

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
August 8, 2022

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Steffey at 7:06 p.m. in the Municipal Centers, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members Bucy, Lynch (via zoom), 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 Glister, and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Consulting Engineer Minsterman was absent.

Mrs. Steffey stated we are going to switch a few things around on the agenda since we have a large audience. We are going to put item 12 first.

Mrs. Budd moved to recognize Sergeant John O'Leary on his retirement after 25 years of service to the Jefferson Hills Police Department and the community of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Chief Dziezgowski stated I am your Chief of Police, Ron Dziezgowski. It is with extreme honor and privilege that I call the Jefferson Hills Police Department, Sergeant John O'Leary, the infamous John O'Leary, front and center. Thank you, sir.

Sergeant O'Leary has elected to retire after 25 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the Jefferson Hills Police Department, the community, and residents of Jefferson Hills. I'm extremely honored to be here to recognize him. I had John give me a little overview of his accomplishments throughout his career. He has been sued three times and has won all of them. Failed the psychological when he got hired three times. These are his words, not mine. With all seriousness, John was hired by Jefferson Hills in August of 1997, after working part time Springdale Borough and Stowe Township for 2 years. He became a stable, well-known officer here in the Jefferson Hills area with his dedication to traffic enforcement. He became the coordinator for the Jefferson Hills Police Department's aggressive driving enforcement. He has been part of Buckle Up PA DUI Task Force for most of his 25 years of service. He conducted motor carrier inspections and enforcement for numerous years until being promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2008. He worked with the DEA Task Force from 2007 to 2010. He consistently led the JHPD in traffic citations and arrests until other young officers came down the pike. John's work ethic, up until his very last day, which was Sunday, goes beyond words. He continued to go out there and make sure that Jefferson Hills was safe. Pulling over violators left and right because that is his work ethic. That is the way he was brought up. That is the way he did things throughout his career. I can only hope that he is an inspiration to the younger officers we have on this force right now. John, I'm proud of you. It's not many people that make it to retirement unscathed. You did. I'm proud of your work ethic to our department, and to our community. I only wish you the best in the years to come. I say that on behalf of the men and women of our department that are here in support of you as well as the elected officials. I can say with true honesty, we're going to miss you.

Mayor McCaffrey stated congratulations on your retirement, Sergeant John O'Leary. You have served the Jefferson Hills Police Department and the Borough of Jefferson Hills with honor, dedication, and selflessness. Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life, may God's

blessings be upon you as you follow in his way, and may you find joy and peace as he inspires you every day. Happy retirement. Well done, the good and faithful servant.

Sergeant O'Leary stated Twenty-six years ago, I didn't know that your community existed. A friend of mine from the police academy told me that Jefferson Hills was -- or Jefferson Borough at the time was one of the municipalities that was testing. I took the test. Twenty-five years ago, I was hired. It has gone fast. I have been blessed to be part of what is now Jefferson Hills. For what it's worth, I love that name change. Jefferson Hills, this is a great, great community. I'm glad that I've been a small part of it. Proud to have served on the police department. Although this is a milestone in my life, I'm envious of what this department has become and hope that I've been a small part of that. Hopefully my legacy includes that. You have some studs here, and you should be proud. It is amazing to see the progress from when I started 25 years ago to what you have now. Everybody is pulling on the rope the same way. You truly have no idea what you have here. This is a gem of a community, all-star stud-laden police department that's here to serve you. Continue to love them because know that every one of them would lay down their life for you and your family. This department is an amazing place to work. To the Council and civil service commission that hired me, please accept my absolute, heartfelt thank you for the opportunity to serve you for 25 years. I'm honored tonight. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve here. It's been amazing. I can't say it enough. Thank you so much.

Finally, to my wife, Christie, thanks for putting up with the odd schedules, and the odd moods. It's time to have a normal life, sweetheart. It's absolutely time.

God loves you guys. I love every one of you. I'm here for you. I had a little hard fast rule that we did not see much of each other outside of work, but one of us doesn't have to do that anymore. If you're up for it, I'm around. Thank you very much.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Tom Dugan, Jefferson Hills Borough Recreation Board member updated Council of the events this year. 2022 has gone by fast. I can't believe we're already in August and the kids are going back to school. I just want to go through what the Rec Board and the Rec Initiative has done year to date. Our first big event this year was in May. We did our first ever Jefferson Jog, which was at the high school property. We had over 120 runners, and 50 of them were children. One of the things that the Rec Board is looking to do is partner with the schools, especially from the middle school down, to start training for it. They would practice in gym class and run. We are also going to allow kids to design the medals and pick a winner from there. Hopefully, we will see a lot of more children run and get our numbers over 200 for next year. It was an awesome event for the first time.

I do not need to spend a lot of time Community Day because I think everyone was part of it. It is our big event for the year. It wouldn't have happened without everyone. I think it went smooth. A lot of prep work by the Rec Board and numerous members of Borough Council. Borough public works, Mike Volpe's team, was always willing to help us with whatever we needed for the Community Day event. Police, fire, and EMS were there to make this a safe event. It was a very safe event. I think it was one of the largest turnouts we had in terms of vendors over the

years. Any ideas you think can make Community Day better, please do not hesitate to send us a message or come to one of our meetings.

The next events are the Summer Concert Series. We have had three of them. The first one was in June. There was a band called Ruff Creek, which is a local country band. They have a decent following. We had plenty of food. We had two food trucks, some drink events. A clothing store came, and I thought we had good turnout. July was a '90s band. It was really hot, and a lot of people went on vacation. The turnout was not so great. I think that was a learning lesson for next year as we decide if we want to continue to do these types of events. Finally, August 24th Scott Blasey, the lead singer of Pittsburgh's own, The Clarks, will be coming. If you like rock and roll, you like Pittsburgh rock, he's awesome. We've been trying to blast it on social media. We have five big banners up around the community. Any way that you can get the message out for us, please do. We have numerous food trucks and other vendors coming. I think it's going to be a good event. We want to continue these concert series. We are more than willing to add to them. They are free of charge for everyone. The Rec Initiative, along with Borough Council, was generous enough to donate money for these types of events. Summer Rec, it's been an annual tradition here for a long time.

The Jefferson Hills Record Initiative is sponsoring their year-end party at Clairton Pool with food and ice cream next week. It is a cool way to wind down Summer Rec.

Last weekend, we had the dugouts painted at the Jim Huber Field, which is the front field of 885. Cassie Como, she was a recent TJ grad and a Jefferson Hills resident, was kind enough to donate her time and paint Jim Huber Field. It makes the dugouts look nice. Something special for a resident who fought cancer hard.

We are talking about the idea of a fall fest or Octoberfest. We have talked to the library and other boards. If it does not happen this year, maybe next year. Another thing is partnering with the Mayor on a holiday event of some kind. At our next Rec Board meeting, we will be talking about what that's going to look like with Carrie.

We live right on one of the nicest trail systems in America. If you go to most big cities, they have bike share programs. where you either use an app or you pay some money, and you can ride a bike for however long you want. We explored the idea of doing a ride share program. Mr. Stinner said, when the new concrete in front of Slater's Funeral Home is done, that might be a good location for it.

Two more things that we would like to see. We were looking to redo Lobb Cemetery asphalt area. With inflation and other things, it just hasn't happened yet. The goal was to put in three pickleball courts. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. Grandmas are beating TJ Watt at it. It's a great area to do it. Also, put another basketball court in because the basketball courts are extremely packed throughout the day. It would help next year with Summer Rec in the metro program, having a new home. We have been having ongoing discussions over the years with youth football and youth soccer about a permanent home. Those are things that we would bring to you for planning.

We're always open to new ideas for fun things in the community for all ages.

Mr. Montgomery stated Rec Board does a great job, great presentation.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Graves Marcucci, 370 Temona Dr, Pittsburgh PA, I appreciate Council taking time to hear this update. I have spoken to a couple of the members of Council at some of the EAC meetings. Thank you to the President of Council for inviting me to present some of the background information to staff and several other members involved in code enforcement and building inspection. Something newsworthy recently happened in Elizabeth Township, some of you may have community team members that I meet with, some of you may have seen this letter. This just went out to Elizabeth Township last week on August 1st. It was because Olympus Energy has approached them about a very large well pad next to the EF High School. The reason that brought me here tonight, which I'm happy to talk about is the letter as well. Exhibit A in the letter, and if you don't have it, I'd be happy to email it to you. There's a section in there that Olympus Energy provided to Elizabeth Township as part of their conditional use application in which they admit that there are over a dozen communities that would be directly impacted by this well. I doubt very seriously that you got notified. No one else seemed to have gotten notified. So, I just first wanted to ask if you did get an Act 14 notice letter for this is called the Heracles Well Pad. I'm doubting that you did. But this is the point, this is what brought me here tonight. They're admitting -- the company is admitting to the state that they are directly impacting 13 communities, including Jefferson Hills. I believe the state and the companies are getting very sloppy about these notifications. I think it's time, and I'm going to be asking other communities and other citizens groups to be doing the same thing. I'm wondering if it might be a good idea to have a letter from Jefferson Hills, maybe even requesting a meeting with the DEP. I'd be happy to work with staff or whomever to help facilitate that. I think it's time to have a conversation about what really constitutes proper notice to an adjacent municipality. Even if you choose not to comment on it, that's your prerogative. But I feel that the local communities are not getting the proper notice. So, I think the letter of notification is an important thing. Maybe the DEP is unaware of that. Maybe the DEP presumes that the companies are properly notifying. I've not seen that. I do this for my day job, and I've not seen that happen. In fact, it's rare when I see the companies do it correctly. I'm here because I'd really like to try to facilitate a little bit more of an open line of communication and maybe get the DEP to put some hard and fast rules into place about how and when adjacent communities get notified.

Mr. Montgomery asked did they notify DEP at the same time?

Mrs. Marcucci responded no. The DEP gets notified in different way. They get notified multiple times. On their application, they do have a section on there where they ask, has the local land host municipality and their land use ordinance been. They said that yes, it's a compatible use. But they don't say anything about the adjacent municipalities. I don't know if that's the reason why the companies are getting a little lax about notifying, but they're supposed to, under Act 14, which is a Pennsylvania rule. They're supposed to notify the host county, the host municipality, and the adjacent municipality. It's just not happening. I'm seeing more and more instances where that just seems to be deficient.

Mrs. Steffey thanked Mrs. Marcucci for bringing this to our attention. I have worked with you in the past for the procedural standpoint. I certainly would like to be involved.

Thomas Cramer, 704 West Bruceton Road, I'm sure that most of you are aware I was here in June talking about the stop signs on West Bruceton and addressing the traffic issues. The traffic issues are still going on along West Bruceton. The speed of the traffic is still the way it's been. I've seen that Jefferson Hills police have been out there doing traffic stops and, trying to address it that way. But, I think, the only way that you could really address the speed along West Bruceton is to install at least one stop sign or maybe two. There's just a lot of traffic. As it's coming through Pleasant Hills, as I addressed back in June, you have five stop signs that they drive through, and when they get to Jefferson Hills, it's just nothing. It is a straight shot to Cochran Mill. The road still hasn't been repaved. When it gets repaved, the speed is going to go faster. Just last week, I saw a vehicle coming up West Bruceton, driving the speed limit, and there was a vehicle behind it that thought it might have been going too slow. So, it cuts around and takes off. I have witnessed vehicles traveling 60 miles an hour. There's more foot traffic. There are more kids out on their bikes along West Bruceton. I'm very concerned. I'm not here because I want stop signs or anything. I'm just concerned about my kids. They cross the street to get the other side to go to the plan, and I just don't want them to get hit by a car. I don't want anyone to get hit by a car. I think it's something that needs to be addressed. I know that back in June, the Chief spoke about how there was a traffic study that was done, and the data wasn't there to support a stop sign. I did see that there was a digital speed limit sign put back up. I think it was put up in the same spot as before, right at the entrance to Hunters Field. I don't know how that affects the data collected. If you put the traffic study at the entrance to the plan, where vehicles are traveling like 5 miles an hour, and like slowing down to turning the plan or you know, pulling out onto the road. I'm not an expert on traffic studies, I don't know how that affects it. All I know is that what I see every day, I see the vehicles traveling double the speed limit. Not all of them. I would say on average, they're probably driving 40 miles an hour in 25 miles an hour zone. It's just something that I think that should be addressed. I don't think that installing one stop sign along West Bruceton is going to disrupt the flow of traffic. You know, Pleasant Hills, like I said, has five stop signs. You know, half of West Bruceton is in their territory, half is on ours. They have five stop signs. We have zero. The same number of cars travel through Pleasant Hills, travel through Jefferson hills. I don't think we should get carried away in putting speed bumps up. They've just put up two speed bumps between I don't know what the name of the road is from West Bruceton. But I just think installing at least one stop sign just to slow the speed of the traffic down, just to try to control it a little bit. I'm very concerned about someone getting hit by a car, a pedestrian getting hit by a car

Mrs. Steffey stated I am glad that you said that there was more of a police presence there. My questions would be to probably the Chief or Mike Volpe, or Mike Glistner, when was the last traffic study done there? Would it have any balance to say that this is a plan that is consistently being build up, more traffic going in and out of both of those plans on either side of the road? I understand Mr. Cranmer's explanation about Pleasant Hills having the stop signs but that is a neighborhood that's been established. Those stop signs have been there. Furthermore, into Jefferson is a plan that's been build up over the past couple of years. That was just a long stretch of road and nothing but land because there were no homes built there. I feel the growth of that community over there is a concern. It is a throughway for a lot of the people that live over there. My question is, when was the last study done and would it have any effect to do another study stating that this is a growing area?

Chief Dziezgowski stated the police department takes all these complaints seriously. Shortly after the meeting that you arrived the first time, we installed our traffic monitoring devices.

We did half stealth, half display to get accurate results. We put it right in the middle of the straightaway where you're going to gain most of your speed. During that time, which was about approximately a month, the fastest speed we recorded was 53 miles an hour. However, we go by percentiles. What's the average speed? What's in the 50th percentile? What's in the 85th percentile? The average speed out of all the recorded vehicles, which was 22,766 vehicles, was 23.62 miles per hour. The 50th percentile was 25.97 miles per hour. The 85th percentile was 30.66 miles per hour. Speeds we don't even cite for. We cite in the 25 mile and hour zone, 40 or 45 miles per hour. With those statistics, Mike Glister, and I, and had a lengthy conversation with Gateway Engineers to delve into what you're requesting. There are three criteria that we must meet to put a stop sign in. If we don't meet those criteria, the stop signs are illegal. According to our engineer, it's most likely that those five stop signs that you see in Pleasant Hills coming down, some of them are not legal because they do not meet these criteria. The criteria are you must have crash data. How many crashes in that area to justify a stop sign? Deficient sight view, sight distance. You must have a deficient sight distance. We looked at it every angle with the engineers, coming out of the new secondary roadways, there is not a sight deficiency there. Lastly, you need voluminous traffic coming out of the side roadways that are coming onto the primary roadways, that do not have a stop sign. Since those plans are not completely build up, you do not have that traffic to justify a stop sign. We could put a stop sign there. If a person challenges it, it is not going to be held up in court because they are not a PennDOT regulated sign. It doesn't meet the criteria. Unfortunately, these are factors. I understand your frustration. You are seeing the traffic 24/7 because you live there. We are seeing it. We monitor it. We are going in a marked vehicle and people are going to slow down. Half our purpose is traffic deterrence.

Public Works Director, Volpe, installed new lines for so we can enforce traffic laws down there. We put a lot of effort into this as we are going to look at the recommendation of speed humps throughout our borough. There are criteria that we must talk about, similar conditions if we're going to put speed humps in. Persons think that stop signs or speed humps are the cure all for everything. Until there is a thousand speed humps and emergency vehicles cannot get where they are going quickly. There must be a strategy. There is a strategy by PennDOT that we must follow. One, for the legality, and two, because we cannot have all these stop signs and speed humps everywhere in the community. I am working with Gateway Engineers. I'm working with Mike Glister and the Public Works Director to make sure that we are erecting legal and justified signs. I'm sorry, but right now, the data does not justify a stop sign in that area. We are going to continue, as we do with all complaints, to investigate the complaints and do traffic enforcement when we can.

Ms. Steffey stated that was very well explained. I appreciate it. I'm thinking the more as the side streets grow, Mr. Cranmer, then maybe that would match the criteria. I hate to wait and see when that happens. I do trust our Chief and our staff here to make sure they keep looking into this. I am sure the Chief will have a police presence there.

Mr. Reynolds stated that was the clearest, most concise explanation we ever gave a resident.

Mr. Cramer stated I really appreciate everything you've done. The fact that you did everything that you just explained, I appreciate all of it. I'm just concerned.

Chief Dziezgowski stated I always put an article in West Jefferson magazine. One of the things right now with school coming back into session is I ask the motorist to slow down. We must have a conscious awareness that not only kids are crossing the road, but other pedestrians and bicyclists. I will continue to be vigilant; my officers will continue to be vigilant in enforcing the laws throughout the Borough. I understand we have a lot of roads to cover. We have a lot of complaints. We are trying to do our best. Eventually, I'm going to have a traffic division. With the help of Council and the Mayor, to get the manpower necessary to handle these complaints, efficiently.

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. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve minutes of regular meeting June 13, 2022, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

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

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

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Jonas Stoyanoff to the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to hire Brad Burkholder to the position of Laborer inside the Borough of Jefferson Hills Public Works Department, 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.

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

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

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

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code subject to amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt Ordinance #890 the permitting and regulation of fireworks, including the display and discharge of fireworks within the Borough, 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.

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

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

Mrs. Budd asked were the corrections that Councilman Montgomery requested the other night made?

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt the Allegheny County Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement for the following winter seasons: 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 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.

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

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

Mr. Montgomery asked is the county supposed to make an adjustment in their pay that is equal to the state?

Mr. Stinner responded no. They have their own calculation. The state has their own calculations. The amounts differ based on the number of roads.

Mrs. Bucy commented since we instituted where we take over the Allegheny County roads with our public works, the amount of money might not be equal, but we received numerous positive comments about the roads being safe for the emergency vehicles, for the police, and for the bus transportation to our schools. It has been very well received by the community. I felt that it was very advantageous to us as far as a safety precaution, even though the money wasn't the same.

Mr. Montgomery stated I think they should pay the same the state does. I don't think they should give us a hard time like they do. In fact, I have discovered that the Turnpike is charging us for our emergency vehicles to go on there. I think that's ridiculous

Mr. Volpe stated one thing on the PennDOT and how they rate their roads. They pay different for each rating. PennDOT calls it letter A through F. A pays more. That is the primary roads, interstates, major roads. When you get down to the F, that is most of the roads in the Borough. The higher the alphabetic letter goes, the less per mile they pay. On our agreement, they will spell that out.

Mrs. Budd moved to participate in the SHACOG 2022-23 Rock Salt Agreement for 3,000 tons at the purchase price of \$88.96, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery asked is 80 percent correct?

Mr. Volpe responded yes. SHACOG is 80%. COSTARS through the state is 60% of the amount you want. When we had to submit it back in January, it was 4000 because at that time there was only one supplier. You only must take 80% of that, which is a little over 3000 ton. Our average usage, you can see on my monthly report, is over 5000 ton a year. With those two suppliers, we should have enough.

Mrs. Bucy moved to participate in the COSTARS (Account #: 10479) 2022-23 Rock Salt Agreement for 2,000 tons at the purchase price of \$77.88, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy stated I would like to point out to the public that we have asked Jon Drager to look at this from all sides. He spent a great deal of time trying to figure out what would be the best price. In his report to the finance committee, he figured it was \$31,000 that we saved.

Mr. Dragger stated going off the numbers from last year. With the strategy we have with these two vendors, COSTARS and SHACOG, if we purchase the same amount, it'll be about \$31,000 in savings.

Mr. Montgomery moved to reallocate \$155,000 from account *01-499-740 – PW Trucks* to *01-499-741 – PW Equipment* in the General Fund for the purchase of a new backhoe at the price of \$120,331.00, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Police Services between the Steel Center for Career and Technical

Education and Jefferson Hills Borough Police Department, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Police Services between West Jefferson Hills School District (WJHSD) and Jefferson Hills Borough Police Department, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to table the Request for Proposals for investment management services and custodianship of Jefferson Hills Police Department (JHPD) pension investment funds, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning the SHACOG Joint O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning Project-Year 12, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the execution of an administrative agreement with the South Hills Council of Governments concerning the SHACOG Joint Municipal Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 16, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to award the Lobb's Run Stream Restoration project to C. Crump, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, to satisfy the Borough's Pollution Reduction Plan in the amount of \$116,940.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve Work Authorization dated July 21, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to provide construction administration, and inspections services for the Lobb's Run stream restoration project in the amount not to exceed \$13,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to adopt resolution 29-2022 granting preliminary and final approval to the Phil DiMarco Subdivision designated S-6-2022, Wray Large Road, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Fire Chief

Chief Chalfant updated Council. We have decided to dispose of 1,200 gallons of foam that containing the PFAS even though it is still legally able to be used in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for an emergency. We felt it was necessary to go ahead and dispose of it. We are buying a new foam. We found an adequate replacement. It is being used in refineries and by the railroad. We should take delivery that foam sometime this week. We will be properly disposing of the other stuff. We will have the certificate saying that it was disposed of properly for all liability cause.

EMS

Not Present

Engineer

Mr. Montgomery asked What are the status of the Act 152 demolitions since CDBG 48 was declined?

Mr. Glister responded the application was made in April 2022. If it follows the same pattern as last year, we should get notification around October. SHACOG advised us to apply for the same properties under CDBG. We did that. A week later, we got notifications from the ACT 152. We just got notification today from SHACOG that the CDBG year 49 pre-applications are going to be due September 10th or 11th.

Consulting Engineer

Not Present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing Further

Public Works Director

Nothing Further

Police Chief

Nothing Further

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey congratulated Sergeant O'Leary on his retirement and thanked him for his 25 years of service to the Borough. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Officers Murphy and Olsen on their swearing in. I apologize that I was unable to be a part of the ceremony. I want to extend a very big thank you to Bob and Jess Marlowe and the Recreation Board. Bob and Jess have been taking the lead for the Summer Rec Program. As a parent, my daughter has attended the entire program and has absolutely loved it. You have saved summer in our household. It has just been an amazing program this year.

Manager

Mr. Stinner stated I would like to congratulate Sergeant O'Leary on his retirement and wish him the best. I wish I could be there in person. I would also like to thank Chief Dziezgowski. Chief has crafted the policies and procedures for our entire lead south cohort. His version of the policies and procedures have been so well received that we have other cohorts asking to sample his. I would

like to thank Chief Dziezgowski, not only on behalf of lead south, but the entire lead program in general.

Solicitor

Solicitor Gabriel noted for the record, Council did meet in executive session along with the Mayor to discuss personnel and pending litigation. Council will return after this voting meeting to executive session for further discussion. Council will not return to vote.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Montgomery stated I wanted to get some input from other Council members on the job descriptions. We would like to move ahead on them.

Mrs. Steffey stated I think they were well written. I just received the previous job descriptions for our engineer, police chief and borough manager from the 2019 RFP. I am doing a comparison. I have no issues currently.

Mrs. Bucy stated congratulations to Sergeant O'Leary for his 25 years of service. As we are moving forward in the summer, please try to be cognizant of the heat and stay safe.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated until I became a member of Council, I did not know many members of the police force, which I guess is a good thing. Over my past two and a half years, getting to know the officers has been my absolute pleasure. We do have such a tremendous, fantastic police force. Chief, it is beyond words the things that I could say about you and the job that you've done for our Borough. Congratulations to Sergeant O'Leary. A well-deserved retirement for you. Thanks to all our public servants.

Mrs. Budd stated I wanted to also congratulate Sergeant O'Leary on his retirement. I wish him a safe, long, happy, and well-deserved retirement. I also wanted to thank the police department regarding the complaint we received last at the agenda meeting from the lady on Marion Drive. The next day I drove up the hill and they were monitoring the speeding on Larkspur, which she had complained about. Thank you for the swift response in that. Also, thank you for your excellent explanation regarding the situation on West Bruceton and your due diligence there.

I would like to announce that our library received an award from the Pennsylvania Library Association, best practices program for an innovative program for their baby bookworms' program, partnering with AHN. They are trying to do great things at the library. Please check their website for updates.

Mrs. Steffey thanked Ms. Marcucci for attending tonight and always keeping us updated on Act 14 notifications. It is much appreciated. Thanks to our Chief for a very well-versed explanation for our residents' concerns. Also, for taking the next steps after our residents voice their concerns to follow through with what you promised. I am sure that our residents right now can understand and can trust in our Chief.

Mr. Lynch stated I also would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to Sergeant O'Leary. I apologize I couldn't be there to shake your hand. 25 years, wow, we were very fortunate to have such a dedicated servant to our community. An officer who set the example. Chief Dziezgowski you also set an example of loyalty, duty, safety, and honor. Sergeant O'Leary, we certainly wish you the best years ahead. I also would like to extend our welcome to also Mr. Pasinski and Mr. Burkholder to the Public Works Department. I think we can all agree this wasn't an easy selection considering all the superb candidates we had to choose from. I want to give my appreciation to our personnel committee and Mr. Volpe. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and it looks like it's onward and upward from here.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 08:14 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Ruscitto, seconded by Mrs. Budd and carried unanimously.

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.