

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Regular Meeting of Council  
July 11, 2022

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Steffey at 7:03 p.m. in the Municipal Centers, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members Bucy, Lynch, Montgomery, Reynolds, Ruscitto, Vice President Budd, President Steffey and Mayor McCaffrey answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner (via zoom), Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Dziezgowski, Borough Engineer Glistner (via zoom), and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Consulting Engineer Minsterman was absent.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

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

Mrs. Budd move to approve the monthly payroll, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to table the approval of minutes of agenda meeting June 8, 2022, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to table approval of minutes of regular meeting June 13, 2022, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey noted council is tabling the minutes is because they were received by council earlier today. Council needs a few more hours to go over some corrections. They will not be on the Borough website until after the August meeting.

Mrs. Bucy moved to present Mayoral Proclamations to Boy Scout Troop 210 for adoption of Peter's Creek Road, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mayor McCaffrey read Whereas, nearly every resident, organization, and human activity in the United States generates some type of waste. And whereas, the amount of waste produced in American communities is influenced by the economic activity, consumption, and population growth. And whereas, communities produce large amounts of not only municipal solid waste, but also large amounts of litter in the form of discarded food, packaging, disposable goods, and used electronics. And whereas, municipal solid waste landfills are the third largest source of human related methane emissions in the US, contributing to higher levels of greenhouse gases. And whereas, waste must be managed through reuse, recycling, storage, treatment, energy, recovery, and/or disposal or other releases to the environment. And whereas, volunteer service is the cornerstone of our democracy, and is crucial to addressing critical issues throughout our community. And whereas, in 1990, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation began its adopt a highway program and assisting volunteers who beautify roadsides two miles at a time. And whereas, Jefferson Hills Boy Scout Troop number 210 recently adopted two miles of Peter's Creek Road,

and have volunteered to regularly clear that portion of road, that portion of roadway litter. Now therefore, I, Carrie McCaffrey, Mayor of the Burrough of Jefferson Hills, do hereby proclaim our support for the efforts of Boy Scout Troop number 210. And in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to be affixed this 11th day of July 2022, in recognition of their efforts in the community.

Mayor McCaffrey stated thank you very much, your entire troop.

Mrs. Steffey stated extend our gratitude to the rest of your troop. We understood that they couldn't be here tonight, but we thank them for their efforts as well.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to extend a conditional offer of employment to Terrance I. Murphy as a probationary police officer following successful completion of all Civil Service regulations. Official appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of physical and psychological evaluations, with a start date to be determined by the Chief of Police, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to extend a conditional offer of employment to Benjamin J. Olsen as a probationary police officer following successful completion of all Civil Service regulations. Official appointment is contingent upon the successful completion of physical and psychological evaluations, with a start date to be determined by the Chief of Police, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to table the approval the contract for trash and sewer billing to the lowest responsible bidder, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey stated the reason why we're going to be tabling this tonight is so that either Jon Drager or John Stiner can make a comparison chart with PAMS, our current provider versus the two bids that we received for the RFP. Which would be Legal Tax Service and Diversified Technology Net.

Mrs. Bucy moved to reappropriate funds from Capital Account #01-499-750 (BEAST Evidence Software) in the amount of \$13,800 to permit the Jefferson Hills Police Department to purchase the services of LEXIPOL, a company that specializes in the development and implementation of legally defensible and best practice policies and procedures for law enforcement, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to permit the Jefferson Hills Police Department to proceed with the promotional testing process to establish an eligibility list for the position of Sergeant due to forthcoming retirements, consistent with the Jefferson Hills Civil Service Rules and Regulations, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to permit the Borough of Jefferson Hills to subscribe to 6-cloud based modules from Frontline Public Safety Solutions Mobile Tool Kit, at an annual cost of \$2000, that will be installed on the Borough website and allow the residents one place to access and enter specific information (Overnight Parking, Vacation Watch, Business Keyholder, Pet Management, Condition Report, At-Risk Residents) and send it to the police department or Public Works, from a secured environment on the web, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to purchase and install security cameras and access controls at Gill Hall Park as recommended and quoted by Dave Davis Communications in the amount of \$9,327.74 for access control (Estimate #53734) and \$6,038.00 for Security Cameras (Estimate #53574) for a total of \$15,365.74 utilizing existing onsite internet service with static IP address, seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to purchase and install security cameras and access controls at Andrew Reilly Memorial 885 Park as recommended and quoted by Dave Davis Communications in the amount of 8,774.00 for access control (Estimate #53735) and \$10,726.00 for Security Cameras (Estimate #53573) for a total of \$19,500.00 utilizing nearby existing internet service with static IP address, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey stated I had a few items to discuss regarding specifically 885. Can you explain that there was only one existing workstation?

Chief Dziezgowski stated There is only one. It is specifically going to communicate with the Borough.

Mrs. Steffey asked is each park going to have their own workstation?

Chief Dziezgowski answered because they are an offsite premise, each place must have its own worksite to house the DVR system and the static IP device. They will be able to communicate remotely. We will be able to program it and view video remotely.

Mrs. Steffey stated these cameras are NDA, they were not banned?

Chief Dziezgowski answered they are not. Everything follows government standards.

Mrs. Steffey stated for the 885, we discussed that there would be a possible tap-in. We would have to ask permission from JHFR but we found out today that if we instead would utilize another T-Mobile spot. Then the Borough would own that IP address and the equipment.

Chief Dziezgowski responded they would eliminate a bridge, which would cost roughly about \$600. The annual cost for the T-Mobile is 660. But we own it, and we can cancel at any time.

Mrs. Steffey stated I wanted all of council to be aware that instead of asking permission for JHFR, we can do what was proposed with Beedle Park with the T-Mobile and the additional expense for that. But then it would, for 885 it would remove \$600 worth of a bridge equipment that they were going to install to tap into JHFR. Therefore, it would be a wash and then we would own the equipment through T-Mobile.

Mrs. Steffey stated pertaining to 885, concession stand and bathrooms. I know Beedle Park is a separate agenda item, but it leads into that for their concession stand and bathrooms as well. The maglocks that are installed.

Chief Dziezgowski stated the system that they're using is a maglock system. That is what they are quoting right now. In an emergency, a power outage, we would be notified. We would get emails notifying

us of a power outage, and we would have to manually lock the doors until power is restored. Also, if somebody is inside the bathroom, and it happens to lock on them. there is an emergency feature, where they can push it to disable the system to get out of their door, so they're not locked in.

Mrs. Budd moved to purchase and install security cameras and access controls at Beedle Park as recommended and quoted by Dave Davis Communications in the amount of \$7,674.00 for access control (Estimate #53732), \$5,683.00 for Security Cameras (Estimate #53575), and \$660.00 for T-Mobile Hot Spot with static IP address (\$55/month \* 12 months = \$660) for a total of \$14,017.00, seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to table the award a bid for rock salt for the 2022-2023 winter season to Cargill, Inc. in the amount of \$88.96 per ton and authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to execute all necessary bid award documents, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey stated Costars gave us a lower bid. Council wants to make sure that we are comparing the same items.

Mr. Stinner stated there's a significant price difference within the salt pricing for Costars versus Cargill, Inc. The Costars price is not finalized. We are making sure that is in fact the case, until they release the actual price. It would be similar process. We would put in the amount of salt that we would require, and then we would have to meet those minimums.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-2022 granting final approval to the land development known as S-5-2022, Millstone Village Phase Two, seconded by Mr. Lynch. 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	YES
Mr. Reynolds	NO
Mrs. Ruscitto	NO

Five members voted yes, and two members voted no, motion carried.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked Mike Glister if he had any more information about the road that had the slope and the bad bend.

Mr. Glister stated that language is covered in the resolution. It states as part of the resolution approval they will add that for that easement that was requested for the plan for reporting. It is not on the actual plan for reporting that's in your packets right now. When it comes time to execute the plan for reporting, we'll make sure that the easement is on there and that we're satisfied with it.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I voted no because I would prefer that that not be a verbal agreement.

Mr. Glister stated it is in the actual resolution. Item number 5 in the resolution that states that the final reported plan with a 15-foot easement from the public right of way along lot 241 and 242. Restricting plantings and other obstructions, to no more than 6 inches in height for sightline safety. This resolution will go through the developer. Part of the approval process is we'll have to accept the additions when they submit the reported plan.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-2022 granting final approval to the land development known as SP-2-2022, Solar Farm Development, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt Resolution No. 27-2022 amending the salaries, compensation, and wages for Borough of Jefferson Hills Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker employees, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steffey stated this wage had been increased to \$15 per hour. Solely because it was very difficult to even find any seasonal park maintenance workers. But I've been an advocate for emergency services to be compensated for their expertise as well. I would like to see that soon, come to fruition. I think it's kind of sad that grass cutters are getting paid \$15 an hour and shift crew is getting paid less.

Mr. Montgomery to adopt Resolution No. 28-2022 for a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for the subdivision plan known as S-5-2021, Pinecrest Estates Phase 1, seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from SHACOG for Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$33,750.00 for work completed on the CD 47 Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 3 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company for the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M Preventative Maintenance – Year 12 Project in the amount of \$138,670.00 with the Borough's share of \$21,410.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve SHACOG to award Base Bid A of the 2021-BRP-013 Act 152 Jefferson Hills Demolition Project to Wreckcrew Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$29,450.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated July 1, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to complete final design, permitting, and to prepare the project specifications and bid package for the PICCO Pump Station project in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve Work Authorization dated June 28, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to continue assisting with the environmental permitting for the proposed Frank Street connection in the amount not to exceed \$14,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

#### REPORTS:

Fire Chief

Not present

EMS

Not Present

Engineer

Nothing Further

Consulting Engineer

Not Present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing Further

Public Works Director

Nothing Further

Police Chief

Nothing Further

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey congratulated again, Troop number 210 for their adoption of Peter's Creek Road. It is very much appreciated, and we thank you guys very much.

Manager

Nothing Further

Solicitor

Solicitor Gabriel noted for the record, council did meet in executive session prior to this voting meeting, to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mrs. Ruscitto thanked Troop 210 for your efforts. I'd like to welcome our two new officers. Thanks, Chief. They seem like excellent candidates. Mr. Murphy an Mr. Olsen, welcome.

Mrs. Bucy stated I would just say the same sentiments as Mrs. Ruscitto, welcome everybody and we appreciate anybody that comes to our Borough to help pick up garbage.

Mr. Montgomery stated the finance committee has started to work on some specifications for the pension board. It should be placed on the agenda for consideration in August. The same with the IPMC was recommended from planning to council. The council will have a chance to review that and then adopt that.

Mr. Reynolds asked for clarification about the shift crew getting paid as much as the maintenance workers. Are the shift crew Borough employees now?

Mrs. Steffey responded no. I was comparing the hourly rate.

Mr. Lynch stated I'd like to also extend my congratulations to Boy Scout Troop 210 for their efforts with Peter's Creek Road.

I also would like to welcome Officers Murphy and Olsen, to the Jefferson Hills Police Department. Guys, we really lucked out with having two great candidates like yourselves. We expect nothing the best. You are surrounded by great leadership. Not just with our police department, but all our public safety. So, gentlemen, I wish you both the best.

Mrs. Budd thanked Troop 210 for adoption of Peter's Creek Road.

I wish nothing but the best to Officers Murphy and Olsen. I wish you a safe, long, and successful career.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 07:38 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Bucy, 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.*