

The agenda meeting of Council was called to order by President Steffey at 7:01 p.m. in the Municipal Centers, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Councilman Bentz, Vice President Budd, Councilwoman Mares, Councilman Montgomery, Councilman Polick, President Steffey, and Mayor McCaffrey answered to roll call. Finance Director Haberstock, Solicitor McPeak Cromer, Chief Dziezgowski, Engineer Glister, Consulting Engineer Minsterman, and Public Works Director Volpe were also present. Councilman Lynch was absent.

4. Report from Borough Boards and Commissions

None

5. Reports

Fire Chief

Not Present

EMS

Not Present

Engineer

The Engineering written report is on file in the administrative office.

Mr. Glister stated next week or the following week, we are going to be conducting some nighttime flow isolation in a few areas in the Borough. If you are impacted by this work, you will receive a door hanger. The vendor that we hired is the ADS Environmental. They will be working between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m. The reason we are doing the testing of the sanitary sewers at that timeframe is because that is generally when people are not using sewage. Any flow in the line would be infiltration, which is what we are trying to target in the system. We will be putting a post-up on the website and our social media accounts, and notifying the police once we get a little closer to that date. We will also be providing a map that sort of shows the general area because it will not be the entire Borough. It is going to be over in the Gill Hall area by Patriot Pointe. It is also going to be in the 51-corridor coming up Lewis Run. So, we are just trying to get as much awareness out there as possible.

Consulting Engineer

Mr. Minsterman had nothing further to add to the Gateway written report on file in the administrative office.

Finance Officer/Treasurer

Mr. Haberstock stated I will have the finance report in the packet for Monday's meeting, but I can answer any questions.

Public Works Director

Mr. Volpe had nothing further to add to the Public Works written report on file in the administrative office.

President Steffey stated I did see on your monthly report that the military banner program required action by Council. I know we have sent some emails back and forth with Council. Councilman Lynch and Councilman Polick have had some feedback on that. Right now, I have the entire stack of our application, how we are going to be rebranding our application for this program. The number of banners that will need replaced. Currently, the replacement cost is \$35.00, which the Borough has been paying for. Unfortunately, when this application was made, there was no end in replacement. I love this program, but to continuing to pay \$35.00 for replacement, because those banners do get tattered, and they get very difficult for public works to put up year after year. I do believe that we need to revamp the application and also have a cutoff on how many times we are going to keep replacing them. Since Memorial Day is coming up, Mr. Volpe and his crew would like to start getting those put up. We do need to discuss the number of replacements. I think there are about 25 that need replaced.

Police Chief

Chief Dziezgowski stated due to the short week my report is in progress. It should be completed by Friday for your packets on Monday.

There are active security cameras in place now at Tepe park. They are not completed, but they are in place and recording. The field in that area is now under surveillance, which is good for the Borough.

Last month I mentioned to the public, and I want to mention it again because it is continuing, are scams and fraud. One is known as a grandparent scam where elderly residents are targeted. There is AI that mimics children within the family saying they need help and that the police are demanding immediate money. That does not happen. That is a fraud. Police, Jefferson Hills, police across the country will not demand money. When you get a call like this, I highly recommend you dial 911. Have an officer respond so we can investigate it thoroughly. There is a similar scam going out there where individuals whether it be your Netflix account or some kind of account, the caller is stating that you need to transfer all your funds to Bitcoin to make sure your money is safe. That is a fraud. They make you take thousands of dollars out of your bank, go to a machine, and put it into a Bitcoin machine. Once it is gone, it is gone. There is no way the police can get it back. That is a fraud. Please call 911 immediately so we can investigate and hopefully save your money.

The JHPD and Lieutenant King took possession of our therapy dog, little Nala. She is female. She is eight weeks old. She is already in training. I cannot wait for you to meet her for the first time. She is really going to help out JHPD and our staff here. I welcome Nala.

Mayor

Mayor McCaffrey thanked everyone who participated in Cleanup Day. For the first time in two years, we actually had some nice weather, and we were able to get some Borough streets cleaned up.

Our Memorial Day service will be coming up on Monday, May 27th. It will start at 10:00 a.m. at Floreffe Fire Hall. We will continue over to Lobbs Cemetery. After the ceremony at Lobbs, we will return to Floreffe for hot dogs.

Solicitor

Solicitor McPeak Cromer stated I have nothing to add to my written report. I would request an executive session following this meeting in regard to some personnel matters.

6. Borough Resident/Taxpayer Comments on Agenda Items

President Steffey stated we have a number of comments here. Again, we thank you all for attending. We sincerely apologize about the heat in the building. Welcome to our world up and down with the dinosaur of a boiler that we have. I would like to remind those of you again, please do not speak out of turn. You will get four minutes. We will time everybody evenly, and just be respectful.

Solicitor McPeak Cromer stated for those of you here in regard to the cell tower, I wanted to provide as much information as I am able. The cell tower is on the agenda for Monday in an abundance of caution. We hope not to address it on Monday. I am in constant communication with TowerCo's attorney. We are working to what I hope to be a mutually agreeable and beneficial resolution that would make all parties satisfied. Council, however, is going to graciously allow anyone that wants to comment to speak. We are not going to comment or respond because we really cannot right now as we continue to work with TowerCo.

Pat Capolupo, 1020 Chamberlin Road, stated I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to address Council. I learned about the Tower on March 9th by one of the neighbors that contacted me while I was in Cedar Key, Florida. I live in Florida for the winter months. We live on Chamberlin Road. That is our home. It has been our home since 1978. I have lived there. My children were raised there. They still come back home to visit, and they still remember the fires, and the nights out that went on. Since I only have four minutes, let me address my issues. Number one, I believe that the matter should be remanded back to the zoning board because proper procedure was not followed. I am sure it was unintentional. I am sure that with the matters that you address each and every day things do happen. However, there were miscommunications, and misrepresentations. They were improper labeling instead of labeling as a tower, they labeled it as a facility. Well, facility would mean a multitude of things. The need was not shown. The fact that this was the only location available was not shown. All these matters will be addressed further on. Obviously, if the matter is remanded or if the Council feels that a denial would be the proper way to go, we certainly hope that that's the way the Council addresses the matter. But if not, as a lawyer, I certainly have avenues to address and bring the matter to the Court of Common Pleas if necessary. I will communicate with your solicitor, the joint board solicitor, and the TowerCo attorney. But since it's not going to be voted on, I thank you for allowing me to speak.

Regarding the water matter, if you allow me to address it. We have well water. I contacted Pennsylvania Water Company on two occasions before the development across from my property. Because I would have to traverse two properties that did not allow me to bring a private line, but the water line is now within 100 feet, but they want me to install an eight-inch line to develop it. I indicated to them that I had no intentions of developing my property, that I only need a two-inch line from my home for me and my wife. They denied me. So as a consequence, I still have a well water. I don't have a meter. I'm

billed for sewage, \$480.00. I called today and it's what they indicated. The other issue that I have is that I received a check for some refund for the sewage for \$90.00, because on October 10th, I left for Florida, and I didn't come back until April 10th. So, if I'm not there to use the water, I don't think I should be charged for the sewage. I understand that there is a minimum. For example, at my office, I pay \$17.00 a month. It's a commercial office. I'm not there. There's zero usage. They just charge the minimum. I'm willing to pay the minimum, but I don't think I should be forced to pay for 12 months of sewage when I'm not using it. I'm only using it four or five months out of the year. Thank you very much. I appreciate the time that you all allowed me, and I thank you for your service because I've been where you are. Thank you on my behalf, and on my wife's behalf for serving the community.

Rosa Baumanis Hakala, 3051 Chestnut Ridge Drive, stated on agenda item number 11, I want to encourage you to select Gloria Koehlinger for a position in the Zoning Hearing Board.

The second item, as you know, I've been very vocal about TowerCo and the entire process. I think Mr. Capolupo was extremely articulate in voicing all the areas where there were failures from a process governance standpoint following that process. One of them as an example, is I never saw that the applicant proved that they exhausted all alternative options for the site location. Nothing was there. That is a requirement of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, subparagraph 332C 7A and 332C 7B. The other items that I wanted to bring to your attention, that the notices were not compliant. We already talked about the signage, the notifications for the December 14th meeting were not sent to the right residents because the application from TowerCo had the wrong block and lot number as you're aware of that. I don't understand how, with the hearing on December 14th, our Zoning Hearing Board allowed a verbal correction from TowerCo. I want to read this really quickly and I'll leave you with a thought to think through what transpired at this meeting. I'm reading from the transcript of December 14th. "Mr. Chiacchia, the problem is that portion; the amendment you're asking for tonight was not advertised." Attorney Grab, the attorney for TowerCo, responds, "Well, our position would be that because the advertisement was for a dimensional variance, that the addition of a second dimensional variance doesn't negate the legality of the advertising. Well, it negated the opportunity for the residents, had it been properly advertised to appear at that hearing." Then he added, "If I was coming in here and asking you instead for a special exception relief as opposed to a dimensional variance, which was advertised, I would agree with you wholeheartedly." You know, he's trying to obfuscate the entire issue. It was like he was trying to bamboozle our people. I have issues with that. I'm not going to go through the rest of the write-up that I have because I'm sure it will come up in other testimonies and maybe in some of the emails. But this is not the way to apply the ordinances because we did not adhere to them. We did not adhere to the process governance. That is a failure internally here. So, I want to make sure that I do recognize you guys all work very hard. We all work very hard as well. Just take that in consideration, our citizens or residents were not properly notified.

Diane Firko, 3035 Chestnut Ridge Drive, stated my husband and I have been attending meetings and it's been very enlightening. We wish we had been enlightened about the cell tower project properly. We were one of the first houses on the area of the plan that is impacted. It was our dream home and our retirement home, and it's a lovely neighborhood and a lovely community. We really have had very few complaints. For Mr. Glister, I appreciate your putting doorknob hangers on the doors of people who are going to be affected by the sewage testing. I wish we'd had as much consideration for something that's going to impact our property values. Maybe there is some doubt as to how a cell tower can impact the proximity to a house can be impacted by a cell tower. I'm not going to go on very long. A lot of things have already been said. I'm sure you're aware of them. But today, just by chance, I had lunch with a lady who lives at Providence Point. She's 90 and there's a cell tower behind Providence Point. I just mentioned

to her about all of the problems and concerns we have about the tower. When we dropped her off, I said to her, oh, I see the cell tower. I said, but it's not really close to you, not as close as this tower is going to be to us. She said, oh, well, she said, there are apartments that are quite close, you just can't see them from here. She said, but they're not as expensive as ours. Nobody much wants to live in those. When my husband and I bought our lot, we bought it in good faith. We felt like we weren't going to ever be blindsided with something that would impact the value of our property. That's really all I have to say. Everything else has been said, and I also want to reiterate what Mr. Capolupo said about the appreciation that we have for your service and the time you put into this, and the ability for us all to speak to you. It's a lot.

Gloria Koehlinger, 5004 Blue Ridge Drive, stated as you're aware my comments and questions relating to the 135-foot monopole tower, cell phone tower, at the stadium on the West Jefferson Hills School District property. I wanted to know if in the agenda, and in minutes, you could more appropriately identify that this is a wireless communication tower instead of a wireless communication facility. I think that is a bit confusing and misleading and I just wanted to make that request, take it as you will. I also have a few questions I was hoping to get answers to. I haven't been able to quite understand yet. How high is the cell phone tower from the surface of the football field? What wind speed will the tower be subject to in a medical evacuation helicopter has to land? That this tower can, from what I understand, fail if there is ice on it and winds exceed 40 miles per hour. We just happened to have a wind gauge, and we just clocked a 40 mile per hour storm the other day. One of those big ones that came through here. So had that happened, there was ice, it would have collapsed and caused failure to that retaining wall, which is holding back that earth at that space. The renderings that I have seen have shown a stealth tower, which is a cell tower that's hidden, masked in a light pole. I understand that this is no longer the proposed tower type, but when I asked for plans via a right to know, it was denied. I still don't understand what tower is being proposed, what it looks like, and exactly where it's going. TowerCo never submitted a zone visibility map and a pictorial representation of the tower before and after in this non-stealth tower design. So, I still don't have a clear understanding and the public has not seen images of that zone invisibility map and the pictorial representation. I do think once TowerCo shares that, the community may be able to more fully understand the adverse aesthetic impact that this tower will have on our stadium and understand that it has no place at our stadium. My understanding that there are a few small residents on Beams Run Road, and they are not opposed to this tower. So, through our research, we actually we're able to find an additional location that would be able to accommodate a Verizon carrier. We'd be happy to make that connection. If that can show, we just want to collaborate and bring this to closure in an appropriate way. So, to conclude, there are some questions I was hoping to get answers to. I know you can't answer this, but if there's any guidance as to the proper channel to get those answers I would like that.

On a separate note, I did want to thank you all for your time tonight. I also want to thank the recreation department. My kids participated in that Fish for Fun Day and, they're not used to fishing locally. It was pretty cool for them. I just look forward to more happy, positive interactions with our community in that regard. A lot less of this, that was really a really cool thing for us. I want to thank you. But please, to conclude and to just bring it back to the topic at hand, I please ask that you vote no to the cell phone tower. My family and I request that of you.

Alexandra Hakala, 2020 Laurel Ridge Drive, stated thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight, and thank you President Steffey for ensuring open communication about the agenda items for tonight's meeting. I really appreciate that. Also thank you for your service.

I would like to express my support for appointment of Gloria Koehlinger as an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2025. Mrs. Koehlinger is an outstanding member of our community and will provide thoughtful, just, and valuable contributions towards zoning decision making on behalf of Jefferson Hill's residents and businesses. She also is an excellent strategist and will provide impactful contributions to the Borough's broader strategic planning efforts as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

In regard to the conditional use to construct a wireless communications facility designated as CU-1-2024, I ask the Council to send the case for re-review by the Zoning Hearing Board. As a member of the Chamberlin Ridge neighborhood, I'm concerned that having this wireless communications facility or tower in line of sight of my home will impact my property value, which is based on multiple peer-reviewed journal articles that analyze home values after installation of cell towers with unrestricted use. As a member of the community with two children who will be using the TJ athletic field, I also am concerned with the height of the tower relative to the field bubble. It is prudent for the Borough to consider how locations of cell towers, including the one under discussion tonight, fit within the Borough's strategic plan for development. This is another reason why I ask you to send the case back to the zoning review board and ask that you have the location of cellular facilities carefully considered in the context of the Borough's strategic plan. I appreciate prior comments from the Environmental Advisory Council recommending to develop a cell tower plan for the Borough. I saw a quote today from Adam Grant, who's a professor at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. I thought it was relevant to what we're trying to do here as a community. In cultures of integrity, dissent is a sign of commitment to quality, people voice their views and respectful debate improves decisions. Please continue to give our community the opportunity to have a thoughtful discussion and debate on how we plan cell tower development and the opportunity to participate in our community's decision-making processes as supported our rights as constituents.

Lisa Buckiso, 3041 Shady Timber Lane, stated the school board did advertise two months in a row. It's on their agenda when this cell tower came up and no one came and commented. I'm here to voice my support for the cell tower that has been approved by zoning and is pending Council's approval. I didn't want to get involved, but it seems a small group of residents are controlling the narrative here. I want to thank Council for their time and attention to this matter, but it's time to return to common sense. For the last two months, I've watched residents who oppose this repeatedly cite health concerns as the main reason they're opposed to this. Let me remind you that this comes after the solicitor has informed everyone that it cannot be rejected based on health concerns. But that seems to have fallen on deaf ears and might put out that it also seems odd to me that some of their children have likely attended Jefferson Intermediate School, where a tower is basically in the backyard of the playground there. The tower, you can see from here. It's also likely that their children have cell phones, use cell phones and iPads, and the parents have likely done some of their research on this issue from a cell phone. No health concerns there. Fine with the FCC regulations in those instances. It's time to get back to common sense. The school district will receive \$18,000.00 a year for the next 10 years. This may not seem like a lot to some, but every little bit of revenue generated helps in this disastrous economy and helps to offset a tax increase. I would bet the vast majority of people in this Borough would support the tower or have no opinion on it at all. Are we going to let a street or two dictate how we govern or decisions you make? We all know how well that turned out with UPMC. Now every taxpayer is on the hook for that litigation. Threats of a lawsuit hurt everyone in the Borough. I say to those opposed, if you want to sue someone here, sue the FCC. I'm going to be blunt, and go out on a limb and say some of the opposition comes down to the not in my backyard mentality, in my opinion. They don't want to look at it and are concerned about their property values. Any potential impact on property value is extremely minimal, if at all, and greatly diminished the further away you are from the

tower. What about my property value? How happy do you think a potential buyer will be when they realize they have no cell reception without boosters, Wi-Fi, et cetera? So let me tell you how I live every day in regard to cell phone reception. Anyone who knows me and talks to me on a regular basis knows just how awful my reception is. I drop calls all day almost every day unless I'm in a specific area of my house. There are times when my phone goes into SOS mode, and I cannot do anything at all. Like many, I don't have a landline. Poor reception is a safety issue for me. Heaven forbids there's an emergency and I need to get hold of someone. I use Wi-Fi, calling enough boosters applied to me for the multiple carriers I've used. Doesn't matter. Still terrible coverage. We certainly don't live in a rural area where this is much more common. I'm tired of standing on my head and holding my breath to make or hold a call. Would you like it if you were on hold for an hour waiting to talk to a customer service representative and you answer your front door or walk out to get to the mail? Heck, you can't even get into the car, go to pick up your kid at school and you drop the call, start all over again talking to your doctor, move across the room, call dropped. I could get on and on, but my bet is you wouldn't be too happy. Things like this happen all the time in my neighborhood. Those who say put it somewhere else, the answer is no. This is where it's needed. Verizon does not invest money to place towers where they're not needed. They know the service is subpar in the Wakefield Valley and have data to back it up. Now I've managed for many years and so have my neighbors to deal with this terrible problem and if it doesn't go through, we'll continue to manage. Although I didn't ask for it and had absolutely nothing to do with the tower going in, I sure was happy when I found out. I'm not alone in my support of this. I can line up resident after resident to speak out here tonight or any other night to say the same thing that I have said, but it's a waste of everyone's time. Just in the last 24 hours, I've had several families reach out to me and as the Council is aware of their support of the cell tower and willing to sign a letter. I'm just going to read the names of those who I have heard from so far and support the tower so you can hear their voice as well. The Hines family, the German family, the Rascati family, the Blosl family, Kalafatis family, McBurney, Calla family, the Mitruski family, Gillot, Startari, Benson, Keck, Weir, Laing. Thank you for your time.

Melanie Gillot, 3057 Shady Timber Lane, stated I reside in The Woods, just like Lisa Buckiso. I know we've been talking about The Woods, but I have family that live on Waterman Road, and they too experience the same issue, 329 Waterman Road. I've lived on Shady Timber for 20 years and I have terrible cell phone coverage. When I say terrible, I'm saying horrible, horrible. I live in a dead zone. I have worked remotely from my home for the past 12 years and it's a huge hindrance to my work. My work requires me to be on the phone. I'm a technical recruiter and most of the day, repeated calls are dropped. My signal is weak. I have consistent spotty connection issues with cutting in and out. It's absolutely embarrassing and so frustrating. I'm in my house when I'm making these phone calls. Plus, my internet is slow affecting my computer processing time. I have to keep a fixed landline for emergency purposes and also for business. I'm repeatedly saying to my colleagues, people I talk to on the phone for work. Hey, can I hang up and call you on my landline? I am 100% in agreement. We need this cell phone tower. There is little to no cell coverage on my street, and as Mrs. Buckiso mentioned, this isn't random. The Woods is affected, Waterman is affected. I'm sure that's why they selected this location based on facts and data. Residents in Jefferson Hills for the past 10 years, we have been begging, we have been calling reporting issues. We have done everything that the providers have suggested at our expense, updating our equipment, extenders in the house. They are at a loss. There's nothing more that providers can do for us. The tower needs to be built and I hope that everyone in Jefferson, we have a beautiful community, but we can't have the haves of cell phone coverage and the have nots. We are paying taxes just like everyone else. We should have the same service as the people in the good service areas have. I shouldn't have to contemplate moving so I can keep my job. The cell service should be plentiful throughout the Borough.

President Steffey read a comment from Stephanie Tripoli. "I am very concerned about having a cell tower across from our development. It is not going to help the value of our homes that were just built. I strongly recommend you vote NO on the current placement of the tower. Please consider other options."

President Steffey read a comment from Laura Williams, 2000 Laurel Ridge Drive. "I wanted to attend tonight but my dog had surgery today that was more serious than expected and needs to be looked after."

As you may recall, I live right across the street from the proposed cell tower site in the senior lot. I still feel that our home and the Chamberlin Ridge plan were not considered when this tower was planned, and for us this will be the most expensive school fundraiser ever, both from a financial and health perspective. There was so much misleading information and ill-thought-out planning leading up to the decision to place it in the senior lot and near the away band's bleachers. It will be an undesirable focal point at the TJ stadium and a bad reflection on a school district that so loves to be copied and awarded for excellence.

What we need is a group of residents in a neighborhood who do not share our very publicly stated concerns. A neighborhood that needs a tower and would welcome one. I am still hopeful that a perfect marriage between residents and tower location can be found elsewhere. Unfortunately, we have cell service in Chamberlin Ridge and do not have the stomach to deal with the consequences of having one next to us."

President Steffey read a comment from Mike DeAngelo, 2012 Laurel Ridge Drive. "I'm requesting to Borough Council to vote no for the installation of the cell tower next to the stadium. I'm opposed to this as should the Borough Council also be. If this Tower goes in I will be filing an appeal for my taxes with the county and encourage everyone around it to do the same since It's a known fact that property values decrease near cell phone towers. This will be a loss of revenue for the borough and the school district. They're has also been no studies on 4G and 5G associated with the health risks with long-term exposure so everyone should be concerned with the exposure to kids on that field and surrounding area."

President Steffey read a comment from Jessica Jordan, 3039 Chestnut Ridge Drive. "I am sending another email to express my opposition of the cell phone tower. I kindly ask council to vote "no" to the cell phone tower."

President Steffey read a comment from Dr. Thomas D'Antonio, 3008 Chestnut Ridge Drive. "I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed cell tower at the site of the Thomas Jefferson Stadium. We have children in the first and fifth grade who often play on the stadium grounds, and I am concerned for their health and safety. In addition, as residents of Jefferson Hills, we are already at higher risks for many health issues due to our close proximity to heavy industry in the Mon Valley. I do not think compounding those risks with the unknown effects of cell tower emissions is in our best interest. Finally, I am concerned about the potential drop in the value of my home should the tower be erected."

I understand that there are numerous pressures on the council from many different parties involved with this proposal. I thank you for listening and taking into consideration my concerns and the concerns of my neighbors in Chamberlin Ridge, and I respectfully ask you to vote no on this proposal."

President Steffey read a comment from Mary Webber. "Please vote NO tonight to the cell tower construction. Consider the future unknown health risks to our residents, especially the children."

President Steffey read a comment from Jim and Gail Kalafatis, 3053 Shady Timber Lane. “Concerning the proposed addition of a cell phone tower located at the lower parking area of the TJ high school football field, I would like to voice my approval of said plan!

I live in the cul-de-sac of Shady Timber Lane, since 2019. From day one, I’ve had little to NO cellular service at my home. Calls would drop or not even connect due to the lack of cellular coverage. I’ve been required to use Wi-Fi calling to have any stable phone service.

Due to this inadequate cellular coverage on Shady Timber Lane, I am forced to give every soul that enters my house access to my Wi-Fi if they need or want internet or phone coverage while they visit. This is absurd to have to do, in the technological times we live in.

I hear there are opposing views on the construction of a cell tower by other neighboring streets. I am quite certain that they all have excellent cell service where they live, so the thought of a tower in a parking lot is just another proposal they can complain about. They have no real reason for this not to be built, but also no reason for them to think that this should be built. Unfortunately, those of us on the entire street of Shady Timber Lane and I would guess the bottom half of Beams Run would argue this is not only deserved, but absolutely needed and required, giving technological needs of today. If our internet goes out for any reason, so does our ability to make and receive phone calls, check the internet for emergencies or communication using our cellular access (because there isn’t any). If the internet goes out, we are cut off from the world. That is what I call unfair and dangerous.

This tower needs to be built.”

Kristin Wasko, 5011 Blue Ridge Drive, stated I kindly ask that you please vote no to placing the cell phone tower across from our neighborhood. Please find a better alternate location for the tower. I appreciate your consideration on this matter. Thank you. Also, I just from sitting here and hearing both sides, I really hope people know we want you to have cell reception. We just want a better spot for the tower. I feel like it's turning into a us versus them and that's not the case. We just want everybody to be happy. So please, please take that into consideration. We are not saying no, no, no, no cell. I mean I live in Chamberlin Ridge. I don't have excellent cell phone service, so trust me, and with two young children who will be getting cell phones as they get older, they will need that coverage as well. So, we're not saying no, we're saying please work with us to make everyone happy.

President Steffey read a comment from Barbara Mrozek of Jefferson United Methodist Church. “There is an alternative solution to having the cell phone tower at the old high school. Jefferson United Methodist Church on Gill Hall Road already has a cell phone tower in its steeple. Jefferson United Methodist Church is the third highest point in Allegheny County. We do have room for another cell phone carrier, and our contract allows us to have as many carriers as we can fit. We did try to contact the person in charge of the Verizon tower at this phone number 248-361-6936 to discuss our offer... but there wasn’t any response.”

John Kudravy, Chairman of the Trustees of Jefferson United Methodist Church, stated thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. I reside at 3224 Check Drive, Jefferson Hills. I am Chairman of the Trustees for Jefferson Church. What you just read from Barbara Mrozek is true. I was the architect on that tower. We were approached by Sprint in 2004. It is the third highest point. The top of the tower is 75 feet above the land elevation. So, it's possibly the highest point in Allegheny County. It's completely concealed

within the steeple. We've had it in service, and generally speaking, technologically, 12-miles point to point is the maximum distance for a tower. Where the tower is proposed at the high school is less than one mile from Jefferson's tower. We welcome the opportunity to work with the group that feels they need a tower one mile away from the existing tower. It is when you drive by 311 Gill Hall Road. It's the steeple. It's within the steeple. There's not one outside appendage that gives a hint that it's a tower. It can be aesthetic; it can be pleasing for the community. It can provide better service.

President Steffey read a comment from James Bender, 3017 Shady Timber Lane. "Our family is all for the new cell tower. Our service is so poor, sure it will help. If compliant with the government guidelines, please move forward with the project."

President Steffey read a comment from Jeffrey Weir, 2208 Beams Run Road. "I want to email my support for the cell tower in the lower lot of the of the football field. As a resident on Beams Run Road I have to stand on the street to make a call. I continue to have a land line for emergencies. There are serious safety issues with such bad reception and this tower could fix that. Please approve the tower."

President Steffey read a comment from Dr. Michael Jordan, 3039 Chestnut Ridge Drive. "My name is Michael and I live at 3039 Chestnut Ridge Dr. I will still be at work when this agenda meeting takes place but would like to make a comment as well as thank the entire borough council for their help. For my fellow community members who are here for the first-time regarding Tower Co wanting to build a 130 ft monopole cell tower, which after more carriers are added will be closer to 150ft. The borough will eventually vote on the conditional use application. Their vote is NOT on whether the community wants a tower or not. Their vote is only to whether the entire procedural process was done correctly, which in this case it has not.

1. No Significant Gap in coverage (TowerCo's original RF analysis shows it to improve not close a gap, and a new telecommunications company wanting to bid on the school's lease performed their own RF analysis and stated they could not make a bid because a tower is not needed). TowerCo states it's to improve not that it's needed, Verizon is also on record for saying it is not required. The 1996 Telecommunications Act Subparagraph 332c7A and 332c7B address the requirement that the cell tower company has exhausted a thorough analysis of all potential alternative locations and that the significant gap is at the specific location they want to place tower (which it is not).
2. A process was not used to evaluate less intrusive solutions (violated our ordinances(letter I) and the 1996 TCA)
3. Negative affect on home values and a subsequent reduction in school tax revenue and borough tax revenue.
4. Safety concern with tower collapse and close proximity to field and parking lot. In August of 2022 a truck crashed into the cell tower base causing it to collapse and 7 children were killed. This can absolutely happen with the proximity to the parking lot.
5. Improper notices to other potential sites violated our ordinances (letter J) and the PA sunshine act.
6. Negative Visual Impact aka visual pollution violates our ordinance H
7. The variances allowed for TWICE the height and 50% closer to a residential property.

9. Improper notices to the community violated the Pa sunshine act and Jefferson Hills zoning hearing board requirement of size of notification. The sign was not 6 square feet.

Thank you again for your time and since it is evident that procedure was not followed, this application should be denied.”

President Steffey read a comment from Tammy Jugan, 2004 Laurel Ridge Drive. “I am opposed to the cell tower and what it will do to this area and home value. Please vote NO to the installation of this cell tower.”

President Steffey read a comment from Shannon Sciulli, 2016 Laurel Ridge Drive. “I live in Chamberlin Ridge; however, I am unable to attend this evenings meeting. I oppose the cell tower, please strongly consider voting no.”

President Steffey read a comment from Pamela Smithburger, 2089 Laure Ridge Drive. “Please read my below statement at the meeting. I am unable to attend due to a family health issue.

Please deny the cell tower request or at the very least send this proposal back to zoning. Other neighbors have or clearly will state how the procedural process was not followed. Which, I believe is what the council’s vote will be based on. It is now common knowledge of the procedural items that are not being upheld by moving this forward. I want to state that I am aware as well as others of what my neighbors will present to night in regard to the lack of procedure. So, I hope that the council upholds our borough’s ordinances.

Again, to highlight why there is a need to follow protocol, it is in place to protect your neighbors. Protect them from what in this instance? As I have presented to the board previously, there are substantial negative aspects that need to be considered.

We are trying to protect our children and our investments.

It is known this tower will diminish home values. Significantly.

Data does show there are health impacts and federal And international organizations say more research needs to be done in regard to safety, Especially with 5g and new technologies emerging. Much of the data you may have seen says there may not be a health impact from the cell phone or cell tower companies. A little bias I think! Similar to big tobacco saying in the 1950s tobacco is good for you. Please don’t be the reason my babies are at an increased risk for cancer living so close to their entire childhood.

Others built or bought homes knowing their current situation. As did we. This is no benefit to our community but a big detriment to Chamberlin ridge. Our coverage is fine. We knew that buying here. So why should we be affected when our homes have been here and now there is a proposal to change. Individual issues can be improved with cell boosters, available on Amazon starting at \$99.00 and can be delivered tomorrow. My impact would be thousands of dollars in property value loss and potential health impact on my babies.

Would other individuals change their opinion if they had any negative effects? I bet there would be more cell boosters. Purchased. Why condemn others. Please see the big picture. This needs to be in an area not near families or existing homes. Let people buy and weigh the option of being ok with living

near the tower in their purchase decision making. Not pushed on to people that do not want it, and do not need it, and will only financially hurt and potentially physically hurt them.

In summary, Please vote no. Procedure has not been followed. This is clear.”

President Steffey recessed the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

President Steffey called the meeting back to order at 8:00 p.m.

7. Discussion to approve the monthly bills
8. Discussion to approve the monthly payroll
9. Discussion to approve minutes of agenda meeting April 3, 2024

Mr. Polick stated on that one we have an old one or the one that says on March 6th.

President Steffey stated I believe the just date is incorrect.

10. Discussion to approve minutes of regular meeting April 8, 2024
11. Discussion to appoint _____ to one seat on the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2025

President Steffey stated since some of the residents did speak about agenda item number 11, we would just like to make a note that we have three applicants that came here prior to this meeting. We did have a member of our Zoning Hearing Board here with us in order to ask all of the right questions and take the information back to the Zoning Hearing Board from the applicants that interviewed. The reason being because even though we do appoint, the Zoning Hearing Board is their own quasi-judicial system. We do not govern over them. So, in all fairness, we wanted them to have an opportunity to visit with our candidates as well so that they could make an educational decision and give us their opinion. Although we all sat in here as well and, we were privy to those interviews. We will be making the appointment next week.

12. Discussion to authorize the execution of the separation and release agreement with John P. Stinner
13. Motion to appoint Michael Glister as acting Secretary/Borough Manager within the Borough of Jefferson Hills as of May 1, 2024

Vice President Budd moved to appoint Michael Glister as acting Secretary/Borough Manager within the Borough of Jefferson Hills as of May 1, 2024, seconded by Mr. Bentz, and carried unanimously.

President Steffey stated congratulations, Mr. Glister. You are back in the seat of acting Secretary Borough Manager. The reason why we made that motion tonight is so that we can have Mr. Glister voted in as our acting Borough Secretary/Manager so that we can have proper documentation and he can start signing documents as our interim manager.

14. Discussion to advertise for the position of Secretary/Borough Manager within the Borough of Jefferson Hills

15. Discussion to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the stray cat ordinance
16. Discussion to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the tree ordinance
17. Discussion to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the Ordinance amending the Property Maintenance Ordinance No. 895

Mr. Glister stated the revision of the property maintenance in regard to stormwater management and some language we had in our former ordinance that did not carry over when we made the update. So, Mr. Reis Building Code Official/Zoning Officer and I are requesting to get that amended to include that language that we previously had.

18. Discussion to approve the agreement between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and JMD Real Estate LLC regarding the donation of the existing dek hockey rink to the Borough of Jefferson Hills, with the Borough of Jefferson Hills being responsible for the deconstruction and removal of the dek hockey rink

President Steffey stated there has been some discussion out there in Facebook land about where this dek hockey rink is going to go. It will be erected in the children's play area where we have the bouncy houses during Community day over at 885 Park. Once we get this indemnity and everything signed, our public works department will begin the deconstruction of the actual rink because there was some confusion, the actual rink over at the old South Hills Dek Hockey Stadium on Worthington and they are going to transfer the rink over to 885 so that we have a little bit more recreation in the hopes that in the future we will be able to start the leagues up sooner rather than later, and it can generate some revenue for the Borough as well.

19. Discussion to approve quote from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America for Cyber-Risk Insurance in the amount of \$8,485.00 for the policy period April 15, 2024, to April 15, 2025

20. Discussion to award the website redesign to _____ in the amount of \$ _____ with an annual subscription cost of \$ _____

President Steffey stated we had quite a few answered RFPs that were sent in. We had a small committee sit down and go over the top four. Ms. Caitlin MoyerDinardo helped us on that. We really appreciate her help and her expertise. Council will be deciding on those Monday, next week.

Caitlin MoyerDinardo, Community Relations Coordinator, stated the Borough of Jefferson Hills received 10 website redesigned proposals. Since receiving these proposals, I read through all of them multiple times and put together the PowerPoint that was in your packets. I am just going to briefly go over some of that information today if you have not had a chance to review it and then I'll open it up if you have any questions.

The top four proposals were CivicPlus, Revize, Krakoff Communications and Planeteria Media, each offering different perspectives and solutions to the Borough's website needs.

CivicPlus offers local governments its transformative civic experience platform empowering municipal leaders to transform interactions with residents into positive experiences. Staff empowerment is at the forefront with rural-specific content updating alongside live editing for seamless page management and predictive site search for enhanced user experience. Residents can benefit from

notifications via email and text message, simple content flow redesign, online payment capabilities and a facility reservation system. Additionally, the live edit feature enables real-time page previews while an accessibility checker ensures inclusivity and efficiency. With the guaranteed redesign after four years, an accessible 24/7 support CivicPlus ensures continuous improvements. CivicPlus offers all this and more at a cost-effective rate.

The second one Revize presenting a dynamic online communication center through its redesign approach, offering visually captivating layouts and intuitive search functions. Revize prioritizes user engagement, free upgrades multiple times a year, keeps the websites current along with the redesign also after four years. Their proposal includes tools for project tracking, record requests, facility reservations, resident surveys and text and email notifications when meeting agendas and minutes are posted. While their proposal exceeds our initial budget, they provide flexible payment plans. These proposed services are very similar to CivicPlus, but are at a higher price point.

Krakoff Communications emphasizes local relevance and user design focusing on content reflow, device optimization and comprehensive search functionality. However, they may lack the depth of experience that Revize and CivicPlus have. It is important to note that Krakoff also uses subcontractors for coding development integration. The Borough would also have to find their own hosting and maintenance contracts at an additional annual or monthly cost.

Lastly, Planeteria Media creates their websites with a virtual City Hall approach that promotes high resident engagement. This proposal showed the most project management excellence and focus on building client relationships. Planeteria Media offers a great variety of features like agenda packet automation, content syndication and vendor procurement. However, all of these come at an additional fee. Finally, if the project goes over the allotted hours during the redesign process, the Borough would be paying an additional hourly fee.

Overall, going through all these proposals, any of these four will be a vast improvement from what we have as I am sure you know. It is clear that each provides the standard that the Borough is looking for in terms of content reorganization, accessibility, and functionality. If you have any questions, let me know and if you need a copy of the PowerPoint, I have one here as well and I can send you a copy.

President Steffey stated we really appreciate the Spreadsheet and the PowerPoint that you put together. There is so much that goes into a website, annual costs, monthly hosting, and design.

21. Discussion to approve agreement with PennDOT to update the traffic signals at SR 51 and Coal Valley Road, SR 51 and Jefferson Boulevard, SR 51 and Old Clairton Road, and SR 51 and Dick Corporation

Chief Dziezgowski asked in this agreement, is there any talk or consideration to put a manual override on there so that we can attach a generator when these lights go down? We have one at Route 51 and Coal Valley, but we have talked about it for several years and since they are redoing the traffic signals would be a good time for them to add a manual override. If PennDOT would be willing to do that upgrade for us since they were upgrading the lights to put that at Route 51 at those at the Old Clairton, Jefferson Boulevard, and Dick Corp because that is a nightmare when those lights go down. We have no other alternatives. We could look at that and maybe discuss that with PennDOT. I do not know if that is an option.

Mr. Glister stated the request came through me during the early phases of planning this. I can certainly discuss that with them. A lot of the proposed upgrades are not related to our signals. They are not replacing all the signals just the controllers themselves. So that would actually be the pertinent device that would need updated to take that. We can mention that to PennDOT.

Mr. Montgomery asked does the Borough have to pay for everything. Is that still the case?

Mr. Glister responded no, not for this.

Mr. Montgomery asked what about the maintenance?

Mr. Glister responded yes; maintenance will still be our responsibility.

Mr. Polick asked would the maintenance be less with the new equipment?

Mr. Glister reported in theory yes, it is newer so it should not need any maintenance in the immediate future, but hard to say in the long run.

Chief Dziezgowski stated the biggest concern we always have are the storms we get an electrical hit or a vehicle crash, something like that. Crashes are different, insurance pays for that, but electrical strikes, where something goes down, is our responsibility.

Mr. Polick stated from the budget when we do next year, there is going to be more, equal, or less.

Mr. Glister stated I will follow up with PennDOT on that.

22. Discussion to adopt Resolution 08-2024 authorizing Council President to execute and submit the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (TSMA) with PennDOT

President Steffey asked why would the Council President be on there.

Mr. Glister responded that the resolution is just saying who signs the agreement and has the authority. It is a little redundant.

23. Discussion to approve the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority (PCSA) proposed revision to expand their existing service area

Mr. Glister stated the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority is part of the service area that flows to Clairton Municipal Authority. Clairton Municipal Authority serves the city of Clairton, the Borough of Jefferson Hills, a portion of South Park Township and the Peters Creek Sanitary Authority. So, all five entities are part of the Inter-Municipal Wastewater Treatment Agreement that we are all assigned percentages based on the flow we contribute to the system. That is how costs are shared, like for the upgrade to the Phase II of the treatment plan. We are approximately 31% of that cost. South Park is about 7%. City Clairton is about 40%. Peters Creek Sanitary Authority is the remaining percentage. What Peters Creek Sanitary Authority is requesting is just an expansion of the service area. So, in that Inter-Municipal Wastewater Treatment Agreement, the service area is already defined and so any new development that is within that area has to go to Clairton Municipal Authority. This request is for development that is going to exit outside of that existing service area. They are asking us to agree to allow for that change in the

service area. It does not necessarily have an impact on us other than some additional sewage to the Peters Creek interceptor. We being a party to that agreement have to sign off on it by motion by Council.

President Steffey stated the additional flow is not going to impact anything.

Mr. Glister stated it was only an additional 20 or 30 homes.

Mr. Bentz asked will they be paying more for those services percentage wise?

Mr. Glister responded no, actually the agreement accounts for development because this agreement has been in place since 2013. We have had substantial development more so in South Park. So, I do not think those minor changes actually changed the amount even though there is a change.

24. Discussion to have Council request the Jefferson Hills Civil Service Commission administer a noncompetitive examination to the Chief of Police and if qualified the Commission shall certify the Chief of Police under the parameter of the Civil Service Rules

25. Motion to ratify the rental of six (6) additional portable lighting tower from Mark Moses Electrical Services, Inc. for \$610.00 per month for temporary lighting at Tepe and Beedle Park Fields from April to October 2024 for a total of \$3,050.00 per lighting tower to increase the safety of the teams playing after dark

President Steffey stated just so Council knows that is a total an additional six lights provided at \$610.00 per light to Beedle Park only, actually, so we can take out Tepe. The reason why we are ratifying this is because of the teams are playing after dark. It was a safety issue for the baseball teams, especially. They did not have enough lighting. They did have to cancel some of their practices for the permit holders that had it later at night. That is why we have it on here as a motion.

Mr. Haberstock stated just so I am clear on the cost, \$610.00 per six additional lights and \$610.00 per month per light.

President Steffey stated it would be \$3,660.00 per month.

Mr. Polick stated the \$3,050.00 is per light for the entire period. How many lights are there right now?

Mr. Volpe stated there will be a total of nine at Beedle, four on the soccer field, five on the baseball field and three at Tepe.

Mr. Bentz stated that is an additional \$21,000.00 coming out of Parks and Rec.

Mr. Bentz moved to ratify the rental of six (6) additional portable lighting tower from Mark Moses Electrical Services, Inc. for \$610.00 per tower per month for temporary lighting at Beedle Park Field from April to October 2024 for a total of \$ 3,660.00 per month to increase the safety of the teams playing after dark, seconded by Mr. Polick, and carried unanimously.

26. Discussion to award quote from Mastro Signs, LLC for reflective lettering and logo on the Code Enforcement and Engineering vehicles in the amount of \$1,100.00 per vehicle for a total of \$3,300.00

Vice President Budd stated there are two different designs. How are we differentiating between what we want when it comes time to vote?

President Steffey responded we left it up to Mr. Reis.

Chief Dziezgowski stated the prices are the same, it is the aesthetics point, unless you guys have an overwhelming opinion.

Vice President Budd stated they are the ones that have to use it. One of the discussion points was what stood out a little more from a safety perspective.

Chief Dziezgowski stated that is the whole reason, appearance is safety.

27. Discussion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV Year 14 Project in the amount of \$195,122.00 with the Borough's share of \$76,737.50

Mr. Montgomery asked if State Pipe is cheaper but we have to take Robinson, is that because of the total contract the \$2,000.00 less State Pipe?

Mr. Glister responded yes; it is the total contract is what we have to go by even if the individual breakdown per municipality happens to be less under a certain scenario.

Mr. Montgomery stated I thought that was the case when I looked at it. We are rewarding a \$76,000.00 and we had a \$74,000.00 right next to it. It is a total contract.

Mr. Glister stated unfortunately, from time to time with these SHACOG bids and the way it breaks down, we run into this. We have the option of either awarding the total, or dropping out. It is only a couple thousand dollars, and looking at the individual breakdown we usually have a couple stand in place type items anyways. That is pretty insignificant for the total goal we are trying to accomplish. The funds referenced here our share, the \$76,000.00, that will be out of the sewer revenue fund.

28. Discussion to approve Work Authorization dated April 25, 2024, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to assist the Borough with completing NPDES earth disturbance permit due diligence on the Beedle Park access road and field project in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00

Mr. Glister stated for Beedle Park, the Borough completed a master plan probably about 10 years ago. We actually utilized funds through a DCNR grant to help pay for this master plan and so far, we have implemented three of the eight or nine phases that are part of it. Over the last seven or eight years we did the expansion for the multipurpose field. We did the upgrades to the baseball field and then we also did the concession stands. That was all within the existing footprint already, but we are looking at providing an additional field. There is a need for it. We have a common theme as we work on a comprehensive plan. Looking at the master plan, there is a call for a new field that would be up on the hill past the existing fields. There is a flat area, but there is still a lot of earth work that needs to be done. Taking into consideration public works indicated that they have the employees with the operating skills to do the earth work. That could potentially be a project that we can do in-house. The issue arises though that we need to disturb that much land. Anything greater than an acre, you need to get an earth disturbance permit through the Allegheny County Conservation District. It is called an NPDES permit that stands for National

Pollution Discharge Elimination System. The primary goal is to restrict the sediment that is exiting the site during heavy rain events as well as manage your stormwater because you are going to be changing the surfaces and the topography of the terrain. You have to look at the existing stormwater conditions and then make sure that your post-construction conditions are less than the pre-construction. I started talking with Gateway about what we need to do to get this NPDES permit in terms of work authorization so they can come up with a scope of work. We talked a little bit about this, and we came up with more questions than we had answers for. So rather than try to get together a scope of work with these many unknowns out there, we decided that the first or the next best step would be to have this due diligence work authorization. We can look into some of those issues. We discussed underneath the power lines where we are looking to put this field there has not been any geotechnical investigations. We don't know if we are going to run into rock or something that may prohibit the project from moving forward. We want to investigate those matters first before we come back with a full-blown work authorization to pursue that NPDES permit. The other component of this is having a secondary or a new access road that does not come through Decker and the housing plan. As Beedle has grown, so has the use and that is a lot of traffic coming in and out of that plan compared to in the past. A part of the master plan calls for a new access road as well. Our thoughts are if we are going to obtain this NPDES permit to disturb enough ground to make an additional field, then we might as well include it to have the access road as well. We want to look into all that the access road, there may be some permitting for stream crossing. We are going to need some easements as well. We want to talk with some property owners. There are a lot of things that we want to look at upfront before we go full-blown into preparing a NPDES permit.

From a scheduling standpoint, getting through this due diligence period is probably going to take about two months to do the work and then to get the results together to present to Council. If we are still moving forward at that point, it will probably take about three to four months to prepare the actual NPDES permit application. The Allegheny County Conservation District has up to six months to review and approve that permit application. It is a rather lengthy process. I know that the initial sentiment was let's get this moving. We cannot break ground here in a month. Unfortunately, to be compliant with the earth disturbance laws, we have to go through this process. The goal would be if there are no roadblocks, we can get this permit in hand and be ready to break ground by the end of the year or sometime in early 2025.

Mr. Montgomery stated Gateway did a study on this before, maybe 10 years ago. Do you know the reason why it was not done then. Was it cost prohibitive?

Mr. Minsterman stated when Scheinbach was improved, I think at the time they did not want to allocate the funding for the project. It was just more than the Council was willing to spend at the time.

Mr. Montgomery stated I thought there was some other issue besides money. I thought maybe that it was too steep.

Mr. Minsterman stated it was an existing access dirt road path that maybe a pick-up or a Jeep could transverse, but when we looked at that the slope was too steep to widen the road to make it accessible for two lanes and to use it as an access. People thought it was going to be easy. We would just use that access and it was not usable.

Mr. Montgomery stated the idea was to get them off Decker and get them to a bigger road.

Mr. Minsterman stated as the park improves, the master plan shows several fields basketball, tennis, soccer. It has plans for a large facility there.

29. Discussion to approve Work Authorization dated April 2, 2024, from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to continue assisting 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

30. Discussion in regard to Resolution 07-2024 granting the Conditional Use to construct a wireless communications facility designated as CU-1-2024

Mr. Bentz asked can you clarify why it is called facility and not just the tower? Is it because there is a fencing around it, and there is base to it.

President Steffey stated that that was what was exactly put on the application. I was going to respond to Mrs. Koehlinger's request for changing that in the minutes. Unfortunately, I do not think we have the authority to do that because that was exactly what was on the application. I spoke about that before with it being worded as a facility. I just would like to reiterate the fact that there was a gentleman here and there are people begging for this tower to come. If there was just communication between the correct parties that is our issue. We are trying, Solicitor McPeak Cromer has been trying to contact the attorney and get some resolution. The only parties that can change where this is placed are not sitting up here. It is placement, we get it. We get that there are residents that absolutely need cell service in emergency situations. If you are sitting there saying, "We'll grab a landline." Well, that is old and gone. It is expensive too to have a landline just for emergency situations. I do feel for both sides. I do wish that the parties that could change this outcome and make everybody happy would communicate and that is all I am going to say. We will continue to reach out within the next week until Monday comes around hoping that the TowerCo attorney gives us an answer on our extension that we asked for, or if he is going to discuss anything with anybody else. We have no idea at this point and that is exactly what the solicitor stated earlier. I did not want you all to sit through this meeting waiting for us to get to this last agenda. I cannot just sit up here and not feel for everybody when there is a situation like this and there are going to be multiple situations like this that come down the pike for anybody that sits up in here in this chair. It is part of what we ran to do. So, if it comes down to us making a difficult decision, which I am sure eventually down the road it may, but just understand that we are doing what we legally can. We thank you all for coming.

Thank you for showing your neighbors respect. I know there is opposition here. We really appreciate that everyone was well-behaved. We are trying to come to a resolution for everybody

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

Cindy Caulkett, 1424 High Road, stated at one of our last meetings you all mentioned that if you know of any other homes to get on this list of blighted properties to let you know. There is another abandoned home down on Elm Hollow Road. I gave the Allegheny County assessment information to the clerk. Unfortunately, it doesn't have a house number on it, but the parcel-ID and everything is on that information. A few of the neighbors down there had asked if I could also speak on it for them because they said it has been abandoned for decades. The resident that used to live there is Albert Basich some of you may remember him as the former Chief of Police.

Chief Basich has been deceased now for many years. The neighbors tell me there are rats in there and all this and that. I've never personally gone in it or anything, but I did want to just mention that if we could get that noted as a blighted house and get that on the list also.

The other thing was, I was just wondering if you might even have an update on the previous homes that we talked about.

Solicitor McPeak Cromer stated I do not have too much of an update since three weeks ago, but I will tell you what we do know. We have the four title searches and reached out to property owners for all. In regard to 102 Arch Street, there was a petition for appointment of a conservator filed by an interested party. That has been filed. The court has to schedule a hearing within 60 days. We are going to monitor that. That is always a good thing because the onus, the money, the attorney's fee is on someone else, if they swoop in there to clean up the property. 1412 Worthington, we are still proceeding with the need to exhaust all of our administrative remedies. We are working with our code people to send NLVs and citations. However, one we have been notified there is a potential buyer trying to get it at a sheriff's sale. We are not going to hold back either that is great, but we are not going to say, "Oh, okay, we're going to let you buy this property and start from scratch." We are still going to push. So, we have 102 Arch, 613 Cochran Mill, 1412 Worthington and 1420 High Road that we are pushing through code so if we cannot resolve that way, we will deal with complaints and equity through the court.

It is a long process. It is litigation and it is painful. We are taking it seriously and we are working on all of them.

32. General Business

Mr. Bentz stated I would just like to thank everyone for being here this evening. I am glad that you all turned out and that you care so much about your community. It shows.

Mr. Montgomery gave the SHACOG report.

Mr. Montgomery stated there is a new grant program out. There is a lot of money coming from the Biden administration. It is based on greenhouse gas reduction. So, the Heinz Endowments is creating a program to work on that. They think they can get infrastructure in it now as well as electric vehicles, solarization that sort of thing. It is something to consider. That should be mid-month or so until that comes out, but they want to start spending it in July.

There is going to be a hard-to-read license plate event on May 7th at the South Park Museum building sponsored by Representative Kuzma, the Allegheny County Police, AAA, and the Port Authority Police. This week, Representative Kuzma's office met with the Chief Dziezgowski, and we worked out a plan to do a hard-to-read license plate event here on September 28th.

President Steffey asked do you reapply for another license plate?

Chief Dziezgowski responded PennDOT has realized that the plates manufactured during a certain period of time have worn out the lamination. It was not a good process, so they are replacing them. You have to complete form through PennDOT. It has to be verified by a notary, or by a police officer that it fits the criteria and then you submit that to PennDOT. They will issue a replacement plate at no cost.

The only costs are plates for specialized organizations where there still might be a cost for that because they cannot reissue the same plate. They have to move to next sequence, but in most cases, vanity plates and general plates can be replaced at no cost to the registered owner. This is not a time to say I want a new plate. This is for a specific illegible plate that has all the graphics worn off and you have just got aluminum plate showing. It is legal. It is a citable offense and most officers who pull over will give them a warning and a form to complete. It is your obligation at that point to complete it. These events help streamline the process. They have gotten 300-400 people coming through in a two-hour window. There are a lot of plates out there. My officers are stopping them on a frequent basis because again, it is a citable offense. We are giving everyone the opportunity to rectify the situation.

Mr. Montgomery stated if you have a personalized plate, you do not have to pay for it. They have to take a picture of that plate so that PennDOT knows to give you what you want. If you join a club, it is \$128.00 for that.

Mr. Polick stated we greatly appreciate everyone's participation and communication. You, the residents have come over these subjects. This is what is supposed to be about, so again, thank you.

Changing subjects to garbage. So again, with the Mayor and the Cleanup Day myself, Vice President Budd, and Councilman Lynch, we concentrated on the section of 51 South Ramp through Ridge Road that small little section. After about two hours of walking that little section we found roughly 10 plus garbage bags; a vehicle gas tank, I do mean a full-sized vehicle gas tank; a tire with a full-sized rim; assorted pipes; metal; other items for pick-up for that day. An interesting thing within the 10 bags most of the stuff we were picking up were water bottles. I thought that is a little strange now, maybe a little bit more beer cans or something like that but I cannot believe we have many water bottles with vodka that people were throwing out. I am just wondering; it is somebody either going to Clairton or coming to another area of Jefferson for residence because that section you are not going anywhere else. It was kind of strange seeing that there was only one pack of cigarettes. We are seeing the health improvements. We are trying to make the Borough better in many, many other ways.

Now, back when I was young, we went to Roosevelt Elementary School, which is down where the youth football is now playing. The school had been demolished. It is down there across Peters Creek, being at old Pittsburgh or by the old Large Hotel because again, we always say things that are gone that is our directions. When I was back to in school we did stuff for cleanup and I was actually crawling in Peters Creek, to help clear that stuff out back in that day. From seeing what we have here today and from the Environmental Advisory Council folks, they were on Wray Large Road, they ran out garbage bags multiple times. I know our former Councilwoman Karen Bucy has been saying this many times, but for a Borough this is ridiculous. Maybe some cameras, maybe game cameras or something. I am hearing stories particularly down beyond Patch Place, and Chamberlin. It seems to be always a Sheetz bag that are dropped off every night.

Do we need to maybe have a little competition within the Borough to get residents involved. But again, as a Borough I think we really need to look at what we can do for this maintenance. I appreciate everything Mayor McCaffrey and the administration did for Cleanup Day.

Mrs. Mares stated I want to thank our police chief for hosting all of our children last Thursday for Take Your Kid to Work Day. It was a lot more exciting than I had anticipated. My ninth grader and sixth grader both came, and it was at least four hours' worth of activities. We were busy. We had tours, lunch

and thank you to all of the staff who took time from your busy day to really just explain your jobs. I know I learned a lot from it. It really just gave the kids a perspective of how local government works and how many people it takes to really allow this Borough to function. I have a new appreciation for everybody's job from our PR, our secretaries, public works, everybody was a part of that and that was really special. I think that there is no age too young to plant those kinds of seeds. We had preschool-age kids up to high school and they were all interested. I think our middle scholars probably enjoyed the jail a little bit more than they should have, but I just really thank you for that. That was a great presentation that you put on. You really emphasized the importance of no matter what career or job these kids are looking for in the future the importance is just hard work, education, and good communication, like making eye contact. We live in this world of technology, and I think that was really important for them to hear and it really got their attention. They were all very into it. So, thank you so much for that.

Vice President Budd stated I will start with the library report. It is relatively brief. They do have a program that I am kind of excited about. The Allegheny Regional Asset District recently launched a summer staycation program that allows any Allegheny County resident with a library card to receive free admission to various attractions in the city, including the Science Center, the Zoo, Phipps and more. If you do not have a library card, stop by any time during their regular hours and they will help you register, so you can take advantage of the program. Friends of the Library want to thank everyone who volunteered their time, donated, and sponsored the annual Book and Boutique Sale. It was wonderful, as usual. Their summer reading kickoff party is Thursday, May 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join them for snacks, activities, and learn about everything they have planned for the summer. Enjoy a magic show at 4:30 p.m. You can also view all their upcoming programs and events jeffersonhillslibrary.org.

I also wanted to thank the Fire Department, EMS, Public Works, Police, and Borough staff for all the effort that went into the Fish Day event. It was really a collaborative effort for this event and that includes the thought that went into rescheduling due to flooding conditions. They were really looking out for the safety of everybody, especially the kids. Rec is already thinking of ways to build on this event for next year. So, I'm excited to see what they can do. Thank you, Madam Mayor, for organizing this year's cleanup event.

Vice President Budd read a statement from Mr. Lynch. "I apologize to our residents for not being in attendance this evening due to a work matter which required me to leave town. However, I look forward to returning Monday for the regular voting meeting. First off, I want to give a huge shout out to all those who came out for Cleanup Day a couple weeks ago and especially the members of the EAC. With that being said, and the EAC commitment towards being proactive body of our municipal government, we have discussed the possibility of advancing our Borough Cleanup Day to more than once a year. In collaboration with our Mayor, who has been leading the charge in this pursuit, the EAC would like to extend in scheduling more cleanup days starting with once a quarter. As always, this will be an open volunteer initiative for anyone who wants to jump in and lend a hand to keep our community living up to the image that we are known for. Madam Mayor and my fellow Council Members, we are ready to help in taking those next steps whenever possible.

I also wanted to give a shout-out to the Rec board and the success of Fish Day. I have had the honor of being a part of it and had a great time working with all of you and with our first responders and public works personnel who are on hand in setting up, breaking down and cooking up some good hot dogs. It makes me even more excited to help with Community Day, which is right around the corner.

Another business I want to especially want to give Jane Milner of the Jefferson Hills Library a hand by announcing on Tuesday, May 7th retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Nick Edinger will be hosting a presentation on travel back to Vietnam. For those that don't know, Colonel Edinger is a Vietnam War veteran who has served honorably in Da Nang in 1969 and 1970. This past December, Colonel Edinger had the privilege and returned to Vietnam to reflect upon how the country has changed culturally along with the relations with the American people since the peak of the Vietnam War. I look forward to hearing Colonel Edinger's reflections and stories and I encourage a lot of residents to do the same. If you are interested, you can register online at jeffersonhillslibrary.org or you can stop into the library. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

It will be more good news regarding potential avenue for Dek Hockey Rink, which I cannot hold my excitement for any longer. I will talk more about it on Monday. I hope everyone has a great rest of the week, Councilman Lynch.”

Vice President Budd stated I just wanted to add thank you everyone for coming out this evening.

President Steffey stated I just want to also thank Chief Dziezgowski and the staff for the fantastic Take Your Child to Work program. My kids missed out on it last year, but I happened to be here, and I was really bummed out that they missed out on it. I was glad that they got to attend this year. I asked my youngest what he learned, and he could muster up, mom, there are cameras everywhere. So, that is what he took away from it. Being in your presence and listening to you have the attention of all kids of all ages up here when they were sitting in our chairs, none of them were really looking at their phones. You commanded their attention and their respect. I do feel that that is what parents should be doing as well. I just really appreciate how much you hit home about family, respect, whether you know a person or not and giving mutual respect. I think it goes a long way and I am glad that at least our children got to experience that. So, we thank you. They also got to meet sweet little Nala, so they were happy about that.

33. Adjournment

President Steffey adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Polick, seconded by Mrs. Mares, and carried unanimously.

Michael Glister
Acting Secretary/Borough Manager