

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Regular Meeting of Council  
January 9, 2023

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

Mrs. Steffey stated this evening we are going to switch our agenda around briefly. We will move down to agenda item number 10.

Mrs. Budd moved to present proclamations honoring Jefferson Hills First Responders for their life saving efforts in the community during 2022, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and carried unanimously.

Mayor McCaffrey presented the proclamations to the Jefferson Hills First Responders.

“WHEREAS, emergency services are vital to every community and access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency service teams of the Borough of Jefferson Hills are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need of 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the emergency service system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, and trained members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Jefferson Hills recognizes the value and accomplishments of our emergency service providers and their critical service to the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the members of Southeast Regional EMS (SEREMS), Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue (JHFR), and the Jefferson Hills Police Department (JHPD) have saved the lives of a number of Borough residents throughout the 2022 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of the personnel responsible for these lifesaving efforts; then

THEREFORE, I, Carrie McCaffrey, Mayor of the Borough of Jefferson Hills, do hereby proclaim our appreciation for the Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Police Officers for competency and heroism in the service to the community; and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to be affixed this 9th day of January 2023 in recognition of his/her efforts in the community.”

Mrs. Steffey congratulated everyone. Thank you for those friends and family that came to support as well.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

Mrs. Steffey moved Item 29, Borough Resident/Taxpayer comments on non-agenda items for a resident comment.

BOROUGH RESIDENT/TAXPAYER COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Tim Milko, 1108 State Route 885, stated I was here about a month or so ago. With holiday season, I was not sure if there was any progress with PennDOT for the intersection of Route 885 and Payne Hill Road. Chief Dziezgowski mentioned the idea of signage as a first line of attack at the intersection. Just a few days ago I was driving up from Clairton around the intersection. I noticed that from Wall Avenue all the way up around the bend going back down towards West Mifflin area, there is no signage at all, no speed limit sign, no dangerous curves ahead, slow, nothing like that. I was not sure if I could help get something in progress with PennDOT. Maybe getting speed limit signs or something that says slow, dangerous curves. I know when it comes to things with PennDOT, it is very much an uphill battle. I did not know if we were able to get anything in motion for where that bend is at on Route 885.

Chief Dziezgowski responded because of the holidays, there has not been much progress. We plan to hit it hard beginning of this year. I do not have an answer for you as far as the signage is concerned. PennDOT regulates the signage. PennDOT regulates how many speed signs or cautionary signs are on the roadway. I will be more than happy when we do reach out to a representative to talk to them to see what they can do because of the bad crash we just had. On residential roadways, though, we only have to put one at the beginning and the end of the roadway. PennDOT follows that same rule. They can put a cautionary sign that there is a bend coming up. I will look into it whenever I contact our PennDOT representative.

Mrs. Steffey asked does that happen just out of an ask or do they have to do a traffic study in order to place signs?

Chief Dziezgowski stated for the speed signs, that is an ask because the speed is already set. We are not changing anything. The cautionary signs are up to PennDOT’s discretion.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I noticed that on Route 51, they had painted the pavement to slow down before an intersection because there is a bad bend before the light where the Giant Eagle is. Do we need permission to paint the road to say slow?

Chief Dziezgowski responded yes, everything on a state or county road needs permission from the owner of the road.

Mrs. Budd stated it was mentioned previously that area is pretty grown over. Someone should talk to PennDOT to see if they could cut back the vegetation on the island.

Chief Dziezgowski added and prevent parking on the island.

Mrs. Steffey stated to Mr. Milko, I still have your email address and the contact information of the others that came with you. So as soon as the Chief or anybody else hears back, we will be sure to get in contact with you.

### AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Montgomery stated there is one item on page three for \$5,000.00 for shirts.

Chief Dziezgowski stated that is a police expense. Those are uniform items for new hires to be more visible. That is for police details during our police work at our events. The shirts will properly identify the police officers. It is something outside of the uniform expense that we in past have done. We have not done it for a couple of years. This will last us for approximately three years.

Mr. Montgomery asked how many shirts were purchased? It struck me, \$5,000.00 for shirts.

Chief Dziezgowski responded they were polo shirts, long-sleeve shirts, and T-shirts to display JHPD. When we have to go out on a detail, we have Jefferson Hills Police insignia displayed on all the shirts for cold weather and summer conditions.

It is a big order. We got extras for new hires, and for our officers if something gets damaged. We keep them in stock because the printing costs for only printing up 12 or 15 shirts are a lot more than a full order. Like I said, this is going to last us for three years.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve minutes of agenda meeting December 7, 2022, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to approve minutes of regular meeting December 12, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Jefferson Hills Police Department (JHPD) Chief Ron Dziezgowski as the Third Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to advertise the at-will Community Relations Coordinator position for full-time employment with the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The vote was no unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken per Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member.

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

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

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint William Plunkett and Stacie Jesionowski to two seats on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term expiring December 31, 2028, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Kevin Polick, Jeffrey Dean, and Kerry Ripley to three seats on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Planning Commission for a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2026, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to appoint Laina Wolf, Blane Allan, and Nikki Kurtik to three seats on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Recreation Board for a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2026, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to appoint Paul Calise to one seat on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term expiring December 31, 2027, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to appoint Jim Kingsley and Bethany Kilinsky to two seats on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Board of Library Directors for a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Bucy. The vote was no unanimous, and a roll call vote was taken per Borough Code, which requires that the minutes show the actual votes by name, below are the votes of each Council Member.

Mrs. Bucy	YES
Mrs. Budd	ABSTAIN
Mr. Lynch	YES
Mr. Montgomery	YES
Mr. Reynolds	YES
Mrs. Ruscitto	YES
Mrs. Steffey	YES

Six members voted yes, and one member abstained, motion carried.

Mrs. Ruscitto moved to appoint Joseph Lynch, Dr. Alexandra Hakala, and Lori Bartrug to three seats on the Borough of Jefferson Hills Environmental Advisory Council for a 3-year term expiring December 31, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and the Laborers' Union #1058 outlining terms for vacation time carryover inside the administrative bargaining unit, seconded by Mrs. Ruscitto, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to sign authorization form from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) granting access to Borough parcel #23-764-P-50 to remediate environmental hazards on the property at no cost to the Borough, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Budd moved to adopt Resolution No. 01-2023 authorizing participation by the Jefferson Hills Police Department in the Allegheny Police Chiefs Inc. Body-Worn-Camera Grant Program and establishing funding to underwrite continued participation in the Program, seconded by Mr. Lynch, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to lease to purchase 2023 Weiler P285 paver at a cost of \$229,600.00 and Caterpillar CB34 Roller at the cost of \$79,595.00 from Cleveland Brothers under COSTARS State Contract #4400019935, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bucy moved to purchase a 2024 Peterbilt truck chassis for \$130,060.00 from Hunter Truck Sales under COSTARS State Contract #025-101, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lynch moved to pay \$87,709.00 to U.S. Municipal Supply for the truck bed and snow removal upfit under COSTARS State Contract #025-101, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$171,522.37 for work completed on the SHACOG Joint Municipal Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 16 – Contract B (MH-MH Lining), subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$28,271.63 for work completed on the 2022 Road Program subject to the receipt of the maintenance bond for 50% of the final contract amount for a duration of two-years and approval of the maintenance bond by the Borough Solicitor, seconded by Mrs. Bucy, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated December 22, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for General Planning assistance in 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated December 22, 2022, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough with updating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, the Grading and Excavating Ordinance, and the Stormwater Management Ordinance in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

## REPORTS

## Fire Chief

Chief Chalfant stated good evening. Everybody should have received this in their packets, but for the month of December we were requested 96 times for assistance. With an average response time from the time of dispatch to the first truck arriving on scene was 7 minutes and 36 seconds. We also were averaging 7.3 people per call. For the year of 2022, we were requested 743 times for assistance with an average response time of 7 minutes and 44 seconds. We averaged 6.8 personnel for the whole entire year. Just to verify that, on the medical calls, the numbers are going to be down a little bit. If you go through the reports with the structure of fires or major vehicle accidents, we are averaging 12 to 14 people on that call.

We received notification that the new engine that we received with the FEMA grant for will go into production in March, and we should take delivery of it sometime in the middle to end of May. The mini pumper is not far behind that.

As the president of Jefferson Fire Rescue, I would like to address council. This is for the residents because we want to keep transparency. The Large fire hall property was sold. That money was put into a money market account in Jefferson Fire Rescue and EMS's name. That money will be used to purchase a new ladder truck when that time comes. We will let that money sit there and gain interest.

I am sure you are aware that there is a fictitious Facebook account out there representing the Borough. I know legally you can go after it and have it shut down. There are some people on the Facebook page spreading false rumors about the fire department. Again, I do not want to rehash this over and over again, but 885 Fire Department and Floreffe Fire Department are not the ones suing Gill Hall. It is Jefferson Fire Rescue and EMS. We are going after a truck under a previous Councils, two Councils ago, wishes to get back property that was purchased with taxpayer money. Can you shut down that Facebook page down because it is putting some bad rumors out there?

## EMS

Chief Pascoe stated good evening. I like to start by thanking Mayor McCaffrey and members of Council for so graciously recognizing the efforts of the men and women of the three public safety entities in our Borough. The world was solemnly reminded, less than a week ago when Damar Hamlin collapsed of sudden cardiac arrest in front of a set stage on one of the biggest NFL games of the year. Sometimes you think your age will go with you. Well, cardiac arrest is one of those situations where it does not. He did not even have a heart problem. It was just a blow to the heart in the wrong place at the wrong time. I think what it demonstrates and illustrates is how many things have to go perfect to get a cardiac arrest save. Those members of the teams that were recognized today, they did not just simply restart a heart. Those patients walked out of a hospital or out of rehab and re-entered their functional life. We probably responded to 20 or 30 cardiac arrests this past year in the Borough of Jefferson Hills. Sometimes we gave the family hope because the heart was restarted, unfortunately due to powers beyond our capabilities, they did not sustain life. We are responding sometimes from our fixed locations. It is essential that our police are part of our day-to-day responses because they are throughout the Borough at all times. I have not seen this many cardiac arrest-saves in one single year. It tells me we are growing as a community. We are

growing as public safety team. We are more prepared, ready, and capable with equipment and training. If we are needed, we are going to answer the call.

Engineer

Nothing Further

Consulting Engineer

Not Present

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Nothing Further

Public Works Director

Nothing Further

Police Chief

Chief Dziezgowski stated today is Police Appreciation Day, so keep all police officers and first responders in your prayers. Today also coincides with the first viewing and remembrance of the life and sacrifice that Chief McIntire from Brackenridge Police Department made just last week. As the first responders, we have a heavy heart right now. Please keep us all in mind.

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey stated I do not think I could have said it any better than Chief Pascoe. Congratulations to all of you for a job very well done.

Manager

Nothing Further

Solicitor

Solicitor Gabriel noted for the record that Council and the Mayor did meet in executive session prior to this voting meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr. Montgomery stated I would like to also add my thanks to the people that saved lives. I experienced a tremendous loss. My father had a heart attack. The first responders tried to save him, but they could not. I know what it means to save lives. It is invaluable. I just want to thank you for what you do. If you are setting records saving lives, God Bless You. That is important.

The comprehensive plan that we worked on with Pleasant Hills, it was a success. Three Council members and the manager met with the Pleasant Hills officials. What we can do jointly is Route 51 economic development. It will cost us less money.

I want to request a copy of the recycling calendar. It used to go out with the garbage bills. Some years it does, this year it did not. If we could find a way to get it out there, instead of just handing it out at the administrative office.

Mrs. Steffey stated I thought it came out one time a year. We will call Waste Management.

Mr. Montgomery stated the first of the year is when it is supposed to come out.

I want to thank Karen for getting 45 signatures to make sure we could file the petition for reapportionment of the voting districts. I only had seven and we were in a heap of trouble. Karen went to bat, got 45 signatures when it was about 20 degrees outside.

Mrs. Bucy thanked all the first responders, the police, and the firemen, for their diligence in making saving lives a top priority in this community.

I would also like to expound on the report for the reapportionment committee. For those of you that do not know what that is, it is for the possible redistricting of the voting polls. The reapportionment committee for the Jefferson Hills Voting Districts has completed the last component to the Allegheny County Department of Elections process for adding one more voting district, making nine voting places in Jefferson Hills, plus the redistricting of the remaining Jefferson Hills eight Voting Districts. The last steps were to have a legal description match the newly created map parameters. Gateway Engineers were employed by the Jefferson Hills Borough to ensure the accuracy and the completeness of this project. There has been no reassessment of these voting polls since 1990, so they were well due to be reassessed. A minimum of 20 Jefferson Hills voting signatures were needed, and we actually obtained 53 total. Next, Solicitor Gabriel, submitted our petition, legal descriptions, and maps to the Allegheny County Election Department for review. We, the reapportionment committee, are currently awaiting notification of the acceptance of our petition. Any future information will be passed along to the residents when we receive their answer.

If anyone is interested in becoming a poll worker for the possible 9th Jefferson Hills Voting District that will be situated in St. Thomas A. Becket Church, please contact the Allegheny County Election Division.

The Cloverleaf Ecumenical Food Distribution Bank is tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10th, and also Tuesday, January 24th, from 9:00 to 12:00 for any patron who wishes to participate.

The public safety meeting will be held on Monday, January 30th, 2023, in the Jefferson Hills Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m. for any interested person who would like to attend.

I would like to thank Councilman Montgomery and the other members of the comprehensive plan meeting for their persistent efforts in persuading Pleasant Hills Council to join with us at Jefferson Hills



to work at a multi municipal comprehensive plan. The municipalities have met and determined joint goals. This plan can save approximately \$50,000 by working collaboratively with another neighboring municipality. We appreciate the efforts of working with Pleasant Hills to achieve our mutual goals of commercialization of property on Route 51.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated my thanks to the EMS, police, and firefighters for your exemplary service that goes above and beyond.

A reminder not to forget to visit our public library. Mrs. Budd is going to go over some of the programs that we have this month.

Mrs. Budd stated I do have a couple of announcements about the library. We are seeking a part-time patron assistant. Details for that job can be found at [jeffersonhillslibrary.org](http://jeffersonhillslibrary.org). Pre-K story time resumes Thursday, January 12th from 10:30 to 11:30. Storytime will be held every Thursday through April 27th. January 24th is Learn Mandala Art at 6:00 p.m. I'm happy to announce that their January 10th CPR AED certification class is filled.

In keeping with this evening's theme, Southeast Regional EMS does offer CPR classes. You can contact them at 412-384-0111. Regarding the earlier proclamations, for these incidents to conclude as successfully as they did, certain things had to come together perfectly, and they did, not just once, but several times. One of these elements is the teamwork among the agencies of Jefferson Hills Police, Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue, and Southeast Regional EMS. The events recognized tonight, among many other incidents over the course of the year that did not receive attention, have conclusions that are the product of outstanding teamwork. I commend the agency chiefs and their respective personnel for helping to foment these relationships and setting an example for other communities to follow. The second element to the success recognized this evening is training. There are hundreds of hours of various types of training on many different levels completed by those recognized tonight. It is comforting to know that there are many more members of each agency that are also well-prepared for whatever the next call might throw at them. It is important to note that at many times there are matters that are out of the control of emergency responders. For any public safety emergency to come to as successful close as humanly possible, police, firefighters, and medics have to train almost to the point of muscle memory because time is not often on their side. Thank you to each police officer, firefighter, and medic that received a proclamation this evening, and thank you to those that I know are waiting and ready.

Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. I also want to take a moment on this day, it is a somber one, to ask that you keep Chief Justin McIntire of Brackenridge and his friends and family in your prayers this week. This will be a sad week as he is laid to rest and many members of the law enforcement family gather to give him a proper send-off. I hope that you will take a minute this week to reflect on what it is our police officers do for us on a daily basis and what they are truly risking keeping us safe.

Mr. Lynch stated I would like to say that Law Enforcement Appreciation Day could not have come at a better time, especially with the recent tragedy of Chief McIntire of Brackenridge Police, and even Tarentum Police Officer Jordan Schrecengost. Thankfully, he was able to survive his injury and recovering at home as we speak. I cannot express enough appreciation of our police officers and their willingness to expect the unexpected at any given moment. Just because we live in a very safe community

does not mean we are exempt from the dangers like we have seen in Brackenridge. However, I can go to sleep at night knowing that we have the best first responders, thanks to Chief Dziezgowski, Chief Pascoe, and Chief Chalfant, who are out there 24-7 to protect us and ready to stare danger in the face. It is hard to imagine the mental and emotional fortitude these first responders must go through every shift, especially when these special individuals are becoming very rare these days. That is why I would like to say thank you so much to the men and women of Jefferson Hills Police Department, Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue, and Southeast Regional EMS for being our guardian angels, and may God be with you always.

I would like to remind our residents once again of the Geo MACK Veterans Foundation Care Bag Drive, which is happening right now until January 30th. For \$5, you can sponsor a care bag that will be filled with needed items such as toiletries and snacks. From somebody who has experienced the hardships of a veteran transitioning back to the regular world, I can assure you that the generousities such as these go a very long way, whether it is one bag or 100 bags. If you would like to donate, please reach out to Jacklyn Girman at [jacklyngirman@gmail.com](mailto:jacklyngirman@gmail.com) or [GeoMACKVF@yahoo.com](mailto:GeoMACKVF@yahoo.com). There are plenty of ways you can donate, whether cash, check, PayPal, or Venmo. Please get in touch with Ms. Girman and she will be able to help you in any way she can.

The EAC was supposed to be here to present our draft. I do apologize for that. We are still making final revisions on it. We are going to go over it at our next meeting on January 25th. Once we get everything in line, we will be sure to present it to Council.

Mr. Reynolds stated I would like to give some clarification on something that Chief Chalfant said. Chief Chalfant said that Council made a directive for the lawsuit to go after the truck. I recall sitting up here as a member of Council saying that Council did not want any part of the lawsuit.

Mrs. Steffey stated I believe that was two councils ago.

Mr. Reynolds stated it just matters what the current Council says. We are not living off of what elected officials six years ago stated. The current Council made a statement to say that we do not want any part of this lawsuit. Is that correct?

Mrs. Steffey responded we have no choice. The judge wanted the Borough to be part of the lawsuit.

Mr. Reynolds stated we got the clarification.

I want to take the time to thank all of the first responders for their commitment to the residents to protect and serve. There are some first responders that we did leave out today. There are some members over at the Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company that have still continued their training and have continued their passion to be a first responder. This Council, over the past few years, has created a narrative as if these individuals were not good enough to protect our community, did not have the commitment to protect our community. I want to recognize these individuals, especially Terry Newbegin. Terry is a Jefferson Hills resident. Terry is the number one answer to most calls in the neighboring community in which they continue to become a first responder. One of our residents is driving across the Elizabeth Bridge and going to another community to continue his passion to be a first responder. The other ones are also Brendan Sluk, Calvin Felix, Bob Zirkle, Dan McConeghy. Their commitment to continue to serve should be recognized. Our community may not welcome their service here. We may not deem them adequate

enough. You have got firefighter II's here. You have got EMS training. You have some very highly skilled and highly trained individuals. They are still residents of this community, of Jefferson Hills. I think they should be commended for their commitment. A lot of people may have forgot you guys out there, but I thank you. Hopefully, someday, you'll be welcome back to protect and serve the residents of Jefferson Hills.

Mrs. Steffey responded those names that you read, Councilman Reynolds, their services are always welcome here. There was an open door for them. However, their fire department was not.

Mr. Reynolds stated their fire department was shut down.

Mrs. Steffey stated that fire department is being investigated by the Attorney General's Office of the State. The first responders' services are always welcome, and they were given that opportunity many, many times.

In honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, I would also like to give my thanks. It seems as though thank you is not enough. The words just are not enough to appreciate what we have watched happen here tonight with all of the proclamations and all of the life-saving efforts given by our first responders. I would like to thank Chief Dziezgowski and the JHPD in honor of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Thank you to Chief Pascoe and your team, and Chief Chalfant and JHFR as well. The words thank you are not enough. We appreciate your services here in our community and staying with our community in Jefferson Hills as well.

Chief Dziezgowski wrote a very nice article *IN-Community Magazine*. It was about the usage of 911. It still seems that persons are still afraid to call 911 unless it is an absolute emergency. That is not the case, and I will probably say this at the end of every meeting, just to remind any new residents that are on there watching, that you can, in fact, call 911 and state that you are not in an emergency situation if it is after hours when our police department is closed. There is still that stigma of people not knowing that you can definitely call 911 and just state to the operator that it is not an emergency situation, but you would like to make a report, and they will call it into our police department.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Ruscitto, seconded by Mrs. Budd, and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner  
Secretary/Borough Manager

Executive Session: *Personnel, Lawfully Privileged/Confidential, Public Safety Preparedness, Litigation Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, et al. v. Clairton Municipal Authority, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, GD-17-017711; AUUE, Inc. v. Borough of Jefferson Hills Zoning Hearing Board, 328 WAL 2021, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Appeal No. 871 CD 2020, SA-19-000748; PICCO Superfund site- potential litigation involving WESA and Ashland; Potential acquisition of real estate; threatened litigation from WESA, Patrick Lucas v. Jefferson Hills Borough; GD 22-004622 in the*

*Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Patriot Pointe HOA v. Southerby Dev. Corp. (Defendant) and Jefferson Hills Borough (interested party); GD 22-008784 in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County.*