Haas during the late hours of Tuesday, April 19th, 2022. While on patrol, you and your partner stopped the vehicle for window tint traveling south on Route 51. Through great police work and investigated initiative, it was determined that the suspect was in possession of drug paraphernalia that resulted in his arrest.

Subsequent to a search, incident to arrest, the suspect was found to be in possession of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, three cell phones, a scale and \$2,356.00 US currency that indicated he had an intent to sell those drugs. Further, the suspect did not possess positive identification and provided false ID. You and your partner continued to diligently investigate and was able to establish positive ID for the suspect. That ID determined that the suspect was on the most wanted fugitive from the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office for a probation violation stemming from an attempted homicide case which involved the use of a firearm.

Additionally, it was determined that the suspect had a second outstanding warrant from Clairton Police Department for aggravated assault and weapons violation, where he was the alleged actor in a shooting incident for June 2021. Your swift action during incident JEPF 22001884 resulting in the apprehension of a dangerous felon and reflects great credit upon yourself and the Jefferson Hills Police Department. Therefore, you are hereby awarded departmental commendation given under my hand on this 9th day of May 2022 and I'm very proud of you both.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution Number 22-2022 resolving that the Borough of Jefferson Hills shall consider enactment of an ordinance to amend the Code of the Borough of Jefferson hills, Chapter 27, zoning and hereby invokes an intent to enact triggering application of the pending ordinance doctrine upon passage of the resolution., seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Richard McKerrow to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Shawna Fetzko to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Lindsay Orlando to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Mrs. Budd. 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 Steffey	YES
Vice President Budd	YES
Mrs. Bucy	YES
Mr. Montgomery	YES

Mr. Lynch	ABSENT
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Joy Mann to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

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

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Mandy Kozlowski to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, 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:

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

Mrs. Bucy moved to appoint Steve Slater to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to appoint Josh Rogers to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved advertise position for Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board (finishing the term of Lisa Oeler term ending 12/31/25), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously

Mrs. Budd moved to advertise the position as an unpaid intern inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Administration Department, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved advertise the position of temporary summer help inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Administration Department, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to advertise the position of Borough Clerk inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Administration Department, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to hire Tyler Fisher to the position of Laborer inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt Ordinance No. 888 forming the Borough Pension Plan Committee, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd stated I want to add to this motion to appoint or to define the composition of the committee as follows with 12 members in total, three members of the Finance Committee, the Borough Manager, Borough Finance director, two active police officers selected by the PD, Council President, Council Vice-President, Mayor and two residents.

Mrs. Bucy moved to advertise two seats on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Pension Committee, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2022 authorizing the disposition of certain public records consistent with the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to pay \$3,878.00 to RecPro Software for annual support and software upgrades, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to authorize the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for municipal trash and sewer payment processing and bill collection services in the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to pay \$6,562.02 to Lauttamus Communications for the purchase and installation of a UHF Radio Repeater to support emergency management operations in the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to purchase 20 mobile radios at the price of \$1,298.80 each (\$24,724.40 total) from Lauttamus Communications for installation in Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works vehicles to support emergency management operations in the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to purchase seven (7) portable mobile radios at the price of \$1,268.80 each (\$8,881.60 total) from Lauttamus Communications for Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works and Emergency Management in the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to sign and pay two performance contracts with bands Ruff Creek in the amount of \$1,200.00, and Pixelated in the amount of \$800, to provide entertainment at the Borough of Jefferson Hills Summer Concert Series, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to permit the Jefferson Hills Police Department to place a double ammunition order for the year 2023 in the amount of \$44,937.85 under State Contracted or Government Regulated Pricing, due to current commodity shortages across the United States and to avoid significant price increases that are pending in May 2022. Respective orders will not be received or paid for until, on or after, January 1, 2023, from the 2023 budget cycle, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to authorize advertisement on Municibid to sell surplus Borough equipment: A) 1956 Gallon Grader; B) 1994 Blawnox Paver; C) Old car seats, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote was not unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken. Per the Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member:

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

Mr. Reynolds asked can I ask a question being that I was unable to attend a meeting? Why aren't we using an auction for this? There are many equipment auctions. Did we consider any of those? Does anybody have that answer?

Mr. Volpe stated first of all, the grater has been sitting down at the brickyard probably for, what, 10 years, not running, rusting away. I don't even think anyone is going to bid on it. It doesn't run. The paver, it needs a lot of work. Municibid is an auction people can get on it. Next month, we're going to have a couple vehicles which we'll be bringing up. We take them to the auction. But the equipment is nonrunnable. I don't think anyone will even bid on them.

Mr. Reynolds stated they do bid on it because they may be looking for parts off of that to rebuild something that they do have. If anybody wants to take a look into it, Ritchie Brothers is the first and foremost in equipment auctions.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2022 granting preliminary approval to the land development known as SP-1-2022, Solar Farm Development, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to participate in the SHACOG 2022 Rock Salt Bid, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to Resolution No. 19-2022 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file the Act 152 Grant application in the amount of \$45,900.00 for the Demolitions at 102 Arch Street, 1412 Worthington Ave, and 1420 High Road estimated at \$54,000.00 with a Borough share of \$8,100.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-2022 declaring the structures proposed for demolition at 102 Arch Street, 1412 Worthington Ave, and 1420 High Road as blighted structures, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked Mike, could they be switched, possibly? Or is what is on here set? Could 613 Cochran Mill be replaced for something on here?

Mr. Glister stated we applied for these same three properties in the fall for CDBG, year 48. At this point, I don't think we can switch them because the application was already submitted. But hopefully, here in May or June we get the notification that we get one or all of the properties we applied for in the fall. Then in talking with SHACOG, we would then be able to submit a scope change request to include 613 Cochran Mill Road. We have a couple other ones, too, that are ready.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning the Act 152 Blight Removal Program project known as the Jefferson Hills Demolition Project 2021-BRP-013, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy asked, is the one Act 152 a little faster than the other one?

Mr. Glister stated it was initially supposed to be, but so far that hasn't really quite panned out. The 2021 was the first year of the Act 152 program. So hopefully, this year, maybe it moves a little quicker. But, the CDBG grant process is usually about two years, maybe a little more. We're getting ready to vote on this particular agenda items for the properties we apply for in 2021. We're getting ready to put those out to bid here pretty soon. The work will probably be completed in the early fall or late summer. When all is said and done, the Allegheny County Blight Removal Program will probably be about a half year faster, but it's possible that this year, it'll be faster.

Mrs. Bucy stated thank you. I just wanted to clarify if one was a little bit more expedient than the other.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$47,325.21 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV – Year 11 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC for the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 16 – Contract B (MH-MH Lining) in the amount of \$364,340.00 with the Borough's share being \$227,325.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve Work Authorization dated April 27, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for General 2022 GIS assistance in the amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated April 27, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough with construction administration and inspection services for the 2022 Paving Program in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve Resolution No. 21-2022 defining contribution arrangements with Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt Ordinance No. 889 permanently decertifying and no longer provide legal recognition to Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company and Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association, 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:

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

Mr. Reynolds asked, should we have included Floreffa and 885 on that since they merged and no longer in existence?

Mrs. Steffey stated you should have been here for the discussion meeting.

Mr. Reynolds stated are you going to criticize Joe Lynch whenever he gets back? That's second or third time you've criticized me for not being able to make the agenda meeting.

Mrs. Steffey stated well, we know where Joe Lynch is.

Mr. Reynolds stated I have a job too.

Mrs. Steffey stated so do we. There's a thing called a text or an email saying, "I'm sorry, I won't be able to make it to Executive Session twice in a row, two meetings twice in a row." Mr. Lynch is away right now training to serve our country. Did you roll your eyes at that?

Mr. Reynolds asked, are we going to do this right here?

Mrs. Steffey stated I'm doing it right now. You have no problem emailing and texting when you want to criticize something, or you want your own way.

REPORTS:

Fire Chief

Chief Chalfant stated we just want to issue a reminder that tomorrow evening, we'll be up here with the conjunction with a library doing a fire extinguisher training class. The first lecture is at 6:00 followed by practical. The second lecture is at 7:30 followed by practical sessions. Mrs. Milner just informed me we still have eight positions available. She acquired enough fire extinguishers for at least one person who attends. That will be taking place tomorrow.

I'm happy to announce that we received approval from the Department of Health. They accepted our application for the QRS service. They will be making arrangements with them that come down to do the inspections of the apparatus to make sure we have the proper equipment, which we already have. The QRS service will be going into service soon.

Mr. Reynolds stated Brian, I just want to say that I do think it's fantastic program that you're doing here for the residents with the fire extinguishers. I would think that maybe Council could give you the GBU next time, and maybe you could go over to the GBU and conduct the same type of course over there for those residents in the Gill Hall area, teach them how to use a fire extinguisher.

Chief Chalfant stated this was open to the public and advertised on the website.

Mr. Reynolds stated I'm just saying move it around the community.

Chief Chalfant stated wherever you need us to go.

Mr. Reynolds stated maybe one down in Floreffé, one over Gill Hall. With the Gill Hall situation maybe would be best if we go there for the next one.

EMS

Absent

Engineer

Nothing further

Consulting Engineer

Not present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

I just want to mention that the internship and the summer health for the admin department will be posted on the website and on social media. The email for submissions will be on there. Please get them in quickly so that we can get that ball rolling.

Public Works Director

Nothing further

Mrs. Bucy stated I would like to put a little plug in for young men or women that would like to work in the Public Works Department this summer cutting grass and helping in the summer program. If people are listening, Mr. Volpe, I think we only had one candidate, if I'm not mistaken.

Mr. Volpe replied yes, one individual so far, and one who worked for us last year is thinking about coming back.

Mrs. Bucy stated we usually have about 12, right?

Mr. Volpe stated correct.

Mrs. Bucy stated anybody out there that their son or daughter needs a summer job, come on in to apply.

Mrs. Budd stated it's for 18 years and older.

Mrs. Bucy stated if you want to be considered for a job here, we're looking for help, anybody that wants to come.

Chief Dziezgowski

National Police Week will be observed May 11th through the 17th. In 2021, the US had 458 officers die in the line of duty, which was a 55% increase from 2020. As of May 9th, 2022, 91 officers have died in the line of duty. During this time, the JHPD remembers Officer Dale T. Provins Jr, whose watch ended on June 13th, 2020. Please keep all law enforcement in your thoughts and prayers.

Tuesday, May 24th, from 6:30 to 7:45, at the Borough building, residents will have an opportunity to have a conversation with District Judge Thatcher and myself to gain insight by district court proceedings and other procedural issues common to the community.

Sunday, June 12th, 2022, from 10am to 4pm, we'll have our second annual Dale T. Provins Jr. Memorial blood drive being held at our Municipal Complex community room. Please try to attend.

Mayor McCaffrey

I just would like to congratulate, again, Officer Moldovan and Officer Haas on the excellent job that they did.

The JR public safety, EMS, Fire Department, you guys did an excellent job with the really nasty storms that we had the other day. I know you were all working your tails off.

Our Memorial Day service will be held on Monday, May 30th. It will start at Floreffe Fire Department. We will parade to Lobbs Cemetery, where we will have another short service and then back to the fire hall for refreshments.

Mr. Montgomery asked what time does it start?

Mayor McCaffrey stated 10:00 a.m. at the fire hall.

Manager

Absent

Solicitor

I'll just like to note for the record, Council did meet an executive session prior to discuss personnel, legal procedural matters and threatened litigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Reynolds stated:

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Mrs. Budd stated:

I just wanted to say thank you to Officers Haas and Moldovan for a job really well done. Thank you to Chief Dziezgowski for recognizing their efforts as such.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated:

I just want to reiterate the sentiments of the Mayor and Councilwoman Budd.

Mrs. Bucy stated:

I just want to tell the public I am still sitting on the Connect Board at the University of Pittsburgh for the Future of Fire Departments. If anybody would be interested in me sending any of this information to them, I would be more than happy to share it with you.

I hope everybody has a very good Memorial Day. We hold that day in great honor for our deceased veterans.

I thank the officers for a fine job.

Mr. Montgomery stated:

I would just like to make mention to the fellow Councilmembers. We had an employee handbook that came out of the Personnel Committee. What we'd like you to do is take a look at it, make any suggestions. Once that's done, and it's been vetted by the Labor Council, we'll show it to the union. Then we'll adopt it. So, please take a look at it, so maybe next month, we can do that.

Mrs. Steffey stated:

I would just like to remind everybody that we have a lot of positions open for employment, whether part time or fulltime position. We have the internship. Lots of summer help is needed for our public works crew. It's a great summer job. Please inquire on our Borough website along with the two positions on the pension plan. We're looking for people that have experience in that industry and also an open position for the Rec Board as well.

I'd like to thank Chief Dziezgowski and his officers for a job well done as always. Also, all of the emergency crews for helping out in the storms. I know it was busy receiving all the calls.

Happy Memorial Day. We hope to see you all down at the service at Floreffe Firehall and Lobbs Cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Bucy adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Budd, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager