

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
March 13, 2017

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President King at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Cmar, Council Members Ielase, Montgomery, Sockman and King answered to roll call. Borough Manager Levander, Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Public Works Director Lovell, Finance Officer Bennett, and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Council Members Khalil, Reynolds, and Vice President Weber were absent. Council Member Khalil arrived at 7:07 p.m.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Rich A. Wojnar, Rich J. Wojnar, Gary Williams, and Kathleen Griffiths spoke regarding allowable uses for single family homes owned by businesses in residential zoning districts, specifically with respect to treatment of people, including sex offenders and those with disabilities. Solicitor Shimko answered questions as possible and the Borough offered the possibility of having the Solicitor meet with some residents to discuss this matter further.

Paul M. Petrun stated he loves living in the Borough. He stated his children's bus stop is close to the group home being discussed and he would like to have the bus stop moved. He stated the employees who work there don't seem to care about the community because they speed on the roads and park where there no parking signs. Mr. King stated the Borough will work within the parameters of the law to make sure the residents are safe. Mr. King stated Mr. Petrun should contact the School District to discuss moving the bus stop as that is who controls bus stop issues.

Karen Devine stated she lives on Old Clairton Road and believes the police are not using their sirens soon enough when pulling out onto Old Clairton Road. She also discussed parents are parking at stop signs waiting for school buses to let their kids off the bus. Ms. Devine stated she is on the Zoning Board and perhaps if the variance is structured differently it might help zoning for group homes.

William Lucas, from the Jefferson Estates Homeowners' Association Road Committee, requested information regarding the Frank Street Bridge and a status or update on the roads within Jefferson Estates including the Borough acceptance of these roads or plans to get these roads paved. Mr. King stated that since he and Mr. Shimko meet with him last in December there are no new updates, but that the Solicitor will be meeting with the Pleasant Hills Solicitor sometime in the future regarding the Frank Street Bridge.

MINUTES:

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of the agenda meeting February 8, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of regular meeting February 13, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the February bills be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of February in the amount of \$229,088.76 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-2017 authorizing participation in the 2018 Joint Bid for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services administered by SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to accept the proposal of Day Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$60,680.00 to purchase two (2) 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility Police Vehicles under the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Program, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the sale of a used code enforcement vehicle, a 2004 Chevy S10 Blazer, at the Perryopolis Auto Auction, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated March 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the Beedle Park Phase 2 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Gaming and Economic Development Funding grant applications in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated March 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the 2017 Paving Program in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Work Authorization dated March 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the 2017 Seal Coating Program in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the Work Authorization dated March 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the Jefferson Estates Rehabilitation and Repair Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Khalil stated he'd like it noted in the minutes that Gateway Engineers work with the Borough staff regarding resident coordination if possible. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the Agreement between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and Sable Kennel for Animal Control Services, seconded by Mr. Khalil. Mr. Khalil asked if there was language regarding deer pick up and Mr. Shimko confirmed there was. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Ms. Omer stated the Borough was given resumes for three Interns.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Mr. Bennett stated the Auditors will incorporate the JFR funding into the report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Lovell stated there is a map attached to his report given to Council. This map represents the CCTV Project and Gateway estimated the project at \$180,000.00. Mr. Lovell stated they are over 50% completed with the project and used Borough employees for the work which is highlighted in orange. Mr. Lovell is estimating that using Borough employees on the project will save about \$100,000.00 when completed. They have also been working on camering and inspecting pipes and basins then repairing and replacing any pipes in advance of paving for the 2017 Road Program. Mr. Khalil asked what percent of the lines are we CCTV-ing each year. Mr. Lovell stated we are following a 10 year cycle. Mr. Khalil asked why Public Works isn’t working on the portions highlighted in yellow. Mr. Lovell stated those are main interceptors and Public Works doesn’t have the ability.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT:

Chief Roach stated the Borough’s new officer, Patrick Lucas, has been employed 30 days today and will be ready for solo patrol sometime in May.

Chief Roach reiterated his comments from the agenda meeting on his desire to promote a sergeant.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar stated the Floreffe Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will have an Easter Breakfast buffet on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Mayor Cmar stated we need volunteers for Clean – Up Day in the Borough which is on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Shimko provided a PENNVEST update. Tuesday, August 29, 2017 is the closing date for the Borough loan with PENNVEST. Wednesday, June 28, 2017 is the next PENNVEST conference call.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Khalil discussed a conversation he had with Mr. Lew Miller regarding an email Mr. Miller sent to the DEP wherein Mr. Khalil sought to understand why West Elizabeth Council had not yet scheduled a meeting with Borough Council regarding the WESA Act 537 Projects Street Opening Permit. Mr. Khalil noted that Mr. Miller previously stated West Elizabeth knew its "back was against the wall" at a meeting with DEP, but that West Elizabeth Council had canceled two (2) previous meeting scheduled with the Borough. Mr. Khalil told Council he now understands that West Elizabeth Council would be meeting on the evening of March 15, 2017 and would then schedule a meeting with Borough Council.

Mr. Montgomery stated he contacted Representative Saccone to work on the Growing Greener Grant. The SHACOG meeting is on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Castle Shannon.

Mr. Sockman stated he would like a letter mailed with the sewer bill explaining the increases. Council concurred that this was something the Borough should pursue.

Mr. Sockman stated he would not like to delay the purchase of Road Crew Equipment, and requests the vehicle be added to next month's meeting.

Mrs. Ielase thanked everyone for coming to the Council meeting and hopes they keep coming. Mrs. Ielase stated the Borough Fish Day will be on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Khalil stated he will be in tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. March 14, 2017 to look at resumes.

Mr. Khalil stated he would like to thank Chief Pascoe for the success of the Jefferson Ambulance Service. Chief Pascoe thanked the Borough for all of its support over the years. Mr. King thanked Chief Pascoe for his work and the service his organization provides.

Mr. Khalil wanted to take this opportunity to recognize Borough staff and Council for the 2017 Banner Community award.

Mr. King stated he wanted to make sure Council was okay with Mr. Shimko meeting with three (3) Borough residents along with two (2) members of Council to discuss zoning issues related to corporations owning homes used for business from the beginning of the Council meeting. The meeting would not be tonight. Council agreed and the Borough would set up the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager