

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
October 3, 2018

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Citizen/Taxpayer Comments
4. Report from Borough Boards and Commissions

A) Jim Kingsley, of the Library Board, addressed Council with the following:

- The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 13 from 1p.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Fall Program Schedule is underway with eleven (11) different programs.
- Jane Milner is the Program Coordinator for the PA Star Forward Program and the Library is in the process of obtaining the top accreditation. Out of 144 participants, only 70 have achieved this Gold Level.
- The Commonwealth cut funding by thirty percent (30%) in 2008 and the libraries still have not recovered.
- The Library is performing a self-audit to evaluate procedures and see where improvements may be made.

B) Calvin Felix, Gill Hall VFC President and Chief, addressed Council with the following:

- Provided a handout itemizing the Gill Hall VFC budget with respect to the proposed 2019 relief association distribution.

5. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting September 5, 2018
6. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting September 10, 2018
7. Motion to approve the monthly bills
8. Motion to approve the monthly payrolls
9. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-2018 directing distribution of the Borough's allocation of General Municipal Pension System State Aid for 2018 in the amount of \$234,219.42 as follows:

Police Pension Fund \$149,900.40, Service Employees Union Pension Fund \$70,265.85, Administrative Pension Plan \$14,053.17.

10. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-2018 granting preliminary and final approval to the land development plan known as SP-4-2018 and SP-6-2018 respectively, Riverlift Industries Truck Terminal & Coke Dryer Facility

Mr. Montgomery stated it was asked at the Planning Commission meeting if the applicants would please report to the Borough Manager if there are any air quality issues, such as a leak, when reporting to the Allegheny County Health Department. William Bell, attorney for Riverlift, agreed to report any air quality issues to the Borough Manager as well as to the Allegheny County Health Department.

11. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 27-2018 granting final approval to the subdivision plan known as S-10-2018, Chamberlin Ridge Plan of Lots – Phase 4
12. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 28-2018 granting final approval to the subdivision plan known as S-11-2018, Jefferson of Monticello Inc. Plan of Lots Second Amendment
13. Discuss Resolution No. 29-2018 denying preliminary approval of the subdivision plan known as S-6-2018, Pinecrest Estate – Phase 1

Mr. Shimko stated the developer extended the review deadline until the day after the February Borough Council regular meeting so, this will be removed from the agenda and the plan will go back to the Planning Commission for further review.

14. Discuss Resolution No. 30-2018 denying preliminary approval of the subdivision plan known as S-9-2018, Moscatiello Subdivision Plan

Mr. Shimko stated the Borough requested an extension, but there has been no response by the developer as of today that an extension has been granted. He said if an extension is granted between now and Monday, this will be removed from the agenda as well.

15. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 31-2018 authorizing the execution of a Grant/Agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Borough of Jefferson Hills for a Green Light Go traffic signal replacement/installation project at the intersection of River Road (SR837) and Walton Road / Glass House Road
16. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 32-2018 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 45 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$21,288.00 for the Andrew Reilly Memorial Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1 Project estimated at \$32,750.00 with a Borough share of \$11,462.00
17. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 33-2018 authorizing Stanley L. Gorski of SHACOG to file Year 45 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$23,660.00 for the Tepe Park ADA Upgrades – Phase 1 Project estimated at \$36,400.00 with a Borough share of \$12,740.00

18. Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$687.33 for the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract A
19. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 8 from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$271,472.00 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract A
20. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 6 from Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$361,527.91 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract C
21. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$10,872.00 for work completed on the 2018 Operations and Maintenance Manhole Rehabilitation Project
22. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated September 26, 2018 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to prepare alternatives for upgrades to the Montour Trail along Peters Creek Road in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
23. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated September 25, 2018 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to prepare bid documents and specification for the Borough Building ADA Door Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00
24. Motion to approve Work Authorization dated September 27, 2018 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to prepare the culvert design, environmental permitting and easement descriptions necessary for the Frank Street Connection Project in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00
25. Discuss bids for Joint Municipal SHACOG Sanitary Sewer Lining – Year 12 Re-Bid project (Bid opening on 10/2/2018, recommendation letter to be provided on 10/3/2018)

Mr. Glistler explained two (2) bids were received and it is recommended to award to Jet Jack, Inc. Vice President Weber asked this be put on the agenda for Monday.

26. Discuss approving the distribution of the Pennsylvania Foreign Fire Insurance allocation in the amount of \$59,711.53: Jefferson 885 VFC Relief Association; Gill Hall VFC Relief Association; Floreffo VFC Relief Association

Mr. Khalil commented that the division of funds last year was based on call volume, using the feasibility study as a guide, and Jefferson 885 received the majority. Mr. Khalil stated he is not inclined, at this point, to distribute anything to Gill Hall VFC because of their lack of cooperative training with other stations, the reduction and defection of firefighters and refusal to be part of the consolidation. Mr. Sockman asserted the Gill Hall area has the biggest population and realizes they have fallen on hard times. Mr. Sockman stated he attended a meeting with Mr. Thatcher and representatives of the three (3) fire companies and asked Gill Hall VFC to present to Council in writing their objections to the consolidation. At this point, he has not

received anything from Gill Hall VFC. Mr. Sockman suggested Council look at the concerns of Gill Hall VFC before determining how the funds are distributed. Mr. Khalil stated he would like to see the report from Gill Hall VFC sooner rather than later. Mr. Khalil commented Floreffe VFC was struggling early on, but they turned things around and have chosen to be part of the solution. Mr. Khalil said he has chaired three (3) meetings with the three (3) fire companies asking for solutions or ideas regarding the consolidation prior to the Task Force being formed, but received nothing other than what was in the feasibility study. Mr. Khalil stated it is a matter of working together, he would like to see all three (3) fire companies be part of the solution and wants those who serve the community to be rewarded. Vice President Weber asserted there has been a defection of active firefighters from Gill Hall VFC due to a toxic environment as expressed by the firefighters who have left. Vice President Weber stated, although he has a tremendous amount of respect for what legacy firefighters have done for the company, Council's job is not about the social component, but is about the resident, visitor and firefighter safety component and Council cannot turn a blind eye to under performance. Vice President Weber affirmed the distribution needs to occur on or before November 16, 2018 and has no objection to following Mr. Khalil's lead.

27. Discuss scheduling a public hearing date/time on the Carol Ann Bucar Landowner Curative Amendment

Mr. Shimko commented he has been working with the Bucar's consultants and the Borough's consultants and has identified Tuesday, October 30, 2018 as the first date that works for everyone, but a time must be set so that notices may be provided. Vice President Weber asked if anyone on Council had any objections to October 30 and there were no objections. Mr. Shimko stated Landowner Curative Amendment hearings may take awhile to complete because of the required notices in the event of multiple hearings being needed. Vice President Weber said he would be in favor of starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. for a first hearing, but is open for suggestions. Vice President Weber asked if it was Council's will to start at 6 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. and Council agreed.

28. Reports

Engineer Glistler reported:

- Pre-application approvals have been received from the County for both Year 45 Community Development Block Grant applications and will prepare the final applications that are due on November 7, 2018.

Consulting Engineer Minsterman reported:

- Nothing to report.

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

- Nothing to report.

Police Chief Roach reported:

- The testing process has been completed for entry level officers.

- Vice President Weber asked if there was anything Council could do to help facilitate Chief Roach getting top picks of the applicants. Chief Roach responded probably not. Chief Roach said he is disappointed in the number of applicants that completed all phases of the test which means the eligibility list will be short.
- Mr. Khalil asked Chief Roach if Civil Service has been responsive and will set up meetings as soon as requested. Chief Roach responded he hopes so.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Mr. Bennett reported:

- Received the liquid fuels audit from the Pennsylvania Auditor General's office and will provide a copy to Council. The audit was clean.
- Two (2) vehicles were sold at the Perryopolis Auto Sales Auction.
- The garbage and recycling contract was sent to Waste Management and they are in the process of providing performance bonds. The Borough will also need to work with Waste Management regarding educating the community about new recycling requirements.
- Recently had a budget meeting to review overall budget requirements. Hopefully the next meetings will be during the latter part of October and into November.

Solicitor Shimko reported:

- A resolution will need to be prepared and put on the agenda regarding the approval of the sale of vehicles at the Perryopolis Auto Sales Auction.

29. General Business

Mr. Montgomery noted the following with respect to SHACOG:

- All communities chose Waste Management as their garbage/recycle collection company. Waste Management is required to provide two (2) mailers and the Borough will have to mail them. Since everyone is using the same company, the hope is to have a standardized approach.
- The rock salt bid meeting will be on October 17 at Baldwin Borough and all public works personnel are urged to attend.
- Police vehicles will come available in November.
- Community Development Block Grant 45 program had fourteen (14) total pre-applications split among eleven (11) municipalities.

Mr. Sockman noted:

- Looking through Mr. Volpe's report, in particular the sewer cleaning camera work, he has saved the Borough \$41,600.00. Money well spent for the camera and jet truck.
- Waterman West will be closed in October for six (6) to eight (8) weeks to accommodate the pinning of the road for stabilization.

- The old Borough Building needs to be torn down. Mr. Glistler will look into the asbestos part of it and then the Borough will begin looking into demolition.

Mrs. Ielase noted:

- Asked if there was an update to the water flow issues on Joan of Arc Court and Wray Large Road. Mr. Khalil stated these were discussed during the Engineering Committee meeting. On the former, the Committee decided to send letters to the effected residents on Joan of Arc Court and Gill Hall Road to offer broker a solution between them as the issue is a private property matter. Mr. Khalil stated Mr. Glistler is working on the issues on Wray Large Road. Mr. Glistler commented Mr. Volpe did some temporary measures to get through the rest of the year and a more permanent solution with a catch basin will be done next year.

Mr. Khalil noted:

- Thanked Mr. Bennett for the PowerPoint presentation for the budget. Mr. Bennett will provide Chief Roach's and Mr. Volpe's requests for the 2019 budget to Council.
- A letter was received from Dean Collins requesting a position on the Zoning Hearing Board. There is an alternate position open. Asked to have this put on the agenda for Monday.
- If it is Council's will, would like to move forward with the preparation of the Ordinance for Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.
- Thanks to Engineering, Public Works and anyone else involved in the repair of the Lick Run break and the ongoing repairs to the sanitary and storm lines, the flow to Clairton Municipal Authority has been significantly reduced.
- Mr. Minsterman provided a nice handout regarding the Coal Valley #1 sewer project with an estimated cost of \$5 million. The Borough will have a meeting with the DEP about the financial impact this will have on the Borough and residents in that area and the VOC lining of the Hercules Line along Route 837.

Vice President Weber noted:

- Asked Mr. Bennett to contact Dean Collins to let him know the opening on the Zoning Hearing Board is for an alternate position and, if he is still interested, this should be put on the agenda for Monday.
- If it is Council's will, put on the agenda to advertise for the Ordinance for Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. Council agreed.

30. Adjournment

Vice President Weber adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. with an executive session to follow from which Council would not return on motion by Mr. Khalil, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

31. Executive Session – Personnel, Real Estate, Legally Privileged/Confidential and Litigation (*EQT Production Company and ET Blue Grass Clearing LLC v. Borough of Jefferson Hills*, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Docket No. 4 WAP 2018; *Peters Creek Sanitary Authority, Borough of Jefferson Hills and Union Township v. Clairton Municipal Authority*, Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Docket No. GD-17-17711)

Charles W. Bennett
Secretary/Interim Borough Manager