

The agenda 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, Vice President Budd, Lynch, Montgomery, Ruscitto, President Steffey, and Mayor McCaffrey answered to roll call. Borough Manager Stinner, Finance Officer Drager, Solicitor Gabriel, Chief Dziezgowski, Engineer Glister, Consulting Engineer Minsterman, and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Council Member Reynolds was absent.

4. Report from Borough Boards and Commissions

None

5. Borough Resident/Taxpayer Comments on Agenda Items

None

6. Discussion to approve the monthly bills

Mr. Montgomery asked on page 19 for Mission Communications, what is that?

Mr. Volpe stated that is the yearly fee for our license at the pump stations. It automatically sends out the alarms when there is a high flow power failure. That is our yearly fee for Missions to monitor all the computers and the pump stations.

Mrs. Steffey stated on the GBU elevator repair we had it inspected and then there was a repair for \$965.00.

Mr. Volpe stated the elevator was not working. Some animals chewed the wires. We had to get the elevator in working order for the state inspection.

Mrs. Steffey asked is the covered entranceway too high for a ramp to be put there instead of the elevator?

Mr. Glister responded I do not know without looking at it further.

Mrs. Steffey stated I do not know how often that elevator is used. I feel like it does cost us a lot of money to maintain.

Mr. Volpe stated it was part of an ADA Grant. Accessibility is necessary because we rent the building. We can look at installing a ramp.

Mrs. Steffey stated we have to have something there. A permanent ramp might be less expensive.

Mr. Montgomery stated the elevator never really worked well.

Mrs. Steffey stated it did not work from the start, and now it is costing us money all the time.

Also, on some of the cameras, there were a lot of charges for new accessory panels.

Chief Dziezgowski stated the only new equipment was for the existing cameras, the existing access panels that were in administration, and then one in the police station armory. That was all under the purchase order. The only extra bill was for the two extra keypads that they did not properly quote out.

Mrs. Steffey stated it was around \$6,300.00.

Chief Dziezgowski stated that was for all the areas; in administration on both sides and going in from the conference room to the administration section. We had one installed in the patrol garage for armory number two.

Mrs. Bucy stated on page 30 our previous WESA bills were around \$41,000.00. This one is \$53,126.39. We do not have Eastman on the WESA bill every month.

Mr. Montgomery stated Eastman is not to pay WESA directly. We are transmitting the sewage to WESA. We did not want WESA billing them.

Mr. Minsterman stated I do not remember if Eastman pays directly to WESA or if we get an administrative fee. The difference is that Eastman sends flow directly to WESA, but they are a Jefferson customer. Eastman would not pay WESA directly. WESA would not bill Eastman. WESA would bill Jefferson Hills. Jefferson Hills will pay the bill for Eastman, and we would charge Eastman with an administrative fee.

I do not know if that occurs monthly or quarterly. That might be why the bill is higher, because Eastman does use a lot of water, and discharge a lot of sewage.

Mr. Drager stated it is typically quarterly.

Mr. Drager stated to Councilwoman Bucy, the amount that you were talking about is the PennVEST loan for WESA.

Mr. Montgomery stated this says processing fees.

Mr. Drager stated Mrs. Bucy was asking about the different one that occurs every month. That is the PennVEST loan.

Mrs. Bucy stated it does say processing fee. We are paying about \$130,000.00 for sewage. It is a huge amount of our budget for all of the residents of Jefferson Hills to flush their commode. I would like the residents to know how much money the Borough is spending on that a month.

7. Discussion to approve the monthly payroll
8. Discussion to approve minutes of agenda meeting May 3, 2023
9. Discussion to approve minutes of regular meeting May 8, 2023
10. Discussion to present a proclamation to the TJ Boys' Volleyball Team for their fundraisers benefitting McKeesport Officer Charles Thomas

11. Discussion to appoint _____ as the Borough of Jefferson Hills Solicitor
12. Discussion to appoint _____ to one seat on the Environmental Advisory Council expiring December 31, 2023

Mrs. Budd stated we have three letters of interest.

13. Discussion to advertise one seat on the Jefferson Hills Borough Police Pension Advisory Committee

Mrs. Steffey stated we have one letter of interest already.

14. Discussion to adopt Ordinance No. 900 amending Section 616 of Ordinance No. 535, as codified in Chapter 15, Section 15-402 to modify the defined no-parking areas by street

Mrs. Steffey asked does anyone have any concerns with the list and the way that they were highlighted? We have some of the residents here this evening in attendance that are fighting diligently for this.

Mrs. Budd thanked Officer Pokorny because this had to be a tedious task. I am very grateful that he did it.

Mrs. Steffey stated Officer Pokorny actually drove around to each of these streets and gave his professional opinion on what he felt needed to be done as far as safety goes. He turned everything over to Chief Dziezgowski who sat down and looked over everything with us as well. We are very thankful for both of their actions.

Residents (in unison) thanked Council.

15. Discussion to adopt Ordinance No. 901 amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances, to add Section 19-106 “to require all applicants to file a separate permit application for each proposed temporary sign design, with a separate permit fee and/or separate posting of cash bond, as established from time to time by Borough Council resolution”

Mrs. Steffey stated the reason for the change in this ordinance is because we have had some individuals that have come in and applied for one permit for signage and have put out three or four different types of signs under the one permit. In order to keep tabs on everything, we have changed this ordinance to add that every different design of sign needs to have a separate permit.

16. Discussion to adopt Resolution No. 14-2023 approving the sale of the 2008 Ford F-250 (VIN 1FTSW21548EE40377) for \$5,100.00 and the 2013 Ford Explorer (VIN 1FM5K8AR7DGC35189) for \$5,000.00 to the best responsible bidders through the Perryopolis Auto Sales Auction

17. Discussion to adopt Resolution No. 17-2023 amending the salaries, compensation, and wages for Borough seasonal employees for the year 2023

Mrs. Budd asked is this regarding recreation?

Mr. Stinner responded yes.

18. Discussion to approve a Settlement and Discontinuance of National Casualty Co. v. Jefferson Hills Borough, Docket No. 2:23-CV-00429-WSS, at no cost to the Borough

19. Discussion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Jefferson Hills Police Department and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit-Mon Valley School which establishes procedures to be followed when certain incidents occur on school property in accordance with the Safe Schools Act

20. Discussion to perform a formal title search of Lobb's Run Park with the intention to acquire parcels to expand Lobb's Run Park

Mrs. Steffey stated it has come to our attention that the Borough perhaps does not own Lobb's Park. We do in fact own the cemetery. There are several owners on record for the entire park. I brought this up to Mr. Glister. He sent over parcels and also included Solicitor Gabriel on the email thread to see if we could figure this out. It does not look like we will be able to figure anything out in a timely manner.

The Borough is investing money to continue with the upkeep of the park. Also, to put pickleball courts in and maintain the basketball courts. I see a lot of money going from our Borough into something that we do not know if we own. I wanted to get the conversation started between the solicitor and our engineer. They can expound on what we found so far.

Mr. Glister stated taking a look at Allegheny County property assessment, we found that there are three different owners. There are five or six parcels that the park is spread out on. We have the basketball court, tennis court that is fenced in. There is a pavilion, and a swing set as well, along with the driveway access. The park is over various parcels that belong to three different owners. The Borough is not listed as any of those particular owners. The solicitor did find an agreement. One of the parcels is owned by the gas company and there is an agreement that dates back to around 1970. The agreement did give us permission to put the basketball courts in. When you look at the actual location of the basketball courts, that only accounts for maybe half of the basketball court. We are going back and forth now to figure out when some of the improvements were done at the park. There is some additional research that we need to do to see if we have any kind of agreement with the other property owners, that gave us permission to do that work. If we find out we do not, we are going to pursue what it would take to formally make those properties belong to the Borough.

Solicitor Gabriel stated there are two private property owners there, one being the Beedle estate. We have had prior communications with them relating to an easement issue. We were doing stream restoration. The other private owner is tax delinquent. Both private owners are tax delinquent. We would have the ability to potentially acquire those parcels through eminent domain or through a sheriff sale if that is the will of Council.

The only owner who is a responsible entity is the Peoples Gas Company. They indicated a willingness to work with us as far as granting permission. I told them there is a possibility the Borough may want to do some enhancements with some park development. They have not stated to this point that they would be willing to convey the property to the Borough. They also are not closing the door to that possibility. Further negotiations would have to be undertaken. They want to work with us. Now, we have legal counsel from Peoples Gas assigned to it, and we can follow up with them as needed.

Mrs. Steffey stated I would like to hear from my fellow Council Members. Do you agree that we stop upgrades and putting money into this park until we figure this out?

Mrs. Budd stated I think so because we do not own it. It is plain and simple to me.

Mr. Lynch stated it is common sense.

Mrs. Steffey stated I am putting this out there because we had plans for it. We are going to get calls asking why these plans have not begun. I want it to be stated that we are in limbo with this project.

Mr. Volpe stated right now everyone can use the courts and pavilion. If we paint some lines for pickleball, that is really not a major improvement.

It took three years to finally getting somebody to come out to bid the project. We had to put a down payment to get in line for the pickleball courts. That time is coming rapidly now that we had this warm weather.

Mrs. Bucy stated the down payment was \$9,000.00.

Mr. Volpe stated that was to install the three pickleball courts there and to redo the one up GBU. To redo the GBU, they are basically putting on a sealer coat and painting lines. It is not like we are putting fences up or structures or anything like that. We went with the portable nets. That way we can take them down. The portable nets are not a permanent structure. The other is just painting the courts.

Mr. Montgomery stated what you are saying is it not a major improvement

Mr. Volpe stated people can go on there now catch ball, hit ball, play basketball, and use the pavilion. I do not think it is not considered a major structural improvement. It just painting some lines on asphalt.

Mrs. Budd stated it is painting lines on what is already there. It is not affecting the property like building a structure.

Mr. Volpe stated it is nothing. Not adding more fence, it is painting lines on the ground and putting temporary nets up.

Mrs. Steffey stated I am OK with that. I do not want anything more in the future.

Mrs. Budd stated especially if it is temporary, that is the keyword.

Mr. Montgomery stated the gas company did not really care what we did. That was in 1970. They gave the Borough the right to do all this.

Solicitor Gabriel stated that is correct. The Borough was given the right to have courts down there.

Mrs. Steffey stated that is all well and good until someone does care.

Mrs. Budd stated now that we know we have a responsibility on how we act.

Mrs. Bucy stated I agree with having the Solicitor investigate so that we can get some finality to who actually owns these places. We can have documents for future people in council. This has been a long time in the making of trying to find out who actually owns this. The one document that I looked at was dated 1967. For almost 60 years, we have been cutting the grass and maintaining that structure.

I am also in favor of putting the lines on the courts.

Mrs. Steffey stated no one has actively been pursuing to find out who owns it. We have been doing status quo up until now, until it was brought to our attention.

Mrs. Budd stated I think what Mr. Volpe is proposing is not changing anything.

Mrs. Steffey stated investigating and trying to get in touch with some of these owners is going to take a bit of time.

Solicitor Gabriel stated because two of those parcels are tax delinquent and vacant we could probably take legal action to acquire those. The only one that we would need to negotiate on would be the gas company's parcel. They have expressed a willingness to work with us on that. Ultimately, we can make sure that something positive happens down there.

Mrs. Bucy stated it is a lovely park with the pavilion and the stream right there for people to enjoy. I am all for both things.

21. Discussion to instruct the Borough Manager, Borough Engineer, Public Works Director, and Borough Planner to investigate and perform a needs assessment on current park playgrounds

Mr. Stinner stated our current playgrounds inside our parks need dramatic improvement. The first step is to speak with our municipal planner, Jenni Easton, about conducting some kind of park audit to tell us what our needs are. That way we can actually put a comprehensive plan together to begin correcting these deficient playgrounds.

Mrs. Budd stated with this playground like with the bathrooms, the minute you move anything out of line, even if it is grandfathered, then everything has to be made ADA compliant.

Mr. Stinner stated that is my understanding.

Mrs. Bucy stated that was explained at the engineering meeting by Mr. Minsterman.

Mr. Minsterman stated the trigger for when you need to do ADA upgrades is based on if the work you are doing is maintenance on the existing facilities or if it is new construction or capital improvement. If you are replacing a bouncy horse or a seesaw or something, that would be considered maintenance. If you replace the whole playground, then you start to cross the line of it is a capital improvement and you need to make it ADA compliant. Whatever you are proposing, we could look at it and see if we think that ADA requirements would be required under the current rules. That way you would have some reference on how you acted or why you decided to either upgrade to ADA or not.

Mr. Stinner stated as an example of what this can mean is if it is determined that we need to make the entire playground ADA compliant by adding a piece of equipment, it doesn't just mean ADA compliant

equipment, it means ADA compliant surface that you play on to access the equipment. It gets very expensive. Doing the park audit and doing a needs assessment is our best way forward to accurately plan for the budget and the expenditures.

Mrs. Bucy stated the things that are broken still could be fixed. We need to have a list of broken equipment. It has been brought to our attention that different items at both Gill Hall and Beedle are broken. Can we have a short-term list?

Mr. Volpe stated every year before spring gets here, our park crew and our risk manager through our insurance company, do inspection of all the playgrounds. The few things that were brought to our attention by our risk manager that can be repaired, were repaired. There were two items that were broke. They are 20 some years old. We could not get replacement parts to fix them in-house, so we had to remove them. The jumpy horse broke off the spring and other stuff like that.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated it was a jumpy duck.

Mrs. Steffey asked Mrs. Bucy are you still receiving reports.

Mrs. Bucy stated I got a note about the duck.

Mr. Volpe stated it was removed. The spring broke on it, it could not be repaired.

Mrs. Bucy asked when did you remove the duck?

Mr. Volpe responded we removed the duck a week ago. The base was still in. When we removed the big monster tree that was ready to fall on the GBU, while we had the equipment, we dug the base out and filled the hole in.

Mr. Minsterman stated you could replace that piece of equipment and not have to make an ADA upgrade. The park can still maintain its integrity.

Mrs. Budd stated the basic line of repairs for short term fixes, is it advisable potentially, along with doing the park audit. We actually have a long-term priority list of what needs to be replaced over time.

Mr. Minsterman stated as the manager mentioned there are requirements for the fall zones. It sounds like your insurance company is maintaining and keeping an eye on that for you. At some point, the whole park just needs upgraded. That is when you need ADA requirements. There are the simple things that you can do to keep the parks open and active and not show a bunch of broken down or missing pieces of equipment. We want it to look good and be usable versus the complete renovation or somewhat of a capital improvement where you would have to make it ADA and other safety improvements. Planning of that is probably a good idea.

Mrs. Bucy stated we have a diverse population. We also have a lot of grandmothers and grandfathers who are taking care of their grandchildren. They would really like to find out if there is a possibility of a splash park.

Mrs. Steffey stated the Recreation Board had brought that up two or three years ago. I am pretty sure that Round Hill Park removed their splash pad because of the expense of the chemicals, and the maintenance.

Mr. Volpe stated in a splash park you have to recycle the water because your water and sewage bill would be outrageous. Once you start recycling, you have to treat it with chemicals like a pool. In Allegheny County, you have to have a certified person to run the splash park. Splash Parks are high maintenance, and high costs.

Mrs. Steffey stated it was something that was visited with rec board and previous Council a while back. If that is the Council wishes I would welcome the idea.

Mrs. Bucy stated the more information the public is provided about what we are trying to do to improve their parks, I think the better it is.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked can we look into the cost of a new jumpy duck? Toddlers love the duck.

Mr. Stinner responded absolutely.

22. Discussion to adopt Resolution No. 15-2023 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file the Act 152 Grant application in the amount of \$60,350.00 for the Demolitions at 102 Arch Street, 1412 Worthington Ave, 1420 High Road, and 613 Cochran Mill Road estimated at \$71,000.00 with a Borough share of \$10,650.00

23. Discussion to adopt Resolution No. 16-2023 declaring the structures proposed for demolition at 102 Arch Street, 1412 Worthington Ave, 1420 High Road, and 613 Cochran Mill Road as blighted structures

Mrs. Bucy commented residents have been waiting a long time for this. Our home is our place of respite, and we take great pride in our homes in Jefferson Hills. When you are living next to a structure that is classified as a blighted property, it is an eyesore for everybody, and sometimes even unsanitary. I am so appreciative that we are finally having these two resolutions. These residents have been very patient, and I appreciate moving forward on these blighted properties.

24. Discussion to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$13,151.40 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV – Year 12 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG

25. Discussion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final from Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of \$14,934.72 for work completed on the Joint Municipal SHACOG Preventative Maintenance – Year 12 Project, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG

Mr. Montgomery noted both of these are under budget.

26. Discussion to approve Quote #88011 from Sportsfield Specialties, Inc. for two (2) tension style batting tunnels, for two (2) overhead style batting tunnels, foundation sleeves, and assembly for Andrew Reilly Memorial Park in the amount of \$53,199.00

Mrs. Budd noted that TJYBB is willing to contribute \$5,000.00.

Mrs. Steffey stated we have a letter here from Board Member Nick Villa, pledging that TJYBB will be contributing \$5,000.00 in support of the project.

Mr. Drager stated we budgeted about \$45,000.00. It was put under park improvements. The total budgeted amount for park improvements was \$250,000.00. We are at \$20,000.00 year to date. There is plenty in that budget line to cover it, even though it is a little bit more than what we anticipated.

Mrs. Ruscitto thanked Nick Villa and TJ Youth Baseball for not only their contribution but their kind letter. It is appreciated to get good news like that in your packet.

Mrs. Steffey stated when we met with the representative for the batting tunnels, we explained to him the time frame as to putting this out for a vote and that our voting meeting would be next week. What is the turnaround time for this?

Mr. Glister stated typically six to eight weeks. But because we are a municipality, it will probably be closer to four to six.

Mr. Drager stated I set up the Keystone Purchasing Network.

Mrs. Steffey stated the reason for that is so that this does not need to be bid out. Although, we did have two other bids. Those were the ones that could not deliver on time.

27. Borough Resident/Taxpayer Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

28. Reports

Fire Chief

Not Present

EMS

Not Present

Engineer

The June Engineer's written report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Glister stated in the fall last year, we made application for CDBG year 49. We made three grant applications. One was for the demolitions at Arch Street, Worthington, and High Road. We were not awarded funding for those. The other one was for the ADA bathroom upgrades to the main bathroom by the amphitheater at Andrew Reilly Memorial Park. That grant was denied. It was not awarded. It just sort of went away because we were awarded the \$175,000.00 through the GEDTF grant in the fall. Because both those grants run through Allegheny County Economic Development, they recognized that, and it went away.

Our final grant application was for what we are calling Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades, Phase Six. That is to upgrade the bathrooms in the concession stand by the baseball fields. There are two bathrooms there right now. We are looking to make similar upgrades there to make them ADA compliant. We are also looking to do family-style bathrooms to make it easier for families with kids at the baseball games. We were awarded funding for that and typically through CDBG, the baseline award is \$20,000.00. The prior phases, one through four that we have worked on, we typically shoot for \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 range. This is \$20,000.00 or 50% of the final contract amount. Once you go below \$ 40,000.00, you are not maximizing the amount of money you can get out of CDBG. In the past, we have never taken an official council action to move forward with these grants. Typically, if we are getting grant money, we have always just moved forward with the project so not to let that grant money go to waste.

At the engineering committee meeting yesterday, we were discussing this latest grant through CDBG, year 49. The difference here is that the bathroom upgrades require a little more work. The estimate from the architect when we worked with him in the fall was going to be about \$70,000.00 for this project. It is a little bigger gap than we normally see with these projects. Usually, we end up around 60-40. This is probably going to be closer to 80-20. When we discussed it at the engineer committee meeting yesterday, we thought it would be best to take this to Council, to take official action to pursue this grant, given that cost difference.

The reason it is not on the agenda is we just got the notification from SHACOG at the end of last week. With that being said, I would like to add that to the agenda for Monday. The reason that we cannot wait is that SHACOG is looking for a response on whether or not we are moving forward with a grant by Wednesday, the 14th, of next week. It is time sensitive.

Mrs. Steffey stated I am fine with it.

Mrs. Bucy stated I am fine with it.

Council agreed to add the CDBG, year 49 Grant to the agenda.

Mr. Glister stated I believe Council and the Mayor got the Act 14 notification I sent out yesterday afternoon, regarding a proposed temporary concrete batch plant as part of the Mon Valley Expressway extension project. We are looking at that. Mark Reis and I had a call with Jenni Easton, our planner since this is located within our municipal border. We do have a little more opportunity to scrutinize it or provide a response, whether or not DEP would take that in consideration or not. The Act 14 notification was for Trumbull, which is the prime contractor that is doing the work on the turnpike. They are seeking to obtain an NPDES permit, a chapter one and two permit, which means that there is an earth disturbance greater than one acre and that triggers this Act 14 notification. We are taking a look at it and what our options are to respond to that notification. On top of that, we are also taking a look at if there are any other requirements that they need to obtain through the Borough to put a batch plant in. For instance, does that need to be a land development application? Does that have to have any kind of special zoning approval, things of that nature? The Turnpike Commission does have an exemption status. That is why there was no land development approval, or any approval really required for the design of the expressway. We are not sure if this will fall under that category. The applicant is not the Turnpike Commission, it is their contractor which is a private entity. The site is located on turnpike property. They are proposing the site

to be near 885 in the vicinity of the Hollywood Drive. There already is a small batch plant up there. We are going to do some more investigation into this.

Mr. Montgomery stated when the Turnpike built the police barracks, they went through the Borough. When they built their maintenance facility, the planning commission tried to ask them questions, they said they were exempt. They even claim that the turnpike is exempt from zoning. If you look at the zoning map, there is this big gap and that is them.

Mrs. Ruscitto asked Mr. Glistler to explain exactly what a temporary batch plant is.

Mr. Glistler stated they will be producing a lot of concrete for the project. It is cheaper to produce the concrete closer to where you need the concrete. It is a cost saving measure to produce concrete on site.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated temporary or permanent, they are not necessarily beneficial to have around.

Mrs. Bucy stated make sure that this is brought to the attention of our Environmental Advisory Council. There is an awful lot of toxic chemicals in this type of plant.

Mr. Lynch stated the EAC is aware of it.

Consulting Engineer

Nothing Further to add to the written report on file in the administrative office.

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Mr. Drager stated for anyone who has any delinquent tax payments, hopefully within the next month, they will get the online payment set up. For now, you do have to send a check in to pay.

We got the 2022 audit underway. Hopefully over the next month, we will get everything closed up and then get that report here in the next couple of months.

Our summer camp began. We did sell out in the first 30 minutes. The demand is extremely high. We have almost all the clearances for the summer counselors in, and their orientation was today. We look forward to having a good summer camp again.

Public Works Director

Nothing Further to add to the written report on file in the administrative office.

Police Chief

Chief Dziezgowski stated Community Day is upcoming. Just to remind residents that the park fills up quickly and parking will be cut off going into the park down into where the fields are at, right at 11:30. You will have signage to direct you. We highly recommend that you find the designated lot near Jefferson Hospital and use the shuttle, which is park to park service and will be constantly running.

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey thanked everyone for attendance at the Memorial Day Service.

The blood drive is this Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until to 4:00 p.m.

Manager

Nothing Further to add to the written report on file in the administrative office.

Solicitor

Solicitor Gabriel noted for the record that Council and Mayor McCaffrey did meet in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters. We are returning to executive session to discuss a potential acquisition of real estate matter. We will not return for any further public discussion tonight.

29. General Business

Mr. Montgomery gave the SHACOG report on solid waste. They had a pre bid meeting on May 8th. Three vendors bid the solid waste contract. They are Waste Management, Republic, and Westmoreland Waste. They do business as County Hauling. The probable shift, based on cost, would be to the automated pickup system, which will be five bags per week in a 96-gallon container. Two bulky items per house per month with a pickup service. The municipality will pick the date or pick the week that that will be picked up. The bid opening was June 5th at Scott Township. The bids are being analyzed by SHACOG at the present time. The Borough will have 75 days to decide on a hauler and the options, automated or traditional and whatever other options we want to choose. There is a movement to force electric garbage trucks which could cause the price to go up. The recycling material prices are going down, so that means it costs more. On the West Coast, Oregon has decided that organic material needs to be separated. That has not caught on in the East, but it is something to be aware of.

The police department is going to do driver training in November. Basic and advanced training is in July. The CIRT team had no call outs. Accident reconstruction team had one. Region 13 continues to delay the purchase of a tactical vehicle. They are disputing \$90,000.00 of options. The fire chiefs met, and they discussed training, recruitment, and testing. The technical rescue team had one call out. For civil service test, there were 17 candidates. All passed the physical. They all took the written and they are being scored.

Under commodities, rock salt is the most important right now. Cargill will allow the communities to store the excess salt at River Lift for the rest of the year. If the salt is not consumed by that time, there will be a \$10 per ton storage charge that will apply. They will go back to the original salt price for the new season at \$88.96 a ton. The current price is \$85.65 a ton. The first option for Cargill for next year is \$85.85 a ton.

The administrative committee met in April. The emergency services are up for bid. That is a catalog price for any emergency repairs. We have used them for sewers numerous times. The Act 152 opened on May 15th. There's a \$5,000.00 minimum and a \$250,000.00 maximum. The average price is usually \$50,000.00. There's \$2 million available in Act 152. It has more demolition funding than CDBG. CDBG 47, that's July 2021, has one contract extension. All the other contracts are complete. CDBG 48 is July 2022, all projects are bid, and the county is reducing the funding for demolition in that year. CDBG

49 is July 2023. Funding announcements have not yet been published, so we do not know how projects will be funded.

Mrs. Bucy stated on June 20th, the Cloverleaf Ecumenical Food Bank will have their next distribution. Diapers will be handed out on June 20th. I would also like to thank the two crossing guards, Dave Montgomery, and Jody Stosic, for only being absent a total of 2 and 1/2 days in a whole school year. Thank you for being so diligent and always coming to work and doing your job.

I would like to recommend wholeheartedly once again that on June 10th, Community Day, you take the shuttle. I am a big shuttle advocate. It picks you up at the lower level of Jefferson Hills Hospital. It takes you right to 885 Andrew Reilly Park. You will have absolutely no problems getting there or coming home. There is always a shuttle right there to take you to the festivities. Parking is always a problem. Please take advantage of the shuttle that is provided free of charge and enjoy the day.

Mrs. Ruscitto stated I also would like to remind people to take the shuttle and to attend Community Day. Thank you to the rec board for all of their hard work and efforts towards making the day a success. It is always a huge success. Full of people and lots of fun.

A reminder that I am here every third Thursday of the month. That will be the 15th this month. I had some company this time, so that was nice. Please come and see me if you have anything that you need to discuss or share.

The Planning Commission meeting this month is canceled.

If you could spare some time and some blood, stop up to the Dale Provins Memorial Blood Drive on Sunday. I know that I will be there to donate. I am hopeful that lots of other people will be as well.

Mrs. Steffey noted you have to register first in order to donate blood.

Mrs. Budd stated if you do not want to give blood, there are raffles, and food trucks.

Mrs. Budd stated I learned this week marks CPR and AED Awareness Week. Ironically, this coincides with Damar Hamlin of the Buffalo Bills returning to the practice field yesterday. If you do not recall, he suffered sudden cardiac arrest on the field in January and quickly administered CPR medical treatment was widely credited with saving his life. Even here, we have been able to recognize numerous first responders in our community for the successful use of CPR among other lifesaving care. On a couple of occasions, CPR was started by those with the patient prior to first responder's arrival. Please consider contacting SouthEast Regional EMS to learn about CPR, AED, and first aid training they offer to our community.

I also want to thank Mayor McCaffrey for coordinating with all involved for this year's Memorial Day ceremony. I know police, EMS, public works played a large role, and it goes without saying, the fire department. I really want to express my gratitude to the invited speakers. Each of them had very moving, and I am sure not easy statements to make. I felt privileged to hear their speeches. I am grateful and thankful for their ability to remind everyone what Memorial Day is truly about.

I also felt privileged to be present this past weekend for the ceremony to unveil the long-awaited memorial for Officer Provins. I know there was a lot of heartfelt and careful consideration along with time that went into what this memorial site was going to look like. I can say all of that paid off, it is absolutely beautiful. As one of the officers said in their speech, this helps to give the department some closure on this terrible loss, and I also hope that it gives some comfort to Officer Provins' family.

Mr. Lynch stated I want to also give my shout out to the Mayor as well for the Memorial Day Ceremony. I want to thank Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue mainly the Floreffe station, all the speakers, public works, police, EMS, and the TJ High School Marching Band. It was a pretty emotional day. It was a good thing, and it was a good day.

For the Dale Provins Memorial, I could not have witnessed a more perfect ceremony from beginning to end. Thank you Mayor McCaffrey and Chief Dziezgowski. Thank you to all the police officers who are involved for Jefferson Hills and abroad. If anybody wants to check out the memorial, please do, especially at night. It is beautiful and it definitely hits you pretty hard. It reminds you what these police officers go through day in and day out. I thank my lucky stars that we got the best police department in this nation.

Mrs. Steffey stated thank you to the Mayor as well and JHFR, and all the first responders that were in participation with planning the beautiful Memorial Day service at Floreffe and at Lobb's Park. It is an emotional day to begin with, and then the speakers had tremendous stories to share with everybody. I thank them for opening up as well.

Thank you also to the JHPD Chief Dziezgowski and Mayor McCaffrey for the tremendous ceremony for the Provins Memorial. It was gorgeous. Everything was amazing from start to finish.

Community Day is Saturday, June 10th, at 12:00 p.m. Fireworks are when the sun goes down. The main concert will begin in the evening. Please try to take the shuttle, as my colleagues have said as well. Be safe and have a great time.

30. Adjournment

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Budd, seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried unanimously.

John P. Stinner
Secretary/Borough Manager

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