

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
June 13, 2022

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 Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members Bucy, Montgomery, Mrs. Ruscitto (via Zoom), Vice President Budd, President Steffey, and Mayor McCaffrey answered to roll call. Mr. Stinner (via Zoom), Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Borough Engineer Glister, Public Works Director Volpe, Police Chief Dziezgowski were also present. Mr. Reynolds, Lynch and Minsterman were absent.

Mrs. Steffey asked for a moment of Silence for retired Officer Terry Bartman and for the anniversary of the death of Officer Dale T. Provins, Jr.

Mrs. Steffey stated just a few kind words. Retired Sergeant Terry L. Bartman passed away on June 7th, 2022, at the age of 73. He was laid to rest today. He was also a US Navy veteran, worked for the JHPD as a police officer from 1975 to 2005 when he retired as a sergeant. He worked three additional years as a JHPD dispatcher.

Today marks the second-year anniversary that the JHPD lost our beloved officer, Dale Provins Jr., after his patrol vehicle was struck by an intoxicated driver. We would like to also remember his friends and family during this time, as well as our JHPD officers and Chief Dziezgowski.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS

Sharon Adair, 1605 Marion Drive stated I just read where there is a council meeting this evening, Monday, June 13, 2022. I read in yesterday's Pittsburgh Post-Gazette where they are hoping Pennsylvania municipalities get out the message that serious violations of the Pennsylvania Fireworks Law will not be tolerated and that fines of \$1,000 dollars will be leveled on adults who violate the law, in particular, the fire hazard of discharging powerful aerial fireworks near homes and that setting off even legal lower explosives consumer (Class C) grade fireworks near homes (closer than 150 feet) is against the law. We have lived in the Borough since 1974 and would finally hope and pray that this newly elected Council will enforce this by mailing out notices to all residents in time for the 4th of July! We live at the end of Marion Drive (near Scotia Hollow). I find aerial rockets and all types of "leftovers" in my yard and on my roof! This individual puts them off in the middle of our residential street! We recently had to pay to have two tall pine trees cut down for fear of catching on fire. The fireworks are even set off over a hillside which is very dry and could easily catch on fire. On another note, my husband said he saw enough fireworks in Vietnam. He hates hearing all of that. Here's hoping that this year's Council will come to the aid and put an end to this nonsense! The fireworks were even set off on Memorial Day! It should be a quiet somber day. The last thing you want to hear on Memorial Day are fireworks!

Mrs. Steffey responded Thank you, Sharon. I cannot promise that a letter or notice will be mailed out to every resident in the area. We certainly will have our chief say a few words right now as to what the violations and the consequences will be if we get calls about fireworks.

Chief Dziezgowski stated we look at the safety issues of fireworks being set off. Number one, anybody that is setting off commercial grade fireworks should be registering with our fire department and notifying them that they are setting them off. Number two, if there are noise complaints in the area, then we will investigate and cite appropriately.

Mr. Montgomery stated I have a question about that. I read a firework article, and it sounded like it would take effect after the 4th. Is that correct? The law that governs it now is what was passed last year or so, that liberalized the fireworks in Pennsylvania. That won't change till August or something.

Chief Dziezgowski responded yes, it's an effective date of August. If there's still a noise complaint issue that we will deal with it. We take everything into consideration, the totality of the circumstances of the actual day, the area, the residents, how many are going off. We will take all these into consideration during our investigation. We do give a little bit of a leeway due to the actual 4th of July and what it means to everyone. However, if there are constant fireworks going off and they're becoming a public nuisance, we will handle them accordingly.

Joy Mann, 2621 Ridge Road stated on May 11th, there was a structure fire on Ridge Road. I looked out my window, saw the smoke, dialed 911, and by the time I got down my stairs and out the front door, there were crews on scene. It took 4 minutes for them to get there with a truck from Floreffe with a second truck from 885 arriving within 7 minutes. They were working the scene immediately to secure the area and make sure people were safe. Our EMS Chief, Doug Pascoe, was on the scene with his crew and showed the utmost compassion, professionalism, and empathy for our neighbors in peril. For my husband who assisted our disabled neighbor and anyone else who was affected to make sure that their health and safety was at the forefront. Our police on scene were there alleviating any concerns of the homeowners to make sure the scene was secure and keeping people out of harm's way, and again, making sure everyone was safe. Our fire service, JHFR and Mutual Aid, were on the scene and began to control the fire instantly. I have been fortunate enough in my life to not experience a fire that close to me. But at no point in time during the horrendous experience for my neighbors did I feel anything but comfort and security that the absolute best were working that scene. When they had controlled the fire, members of JHFR were kind enough to come speak to the homeowners with empathy and professionalism and they were there directing traffic until every single vehicle was gone. I cannot and will not stop stressing how fortunate we are in Jefferson Hills to have the very best first responders out there who do such an amazing job, day in and day out to serve every single resident in the Borough. While I realize that main concerns of certain members of this Council are what happens on social media between residents, I'm appreciative and grateful to the Council members who work alongside our first responders to make sure that the things that matter, the things that are important, are safe. I would also like to thank former Council members, Frank Sockman and Vickie Ielase and current Council members, Karen Bucy, Dave Montgomery, and Melissa Steffey for voting in June 2021 in favor of placing a shift crew at JHFR Station two Floreffe, who again were there in 4 minutes. According to the US Census Bureau, there were 4,885 homes in Jefferson Hills in 2020, and we all know that number continues to increase. The cost of the shift crew has been a sticking point for Councilman Reynolds. That is the cost that a Borough should not, and the residents should not have to bear. While Mrs. Bucy had previously broken it down very well to show the cost per resident, I figured well maybe the census is including children in the count of total residence. Maybe it includes individuals who are unable to work in that count. So, I instead broke it down by the number of

homes because surely each home has at least one person in it that is paying the bills. It ends up costing each home in Jefferson Hills, \$7.67 per month for 24/7 fire protection. That's not magic math. There's not a trick to it. We don't question paying for 24/7 police protection. We don't question paying for EMS service. And we surely should not question paying for 24/7 fire protection for \$7.67 per month. So, in Jefferson Hills, we absolutely have the very best police, EMS, and fire that are out there. In such a tragic situation, I cannot express my gratitude enough and hope that everyone else living in the Borough does the same. Thank you.

Tom Crammer, 704 W Bruceton Road stated good evening. My name is Thomas Cranmer. I reside in Jefferson Hills. My family and I live at 704 West Bruceton Road. My reason for being here tonight is to propose a traffic study and the consideration for stop signs along West Bruceton Road. I'm sure all of you are aware of the Moranda plans along West Bruceton, Hunters Field, and soon to be completed into Hunters Preserve. The speed limit along West Bruceton is 25 mph. I'm sure all of you would agree that in 25 mph zones, people rarely drive the speed limit, unless they're forced to do so. I would rate the average speed right now approximately 35 to 40 mph along West Bruceton. Again, that's an average speed. I've witnessed vehicles traveling over 60 mph. Right now, the road has so many potholes and saw cuts that have been filled with hot patch from all the construction that's been done, they almost act like speed bumps. So, I'm worried whenever the road gets repaved, how much is the speed going to increase? So how can we regulate the speed? Stop signs. West Bruceton is approximately 1.6 miles long from Old Clairton to Cochran Mill. Sixty percent of it is in Pleasant Hills, 40% of it is in Jefferson Hills. Pleasant Hills currently has five stop signs along West Bruceton at five separate intersections. As soon as you leave Pleasant Hills and enter Jefferson, there's no stop signs until you hit Cochran Mill. We have five intersections and not one stop sign. The four-way intersection on West Bruceton and at Chesapeake would be the most critical in my opinion. It's right at the crest of the hill, so you really can't see what's in front of you until you crest the hill. Adding stop signs will not disrupt the flow of traffic. The same traffic that drives through Pleasant Hills, drives through Jefferson Hills. In Pennsylvania in 2020, approximately 2000 pedestrians were struck by vehicles, 400 were children, 150 fatalities. Thirty of those fatalities were children. West Bruceton has no sidewalks, which forces the kids to walk to the bus stops along West Bruceton. They want to go to their friend's house to ride their bikes, they have to do it in the street. If you're traveling 40 mph, and you look down to send a text or check your email or post something on Facebook, how much reaction time do you think you have? It takes approximately three quarters of a second for your brain to realize danger and another three quarters of a second for your brain to communicate that danger to your foot. So that's one and a half seconds for your brain to realize danger to hit the brake paddle. Right now, you've already traveled 88 ft. Then it takes approximately 256 ft for the vehicle to stop. So, you're talking the whole length of a football field before you actually come to a stop when your brain realizes danger. That doubles if the roads are wet, maybe even triples if there's snow on the road. So, I just want our community to be safe. I want my kids to be safe. I don't want them to get hit by a car walking into friend's house. There are no sidewalks. I went ahead and started a petition. It didn't do that well, I got maybe about 50 signatures out of like 300 people in the plans that looked at it. I'm assuming because most of the people that live back in the plans don't want to stop at more stop signs to get back into their plan. But I bet if you drove 35 miles an hour through their plan, they'd be all over Facebook flipping out. So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Mrs. Steffey stated Thank you, Mr. Cranmer. Chief, do we have any electronic speed limit signs that we can put on West Bruceton temporarily?

Chief Dziezgowski stated yes. We alternate those signs. We'll put them back up there, and I'll be talking to Mr. Glister, and we'll start a traffic study. We've done some in the past. We have not had the data to support a stop sign there, but we can look at it again.

Mrs. Steffey directed Chief and Mr. Glister, to do a be traffic study on West Bruceton. We will get the electronic speed limit sign up there for some temporary, hopefully, recognition on their speeds. Talk to the officers on duty, see if we can get more of a police presence over there.

Chief Dziezgowski stated we use the signs for two purposes. We will do speed notification, but also, we will collect data from that also to see what speeds we're getting.

Tracey Khalil JHFR, stated good evening, members of Council. We are executive members of JFR and EMS. You may or may not be aware that Councilman Reynolds filed an appeal concerning the judgment against him for failing to return three Samsung Galaxy tablets, which are the property of JFR and EMS, and paid for with Jefferson Hills taxpayer dollars. If you recall, we had a hearing back in July 2021 which was suspended then reconvened September 2021 in Judge David Barton's Court. Judge Barton heard the evidence and found Councilman Reynolds guilty. Councilman Reynolds then filed an appeal of the judgment from Judge Barton's Court and the case was heard in Downtown Pittsburgh at the City County Courthouse, Friday, June 3rd, 2022. The Court heard the evidence and ruled again finding Councilman Reynolds guilty. Our case was founded utilizing numerous documents and video evidence. As I mentioned in a prior Council meeting, Councilman Reynolds was caught in a lie when he stated that former Councilwoman Ielase was in possession of the tablets. A video of the Council meeting showed otherwise. And Judge Barton, after reviewing the video, admonished Councilman Reynolds by stating the following. "We are talking about a finite item you took to a finite place at a finite date and gave to a finite person." Judge Barton then asked Councilman Reynolds where the tablets are. Councilman Reynolds stated he left them at the Borough building but didn't give them to anyone. In the appeal hearing, our presentation was much more concise. Councilman Reynolds in the hearing again lied, stating there was video which I provided at the first hearing of Councilwoman Ielase stating she had the tablets. The video doesn't show that at all. Councilman Reynolds in either hearing provided no evidence. As you're all aware, prior to giving testimony in court, you're sworn to tell the truth. Councilman Reynolds disregarded his oath to be truthful in both hearings. Councilman Reynolds stated in a Borough Council meeting, September 2021, that the video I showed in the April 2021 hearing in Judge Barton's Court showed Councilwoman Ielase acknowledging she was in possession of the tablets and used them in the finance meeting. Again, a lie. Councilman Reynolds accused me online of grabbing his mother's hand in a Council meeting when she and I served on Council. Video evidence showed otherwise. It showed me grabbing the microphone and not her hand. What it did show was Mr. Reynolds grabbing my wrist and pulling my arm back. Again, a lie. Councilman Reynolds accused Chief Chalfant on misappropriating funds. His claim was baseless, false, defamatory, and slanderous. That claim was refuted by Finance Director Drager, again, a lie. Councilman Reynolds used profanity when leaving executive session when talking about Councilwoman Steffey early on in their service. Councilman Reynolds was expelled from JHFR for numerous bylaw violations. Though this could go on and on about his poor behavior and false statements. Councilman Reynolds, when he took office, sworn to uphold the Constitution.

Councilman Reynolds signed a Code of Conduct for the Borough of Jefferson Hills. Being found guilty of a civil offense for failing to return property which is not yours and paid for with taxpayer dollars is contrary to both. Councilman Reynolds ran on a platform of common-sense, civility, collective cooperation for the benefit of the community. He's disregarded that pledge. One question still remains. What happened to the tablets? Did Councilman Reynolds throw them away? Did he give them away? Did he lose them, or did he sell them? How can he be trusted? He was found guilty twice in two separate hearings. He admits, in a public meeting, to forging a document. How can you, as members of Council, trust him.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

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

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

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting May 4, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve minutes of regular meeting May 9, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to recognize G. David Parme for his 11 years of service on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Presentation to G. David Parme by Dave Montgomery

Mr. Montgomery stated It's my distinct honor to give you this flag that flew over the United States Capitol to honor your service to the Borough. We are so blessed to have people of your caliber step up and serve the Borough with serving 13 years on the Civil Service Commission. You served most of that time as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board for 12 years. Dave, we can't say enough for what you've done. It's been such a wonderful thing that you step up and do stellar work. Your work ethic is such that everything is excellent, and we don't have to worry about anything you do. We are so proud that you serve, and you make this community what it is. Dave, God bless you and thank you, sir. Sincere thank you, from Borough of Jefferson.

Mrs. Budd moved to recognize Frank Sockman for his 6 years of service on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Council, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Presentation to Frank Sockman by Karen Bucy

Mrs. Bucy stated Mr. Frank Sockman, it is with great pleasure that I present to you the United States flag that was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. This flag

represents the colors of blue, white, and red. For bravery, commitment, and wisdom and courage. You have displayed those qualities during your term. I thank you for your 6 years of service in the Council of Jefferson Hills. Thank you very much for your commitment to this community

Mr. Montgomery moved to recognize Vicki Ielase for her 12 years of service to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Council, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Presentation to Vickie Ielase by Melissa Steffey

Mrs. Steffy stated It is certainly my honor and my privilege to present this United States flag to you, Mrs. Vickie Ielase, that has been flown over the United States Capitol Building, now in your honor, for your 12 years of exemplary service that you've given to the Borough of Jefferson Hills. I remember the years that I first met you and I was a volunteer on the recreation board. You did nothing but treat all of us with kindness and fairness. That showed also during your time as the Councilwoman here within your 12 years of service. We thank you. We definitely miss you. We hope that you stay in touch with all of us.

Mr. Montgomery moved to recognize Jan Cmar for her 22 years of service to the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Presentation to Jan Cmar who was unavailable

Mrs. Steffey stated unfortunately, former Mayor Cmar could not be here with us this evening, but we will make sure that she receives her flag and her certificate. And we certainly appreciate the time that she spent here as the Councilwoman and former Mayor.

Mrs. Steffey moved item 16 up on the agenda.

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Richard Allan and Tyler Graham to the position of temporary summer help inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Administration Department, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Presentation of the 2020 audit by Stephen Niedenberger, Partner, Hosack, Specht, Muetzel, and Wood LLP.

Mrs. Bucy commended commend Mr. Drager on all his hard work and dedication to the Borough.

Mr. Montgomery moved to accept the 2020 Audit, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint David Buckiso to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Pension Board, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Scott Yochum to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Pension Board, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Budd moved to open and advertise two positions for “Laborer” inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Resolution 23-2022 authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for a grant-in-aid for the Borough of Jefferson Hills Implementable Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to authorize the creation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new website for the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve temporary maintenance contract with ABM for temperature control in the Borough of Jefferson Hills Municipal Complex for a 6-month term in the amount of \$9,096.00 for six months or \$1,516.00 per month, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve temporary maintenance contract with ABM for temperature control in the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Building in the amount of \$4,548.00 per year or \$648.00 per month, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to permit United States Steel Corporation Clairton Works to adopt Oak Road and a portion of Peters Creek Road, coordinated through the "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" organization, beginning at the intersection of Oak Road and Old Clairton Road and ending at Waterman Road East (approximately 2.0 miles), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to permit the Jefferson Hills Police Department to sell an ENRADD Speed Timing Device, which is no longer supported by the manufacturer, to Springdale Borough Police Department for the fair market value of \$750.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve the Settlement Agreement between the City of Clairton and the Clairton Municipal Authority, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve an Agreement between the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the Borough of Jefferson Hills regarding the proposed Dynamic Message Sign along State Route 51 and its potential future impact to the Lewis Run sanitary interceptor, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-2022 for a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the subdivision plan known as Wray Large Development, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to table adopt Resolution No. 25-2022 for a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the subdivision plan known as S-5-2021, Pinecrest Estates Phase 1, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery asked if the paperwork was received.

Mr. Glister stated it was not and suggested tabling this item.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$13,575.37 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG Preventative Maintenance – Year 11 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve Work Authorization dated June 3, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for continuation of miscellaneous engineering and consulting services in 2022 related to the West Elizabeth Sewershed in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Fire Chief

Chief Chalfant stated good evening. I apologize I missed last week's meeting because of a work detail. I just submitted our report, but just wanted everybody to realize that we responded to over 70 calls in the month of May. May 24th, we had our EMS licenser, we were inspected, and we were granted a QRS license. Our service went live June 2nd. So, any e-zero responses, which is a life-threatening emergency, the fire department may automatically dispatch along with police and EMS to render aid to any resident in Jefferson Hills. That's just something new that we just started for the residents. Thank you.

EMS

No present

Engineer

Nothing further

Consulting Engineer

Not present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Mrs. Bucy stated I just wanted to have mentioned about our Borough's budget impact at the gas pump. This is directly affecting our Borough. Do you remember those numbers?

Mr. Drager stated we specifically budgeted a lot more money this year specifically for gas. And there were other areas where we also bumped up the budget numbers in anticipation of rising prices. Our gas prices are about double compared to what they were last year. Currently, year to date, throughout all departments, we're approximately 30% through our budget. We're almost halfway through the year, so we're still way under budget. But there's multiple different accounts throughout all departments that we tried our best to anticipate or create a buffer for rising prices for goods and services and such. That is one of the ones we're keeping track of. We're in good shape now, but we're going to keep monitoring it.

Public Works Director

Nothing further

Police Chief

Chief Dziezgowski stated I have a couple announcements. Number one, I would like to thank all the residents, the officers at JHPD, the Mayor, all of Council who came to support the second annual Blood Drive for Dale Provins Jr. I was here last year when we had the first annual one. I can tell you that this year far surpassed last year. We had a great turnout. It's a great benefit. From the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone for that. Number two, JHPD will be holding a DUI sobriety checkpoint on Route 51, July 1st into the 2nd.

Mrs. Bucy stated I would just like to point out about the job of surveillance our Police Department is doing in this Jefferson Hills police crime report. Year to date, there have been 28 DUIs, that they have processed. Liquor law underage drinking, there were year to date, 25. In addition to that, under narcotics, there were 28 incidences. We have a very nice community here, but one of the reasons we do is because of the surveillance that we have that goes on at all times. I want to thank them for their diligence in making sure our community is safe.

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey thanked all the residents who participated in this year's Memorial Day. We had a great turnout. Big thank you to JHFR, our Police Department, Ambulance Service, Public Works, and Council. A special thank you to Willie Theiss of 2nd II None Productions for donating his time and equipment to provide sound for us at the Cemetery. Thank you to our EMS and fire for taking such quick care of the band members that needed assistance that day. Second, this year's Community Day was a huge success. There are lots of thanks to go around, our Police Department, our Public Works, our Fire, and our EMS. I am so incredibly proud of how well all entities of this Borough work together. It was flawless and everybody was amazing. I commend all of you, and it was just great to see us all working together. Our recreation board with special mention to Nicole Blosl and Nikki Kurtik, who were the co-chairs of the event. The recreation board did an outstanding job putting together such a fabulous day for our community. Next, the Blood Drive. It was great to see so many people out donating. Tara and Mariah do such a nice job putting it all together. It was wonderful, and it was great to see such a tribute to Officer Provins. Lastly, I would like to thank Toni for all of her years of service to the Borough and a very special thank you for your help over the last 5 months. It's very much appreciated. You will certainly be missed, and I wish you nothing but the best in the future.

Manager

John Stinner thanked the REC board for an outstanding Community Day. Especially Nikki Kurtik and Nicole Blosl, they did an outstanding job coordinating, maintaining, and adapting on the fly. Community Day looked amazing. I'd like to thank Toni Lewis for her years of service to Jefferson Hills. Toni, you'll be missed more than you know, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Solicitor

Solicitor Gabriel noted Council did meet in executive session prior to meeting to discuss personnel matters and will be meeting afterwards.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mrs. Ruscitto commended everybody for all their hard work on Community Day. It was a fantastic day. The weather was supposed to be not so good, but it turned out to be a fantastic, beautiful day. Thank you to everybody that helped so much. Mike Volpe, Public Works, for being there beyond hours. Police, volunteers, everyone. It was a great day. Toni, you'll be missed. Sorry that you're leaving us, but I wish you well because it sounds like you're going to be where it is right now in your life that you need to be. Congratulations, I should say, and you'll be missed.

Mr. Montgomery stated The Community Day was a smashing success. We should be pleased to have people in the community that will put on something like that. It's a wonderful thing, for the spirit of the community. That's what it was intended to be. Thank you again the people we recognize tonight for what they've done. That kind of service and commitment to the Borough is what makes this Borough special. If people don't step up, we're in a problem here. It's nice to know that you can count on them, and you don't have to worry about them because they do such good work.

One thing I did want to bring up is that on SHACOG, they published a SHACOG manual. I guess we'll have to think about some communities are not giving information. They haven't published this book in a few years. I would like to see it continued, because we do use it to compare to other communities. What does everybody think about that?

Mrs. Bucy stated we've used that book numerous times for items of salary, items of cost expenditures, different rules of government. I thought it was valuable.

Mr. Montgomery stated I'll make that point that we want it, and we'd like everybody else to contribute to it.

I'd like to recognize Sergeant Terry Bartman. I knew him when he was here. He was a very level-headed police officer. He did an outstanding job for all the years he was here. And he will be missed. Toni, we're going to miss you more than you know. I've been with you a long time. It's going to be strange; I can't call you for an answer, or you are calling me.

Mrs. Bucy stated it was an absolute fantastic Memorial Day service, and it was fantastic Community Day. I did try to give a plug for that shuttle because parking seems to be always an issue. I would like to see some more signage up there that denotes baseball only or where the accessible parking is located. As soon as I pulled into the parking lot down there at Jefferson Hospital, I got out of my car and there was the shuttle. At the end of my day, I walked to the top of the Hill. I stood there for a minute, and there was the shuttle. It was just unbelievable. I know people don't want to use it because they might have to wait for it, but I have never experienced any wait for that shuttle. You would spend more time circling, looking for a parking spot that's available than you would for the shuttle. Only 120 people used the shuttle. If you don't want to get a ticket or have an accident, I highly recommend the shuttle for future services.

Lastly, Toni, we will miss you. Bon voyage. But we wish you the best. Thank you so much. Toni was the first person that introduced me to the Borough Building and how everything worked when I sat in the presidency, she provided invaluable services to me. Good health, enjoy yourself and your family and your grandkids.

Mrs. Budd stated it was a busy weekend around here as we've all heard. Saturday was Community Day and from what I could see, it was a great success and probably maybe the best one yet. Many thanks to the Recreation Initiative and Public Works for all their efforts to make for a great day. Thank you as well to JHFR, our Police Department, and Southeast Regional EMS, for their coordination and planning that made this for a safe day for everyone. I was fortunate to spend some time here on Sunday for the Dale Provins Memorial Blood Drive. Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate, whether it was for the Blood Drive or through donating raffle prize, money, or baked goods. A special thank you to the Rubinoff family for donating their time and food to support the event. The days surrounding June 13th are always going to be a difficult one for our Police Department and for Officer Provins family, so I'm hopeful the show of community surrounding this event is of some comfort to them. Congratulations to JHFR on obtaining the QRS certification. I know that's a goal you've been talking about for a while. I had no doubt you'd reach that goal. Keep up the good work. Thank you, Toni, for all the work over the years and a personal thanks for answering my many, many questions I've had over the past few months. I'm pretty sure I asked you a question every time I walked in the office, at least once. But, I want you to enjoy your time, especially with your grandson. You will be missed.

Mrs. Steffey stated I'd like to reiterate what I had stated in our previous meeting last week and that is about our temporary marketing signs within the Borough. We do have an ordinance that you must obtain a sign application and pay the \$50 fee, which is refunded to you after all signs have been removed. I did instruct, along with Borough Manager, Stinner, for our Code Enforcement Officers to pull current sign applications that were on file. As I had stated before, there was only one on file, and it was for the election in May. Everything else that was in the Borough property and right of ways, anything that was not in a private yard, or a residence yard was removed along with a lot of signs on telephone poles. It is illegal to put signs on telephone poles. Please follow our ordinances. If you ever have any questions, please call the main Borough line and our staff is fantastic with answering any questions that you have and pointing you in the right direction on what you're allowed to do in the Borough.

Secondly, congrats again to JHFR on your QRS certification. I had no doubt that you would get there, and I know you will obtain many other certifications in the near future. I am extremely

proud of you all. Thank you so much to the JHPD, Chief Dziezgowski and his family. Officer Provins' family, Mariah, Tara Revis, family and friends that took all the time yesterday during the Officer Provins Second Annual Blood Drive. It was such a beautiful memorial event and it was very well attended. I saw other officers coming in from different Boroughs. The amazing support that we have from our neighboring communities during times like these have been amazing, along with our residents. Thank you also to Greg Rubinoff, he was out there grilling all day. Just asking for donations for the food that he gave over to the scholarship foundation. It was definitely a very successful event.

Community Day. Thank you to our amazing recreation board, especially Nikki Kurtik and Nicole Blosl, the co-chairs for Community Day. The day was beautiful. Our Public Works, JHPD, JHFR and Southeast Regional also worked tirelessly to help us achieve a successful and safe Community Day. We want to thank the vendors, the Council members that attended, the performers on the stage throughout the day, our student volunteers that helped out with the games, the attendees that keep coming out to Community Day

Lastly, this evening will unfortunately be the final meeting that our amazing Clerk, Toni Lewis will be here attending with us. Toni has truly been such an asset to our staff and our community for many years. She ran a tight ship down there which ultimately keeps our Borough in working order as a well-oiled machine and keeps our residents safe and informed. Twenty-seven years of service? That's amazing. She was our go-to for many things needed, not only in the planning department, amongst greeting our residents at the front window currently. We know that you're excited for your future and what's to come, and we know that your heart and everything is going to be in the happiest place that it could be finally. But you will be very, very missed and we wish you the best.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Budd seconded by Mr. Montgomery 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