

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
May 9, 2018

The agenda 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 and Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds, Sockman, Vice President Weber and President King answered to roll call. Finance Officer Bennett, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Consulting Engineer Minsterman, Borough Engineer Glistler and Public Works Director Volpe were also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Citizen/Taxpayer Comments

A) Keith Reynolds, of 1313 Collins Avenue, stated he is passing on speaking regarding a fire hall.

B) Karen Bucy, of 410 Deer Park W. Drive, discussed the proposed fire hall merger. Ms. Bucy recommended a recruitment campaign designed and implemented to capture the attention of 7th and 8th grade students to get involved with volunteer fire fighting, which may be used toward community service requirements. Ms. Bucy requested that residents receive more information about the money, the budget and the opportunity to serve this community. Vice-President Weber stated he appreciated her passion and that the merger is being discussed monthly. Vice President Weber stated that it is an evolving process. The firefighters from all three (3) companies were asked to work this issue out through themselves with a Task Force and make recommendations to Council. Vice President Weber continued to say that the study that was done was commissioned on the recommendation of all three (3) fire companies to Council. The extremely comprehensive study took some time to complete and there were recommendations made by the author which needed to be addressed and Council would be derelict in its duty if they did nothing to help correct these problems. Vice President Weber stated the fire companies agreed to address the deficiencies and agreed to arrange a Task Force.

C) Don Withers, of 1301 Floreffe, stated he is presently the Fire Chief at the Floreffe Station and, since the middle of December, there have been approximately twenty (20) training sessions and they are now training twice a week with the other stations in the area. Mr. Withers stated many upgrades to the equipment have also occurred and are still progressing. The requirement age for volunteers has also been dropped to fourteen (14) to try and get younger members involved. President King thanked Mr. Withers and commented that he has made a lot of progress.

D) Justin Allan, of 106 Neilson Drive, stated he is currently the Fire Captain at 885 Fire Department and is one hundred percent (100%) in favor of the merger of the three (3) Volunteer Fire Companies in the Borough. Mr. Allan stated at this time, the Fire

Companies have been working together well, our equipment has been upgraded and he would like to see this continue through the consolidation efforts. Mr. Allan also stated that the Task Force is doing a great job.

- E) Shawn Nowakowski, of Village Green Drive, stated he is a member of 885 Fire Department and was at a Council meeting in November as is still one hundred percent (100%) in favor of the Fire Company merger. Mr. Nowakowski stated the Task Force got a bit of a rocky start, but is now progressing very well and is doing a great job.

Vice President Weber asked Mr. Nowakowski to describe the training efforts since the Task Force has been convened. Mr. Nowakowski responded the training efforts have really flourished, especially from Floreffe. Mr. Nowakowski stated he believes the study woke everyone up and made them realize they needed to step up their game in order to provide quality fire protection for the community.

Vice President Weber asked Mr. Nowakowski if he feels the residents would benefit from the three (3) Fire Companies merging and consolidating into one (1) company. Mr. Nowakowski responded absolutely. Mr. Nowakowski stated, as of right now, he is unable to access the Gill Hall Fire Station because he is not a member of the department, which has hampered rescue efforts. Vice President Weber stated because they act as three (3) separate companies, this is actually detrimental to responding to an emergency. Mr. Nowakowski responded, in his opinion, yes.

- F) John Thatcher, of 604 Gill Hall Road, Chairman of the Task Force, provided Council with his monthly Task Force update. Specifically, he responded to Ms. Bucy's comment about younger fire department members with news the proposed fire department merger does include junior members. He stated he has enjoyed his role in the Task Force so far and feels as though they are making a lot of progress highlighting the meeting attendance, creation of proposed Bylaws, agreement on a new name, and management structure including appointment of the Chief and Assistant Chief.

Mr. Thatcher noted that finding qualified people to even serve as volunteer firefighters is very difficult, let alone finding a Chief and Assistant Chief. He stated each station needs to be properly outfitted and maintained highlighting this need with the fact that the Borough does not need each station to have a one hundred five foot ladder truck or a rescue vehicle. Only one of each is needed for the Borough and where they will be housed will be decided by the firefighters.

Mr. Thatcher remarked that one of the biggest positive reasons to merge is succession planning noting he has all the respect in the world for the firefighters that have been putting out fires for forty years, but there needs to be a system in place to find and properly train their replacements. Mr. Thatcher stated there presently is not a system for this, but under the merged system, there will be a better source to do that.

Mr. Thatcher stated that unfortunately a few members within the fire service see these efforts to merge as a way to take away power and control. However, under the new merged system, they will maintain more power and control because they will each have some management in each district.

Mr. Khalil thanked Mr. Thatcher, all the members of the Task Force and all volunteer firefighters in the community for their time and effort.

Vice President Weber thanked Mr. Thatcher, stated his presentation was phenomenal and asked if Mr. Thatcher if he would like to make a formal request of Council to secure the new name of Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue. Mr. Thatcher stated he would like to do so and would be happy to send an email from the Task Force regarding the same.

G) Max Stanton, of 1348 Walton Road, asked if it would be possible to get some help from the State to repair the large potholes on the berm of Walton Road. President King asked Mr. Volpe to stay on top of this.

H) Pam Miller, of 6378 Jefferson Point, inquired as to the zoning and building permit status for the synagogue on Gill Hall Road. President King stated Mr. Bennett would find the information and call her.

I) Cole Legge, of 355 Greene Drive, stated there has been a significant increase in traffic since the new entrance to Washington Square from Waterman Road has opened and would like to see stop signs put in the development. Chief Roach stated stop signs cannot be put up to reduce speed, but there is limited sight distance at Greene and Hindman Drives so it would make sense to put up signs. Chief Roach continued, at present, these roads are not public and have not been taken over by the Borough, which means the Borough has no jurisdiction because the roads are private and only serious traffic incidents can be enforced until the developer releases the road to the Borough.

Vice President Weber asked Chief Roach if the Borough is capable of putting the stop signs up now even though it is still private property or would the developer have to do it. Chief Roach stated he felt it would just need to be a discussion with the developer. Vice President Weber suggested that be done and Council agreed.

Mr. Legge thanked Chief Roach for the police presence in Washington Square.

J) Tom Poljak, of 5005 Alta Vista Road, stated he appreciated the passion he has seen in Council's interaction with the residents at tonight's meeting. Mr. Poljak encouraged Council to please be transparent and communicate with the residents regarding UPMC.

Mr. Khalil stated, at the April 9 meeting and thereafter in an April 10 letter, Daniel Stuart, Esq. on behalf of citizens he represented requested that Council take no more action until the plans for the development are made. Mr. Khalil stated he would discuss in General Business why that would be a detriment to the citizens' cause and felt it was bad advice from Mr. Stuart. Mr. Khalil explained the planning process is pretty standard. The applicant requests a preplanning meeting which provides an understanding of how the process works and any possible requirements. The next step is the review of plans by planning and then the plan comes to Council. All these meetings are public except the preplanning meeting. Currently, UPMC has brought to planning two (2) parcels that they would like to consolidate. Mr. Khalil stated that is currently all that is before planning and that is all that will come before Council.

Erin Gibson Allen, an attorney at Markus & Shapira, and Daniel Stuart's colleague, stated a long dissertation on the subdivision process was not expected and perhaps this discussion would be more appropriate with counsel. Ms. Allen stated Mr. Poljak is represented by legal counsel and she felt it was more appropriate to have a debate about this process in that forum. President King stated he and Vice President Weber have a meeting with the attorneys tomorrow night, which is something Council has not done before. President King stated he felt Mr. Khalil was just trying to explain the process that Council has to follow. Ms. Allen stated she takes umbrage with the statement that Mr. Poljak received bad legal advice and the spirit that we are coming with is to just slow this down and let the public have input. President King responded Council can't slow this down because it is in Planning Commission. President King asked Council if any member has had any discussion with anyone at UPMC and Council no one replied yes. Vice President Weber asked Ms. Allen to clarify if she did not want the represented residents speaking and she replied the residents are free to make comments, but they should not expect a debate back from Council regarding their legal advice. Mr. Khalil stated he would like to speak to the point about bad legal advice. Mr. Khalil explained from the time the application is made to the Borough, there is a ninety (90) day time frame for the Borough to decide for or against the application. Mr. Khalil stated the process cannot be slowed down because if no decision is made within ninety (90), it is deemed approved.

Vice President Weber stated we do want to be transparent and tell the residents what Council knows, but nothing has come before Council at this time. Hopefully, after tonight, everyone will have a clearer understanding of the process that has to be followed.

- K) Barbara Mazzella, of 1617 State Route 885, offered insights of living next to a hospital.
- L) Nicole Solomon, of 352 Yarrow Lane, stated since the last meeting she has heard Council has declined to participate in a School Resource Officer ("SRO") program for Jefferson Elementary and Gill Hall Elementary and asked for an answer is warranted as to why.

Vice President Weber stated, at the end of last month's regular meeting, in executive session because of the potential to hire an officer, he shared with Council all the data that was received from the School District and the conversations with Chief Roach. This included information on nearby municipalities and school districts and their experiences with a law enforcement officer hired by the school district (an SPO or School Police Officer) or municipalities that dedicated an officer to a school district (an SRO). Vice President Weber stated the data was reviewed and the School District was asked their intent in requesting an SRO. Vice President Weber stated the School District said the sole reason to institute an SRO from the Borough was to increase communication. Vice President Weber stated Ms. Solomon said the SRO would be for Jefferson Elementary and Gill Hall Elementary, but that is not necessarily how it was described by the School District because it wanted one (1) officer to deploy, basically, where it wanted. Ms. Solomon interrupted and said that is not true and continued to speak as Vice President Weber was trying to finish his statement. President King interjected and asked that one person at a time be allowed to speak. Ms. Solomon continued to say this doesn't make any sense and went on to say Council can use their deductive reasoning skills to realize

there are two (2) elementary schools that do not have an SRO and the School District is asking Council because Pleasant Hills took care of two (2) and the School District took care of one (1), so the Borough would only need to put one (1) at Jefferson Elementary and Gill Hall Elementary. President King, after trying to talk over Ms. Solomon, stated Council is not going to engage in conversation with Ms. Solomon because she continues to talk over people when she does not like the response. President King continued to say Ms. Solomon is welcome to come in and speak for four (4) minutes every month, but Council would not be inclined to engage with her since she cannot follow the rules to let one person speak at a time. Ms. Solomon asked Council why it will not answer a question as to why Council will not entertain the idea. President King stated Vice President Weber was trying to answer the question and you talked over him. President King stated Council's discussion of the issue will continue in General Business to avoid councilmembers being talked over.

4. Report from Borough Boards and Commissions

A) David Graffam, of the Library Board, addressed Council with the following:

- Thanked Borough Council for everything that has been done for the Library.
- The Library staff is busy getting ready for the Summer Reading Program, which will kick off on June 14 with a visit from the Carnegie Science Center and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday until July 26.
- The Book Sale was a tremendous success this year.

B) Andrew Tomer, Fire Chief for Jefferson 885 Fire Department and Emergency Management Coordinator, addressed Council with the following:

- Mr. Tomer stated, with all the flooding and embankment failures the County has experienced, they have worked through PEMA and are now working with FEMA to try and get some assistance with all the damage that has been caused. Mr. Tomer stated there is a meeting with FEMA next week in which they are trying to convince FEMA that the damage was caused by one storm cell.
Mr. Tomer stated everyone knows he is and always has been in favor of the consolidation. Mr. Tomer stated having a brick and mortar facility in your community can be a false sense of security if you do not have enough trained firefighters to run the facility. Mr. Tomer stated there was mention on an anti-merger Facebook page of numerous issues with 885. First, spending money for televisions. Mr. Tomer stated the entire room was rewired so that training can continue to be hosted and instructors may plug their laptop in and the presentation will be broadcast over four (4) monitors in the station; also, two (2) of these monitors are dedicated to running the CAD system, which monitors all the incidents going on in the County, and the Active 911 system, which tells them which members are responding during an incident. Mr. Tomer mentioned it was also said that members go there and play video games and he does not see a problem with that because they are there at the station when needed to respond to an emergency and the consoles are not provided by the station. Mr. Tomer stated he has four (4) to six (6) people on a truck on average and more want to join at

each meeting, some from out of the area, because of the progressiveness of the department. Second, the request for a shower facility. Mr. Tomer stated cancer is the number one killer of firefighters and going home without removing the contamination from fighting a fire increases the risk of causing harm to the firefighter and their families.

- Third, the need for bunk facilities and a small kitchen have also been mentioned. These items, again, would help keep available people at the station for emergency needs. Mr. Tomer stated the old operations office, formerly the fire chief's office, would be used to house the bunk room, so, a new facility would not be needed and the beds were donated.
- Fourth, he stated he does not feel it is an unwarranted to receive more financial backing when the shift crew has been housed here for the last twenty (20) years. Mr. Tomer continued to say when you have the most qualified people, the most capable people it only makes sense to reward that and it is time to put personal feelings aside and start taking safety seriously.
- Vice President Weber asked Mr. Tomer to tell Council about the recent membership addition. Mr. Tomer responded three (3) members of Gill Hall Fire Company came to Jefferson 885 to become members.

C) Brian Chalfant, Assistant Chief of Jefferson 885 Fire Department and President of Jefferson Fire and Rescue, gave Council a rundown of staffing and equipment at the volunteer fire companies regarding staffing, he stated there are currently thirty-six (36) active members at Jefferson 885, unfortunately, only seventeen (17) are Borough residents, of those seventeen (17) only nine (9) are actively interior fire fighters. That leaves nineteen (19) to respond to an emergency on a regular basis that do not live in this Borough. Mr. Chalfant stated that some do occasionally get paid \$8.60 an hour by Jefferson Fire Rescue because they are on the shift crew and he does not see a problem with that. Mr. Chalfant stated the problems are only having nine (9) active firefighters in our municipality and the average fire fighter responding to calls being between forty-four (44) and fifty (50) years old.

- As to equipment, Mr. Chalfant stated at Jefferson 885 the primary engine is thirty-four (34) years old, the rescue truck is fifteen (15) years old and the ladder truck is ten (10) years old. Mr. Chalfant stated the Chief of Floreffe indicated their oldest engine at Floreffe is twenty-eight (28) years old and their newer engine is nine (9) years old. Mr. Chalfant stated the Chief of Gill Hall indicated their newest engine is two (2) years old, their ladder truck is fifteen (15) years old and their air truck is eighteen (18) years old. Mr. Chalfant added that it is time to put some money back into the places where it needs to be and a consolidation would be very helpful with this.

D) Holly Rubinoff, of the Recreation Board, addressed Council with the following:

- Community Day is on track for June 9, 2018, but sponsors and volunteers are still needed to make the day a success.

- President King asked if there was anything else regarding the Feasibility Study regarding the Community Center at No. 24 of the Agenda. Mr. Konick replied they did not and the Board felt very strongly about pursuing it.
 - Vice President Weber thanked the Recreation Board for bringing this forward.
5. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting April 4, 2018
 6. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting April 9, 2018
 7. Motion to approve the monthly bills
 8. Motion to approve the monthly payrolls
 9. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 3 from Global Heavy Corporation in the amount of \$201,240.00 for work completed on the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract A
 10. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final from State Pipe Service, Inc. in the amount of \$40,977.13 for work completed on the 2017 Manhole Rehab Program
 11. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 to C. Crump, Inc. in the amount of \$51,252.50 for work completed on the Lewis Run Stream Stabilization – Emergency Repairs
 12. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final to Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$94,130.97 for the Lick Run Interceptor Emergency Repairs Project
 13. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 to Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$107,689.50 for the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract C
 14. Motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 to Jet Jack Inc. in the amount of \$483,726.64 for the Jefferson Hills/West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Capital Improvements Project Contract D
 15. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. for Joint Municipal SHACOG O&M CCTV Year 8 Project in the amount of \$182,724.00 with the Borough's share of \$57,010.00
 16. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Roto-Rooter Services Company for Joint Municipal SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M Point Repairs – Year 7 Project in the amount of \$364,172.00 with the Borough's share of \$150,955.00
 17. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 12 – Contract A (Spot Lining) in the amount of \$46,390.00 with the Borough share being \$10,050.00

18. Motion to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project – Year 12 – Contract B (MH-MH Lining) in the amount of \$517,305.00 with the Borough share being \$125,640.00
19. Motion to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute an agreement with Shaggy Mountain Farm Petting Zoo in the amount of \$545.00 for Community Day
20. Motion to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute an agreement with The Jumpy Co. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Community Day, subject to the approval of the Solicitor

Mr. Shimko stated a revised agreement from The Jumpy Co. was received today, which incorporated all the suggested changes and so “subject to the approval of the Solicitor” may be removed on Monday night’s Agenda.

21. Discuss quotes for upgrading the lights in the back parking lot of the Municipal Center from the existing metal halide to LED

Mr. Volpe stated he was directed by Council to get quotes to provide LED lighting in the back parking lot to help improve the lighting since trimming the trees did not completely resolve the problem. Mr. Volpe stated the three (3) quotes are attached and the lowest quote was from Pellegrini Electric. Vice President Weber asked if these lights will be able to penetrate the trees or will the pole be higher. Mr. Volpe stated the design of the lights is different and they are LED so they will provide more light and that the three (3) poles along the walkway will have double heads, which will provide more visibility. President King asked to have this added to the Agenda for Monday.

22. Discuss request by West Jefferson Hills Historical Society for Borough funding in the amount of \$1,500 for the Fall Festival

Council agreed with this request since it was only \$200 more than last year and they do a great job. President King asked that this request be added to the Agenda for Monday.

23. Discuss repairing or sale of Public Works One Ton Dump Truck #12 (2006 F-550)

Mr. Volpe explained this truck was scheduled for replacement last year, but it was still in decent condition so it continued to be used but it has incurred some major problems recently and some repairs were done to keep it running. However, he did not want to chance using it for much. Mr. Volpe noted remaining repair costs would be about \$10,000 so it may be best to get it to auction and get the most the Borough can out of it. Mr. Sockman stated he went and saw the truck and it is his recommendation that it be sent to auction. President King asked this be added to the Agenda for Monday authorizing sale at auction.

24. Discuss Feasibility Study request from the Recreation Board Committee regarding a new Community/Recreation Center facility

President King asked this item be added to the Agenda for Monday.

25. Discuss potential Request for Proposal (RFP) for Police Pension Fund Custodial Services

Mr. Bennett stated it has been some time since the Borough has reviewed custodial services for the Pension Fund. Mr. Bennett stated, with the last couple of years' investments being so flat, it might be a good time to develop an RFP for that pension plan in particular. Mr. Khalil asked what the objective was to this. Mr. Bennett responded to be sure we are getting the best value regarding the fees and services, as well as the best method of investment. Vice President Weber stated he feels it is always a good idea to see what is out there and is in favor of doing so. Mr. Bennett stated he will follow up with this and report to Council.

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

Mr. Shimko stated the Borough received a Landowner Curative Amendment from Ms. Bucar on April 23 and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code requires that the Borough commence a public hearing within sixty (60) days of April 23, so the deadline would be June 22. Council agreed to June 4 at 6:00 p.m. and asked to have this put on the Agenda for Monday.

27. Discuss potential resolution to establish procedures for the sale of Borough personal property valued at less than \$1,000

Mr. Shimko stated Mr. Volpe approached him to discuss selling certain Borough Public Works items. The Borough Code requires a policy approved by Resolution to sell numerous items, otherwise, approval would be needed for each individual item. Council agreed to allow Mr. Shimko to prepare this Resolution.

28. Discuss adopting a Resolution opposing House Bill 1620 entitled "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill"

Council agreed and President King asked that this item be added to the Agenda for Monday.

29. Discuss Application for Payment No. 4 and Final to Roach Brothers in the amount of \$4,986.00 for the Wall Refinishing Project

Mr. Glistler stated he spoke with McClean Architects and there is one item remaining to be completed. Mr. Sockman recommended not to provide payment until it is finished. Council and Solicitor agreed.

30. Discuss being a sponsor of the Department of Environmental Protection's Stream Improvement Program concerning the streambank erosion at Lewis Run Road.

Mr. Glistler stated the erosion at Lewis Run Road has been previously discussed and the Borough completed a project to protect the cul de sac, but the erosion was also impacting a resident's house at the end of Lewis Run Road. Mr. Glistler stated the property owner contacted the DEP and the DEP is interested in providing some funds to stabilize and protect that house, but the DEP's fiscal year ends in June and they would like

an answer as soon as possible. Mr. Shimko stated he exchanged emails with the DEP on this issue and the DEP continues to desire the Borough act as the local sponsor for this project. Mr. Shimko explained that being a local sponsor for this type of project entails the DEP fronting the grant money to the Borough and, once the project is done, the Borough would pay the contractor. Mr. Shimko stated, unfortunately, the property owner has not provided the plans that the DEP needs so there is no need for the Borough to do anything this official this month, but maybe in June or by special meeting if something were to happen before June. Mr. Montgomery asked why the property owner is not responding. Vice President Weber replied the property owner engaged another engineers and the process slowed significantly. Vice President Weber asked Mr. Shimko if he would characterize being a sponsor as being a conduit for funding and the Borough has no liability. Mr. Shimko replied the DEP has said the Borough has no liability, but would administer part of the contract bidding and DEP will be responsible for some. Mr. Sockman asked if it was a written contract with the DEP and Mr. Shimko replied yes. Mr. Shimko stated this is something the Borough has done in the past and something that makes sense to help protect the investment the Borough has put into the Lewis Run Road cul de sac as well as helping residents in rough situations get State money.

31. Reports

Andrew Tomer, 885 Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator reported:

Engineer Glister reported:

- The letter that Council requested be sent to PennDOT regarding residents' concerns with flooding issues along Walton Road has been sent. The intent of that letter was to request a meeting. PennDOT did get back to him and will be meeting on Friday morning to discuss the issues and take a site visit to review the issues in person. Mr. Glister will have an update on Monday.
- The Council members that were present at the Engineering Committee meeting agree that the proposed work on Waterman Road West needs to be completed

Finance Officer/Treasurer Mr. Bennett reported:

- The auditors will be finishing up in the next few weeks.
- Hard numbers should be available next week for all funds, which will tie in to a small budget presentation in June.
- The AG385 Report, which deals with pension personnel reports that are reimbursed by the State, was approved by the Auditor General's Office.
- The first drawdown from PENNVEST is ready to be sent.

Public Works Director Mr. Volpe reported:

- A full report has been provided to Council. Also included in the packet is a Musco Lighting quote to install a new lighting control system for GBU. Mr. Montgomery asked if this was a remote control system. Mr. Volpe responded that it is and the lights can be controlled with an app or can be preprogrammed.

- Mr. Shimko added because of the amount of the quote, Council may approve this project and enter into a contract at their leisure.
- President King asked that this be added to the Agenda for Monday.
- Mr. Bennett stated there was also a proposal for the completion of the pickle ball court provided to him today, but he was unable to get it to Council. Council agreed to complete the project and President King asked that this be added to the Agenda for Monday as well.

Police Chief Roach reported:

- Nothing to report, but has an item for Executive Session.

Mayor Cmar reported:

- Thanked Mrs. Ielase for her work on Fish for Fun Day.
- Thanked all the volunteer firefighters for all they do for our community.
- Regarding the SRO/SPO, she understands the importance of safety in the schools. Our police officers do visit the schools frequently and are in the neighborhoods while school is in session. The Jefferson Hills officers police five (5) schools and also Jefferson Hospital. Pleasant Hills has two (2) schools to police. It seems to work well in a lot of other communities for the school to hire their own officer. The Borough just does not have the resources to provide an officer specifically for use by the schools. At this time, it is the School District's responsibility to provide security for the children from the time they leave home until they return home from school. The Borough will provide what it can to help.

32. General Business

Mr. Montgomery noted:

- Met with Sam Demarko at the SHACOG banquet and was told that he and John Palmeri have been lobbying to get the Allegheny County section of Gill Hall Road paved.
- Would like to nominate Mayor Cmar for Mayor of the Year. Vice President Weber stated he is completely behind this and he was going to do the same tonight.
- Would like to attend the Land Development Review Process conference and take some Planning Commission members. Council approved up to three members.

Mr. Sockman noted:

- Thanked Mrs. Ielase for her work on Fish for Fun Day and Mr. Montgomery for his help.
- Regarding the SRO/SPO, he has been in the education business for forty (4) years in many different roles and feels the wave of the future is the School Police Officer.

One of the major reasons being, the SPO can travel with students on field trips or sporting events outside the municipality and still have jurisdiction, where an SRO would only have jurisdiction while in the municipality.

- Engineering Meeting highlights:
 - On Walton Road, the sewer line is under an existing water line. The contractor will relocate the line, but will need to go on private property and get written approval from the property owner.
 - Lewis Run stabilization is complete, except for the punch list items.
 - Coal Valley project that is required by the DEP is extremely expensive, but Mr. Minsterman came up with some other options to be reviewed.
 - Peters Creek Stream restoration is complete, except for the punch list items.
 - GBU upgrades for handicap accessibility should be completed in about three (3) weeks.
 - The Green Light Go project, signal at Rt. 837 and Walton Road, is still being reviewed.
 - SHACOG contracts were all on the Agenda regarding preventative maintenance, CCTV, open cut repairs and lining repairs.
 - A lengthy discussion was had about the building of a restroom/concession stand/storage facility at Beedle Park. Alternative sources to alleviate the cost were suggested. Public Works may also be able to put in the electric and sewer lines to also help with cost. The size of the building and other nuances are still not decided.

Mrs. Ielase noted:

- It was perfect weather for the Fish for Fun Day and was very well attended. A new hatchery was used this year. The hatchery donated more fish than was ordered and provided bigger fish as well.
- A highlight from the School Board meeting was that
- Pleasant Hills Middle School started a program called Girls Only Leadership Development (GOLD) which will provide classes to build girls' confidence and leadership ability.
- Mrs. Ielase asked whether Robyn Long received any response from Council on her request last month. President King stated, unfortunately, the Borough is legally unable to provide a monetary gift in this instance, but he asked Jane Milner to do a piece on her in the In Community magazine and maybe put something on the website.

Vice President Weber noted:

- Mr. Montgomery beat him to nominating Mayor Cmar for Mayor of the Year and would like to be a co-nominator on the form. Mr. Montgomery agreed.
- Regarding the SRO/SPO, Council met on April 9 and 26 in Executive Session and made the decision to respond to the West Jefferson Hills School District. The following day, he contacted Dr. Ghilani and let him know that Council's will, at this time, was not to assign a particular officer to a particular location. The School District

and the Borough have different ideas on the use of the police officer. If the School District would like to continue having discussions, Council will do so. Dr. Ghilani and the School Board Members mentioned the one (1) thing they would like is to enhance communication with the police, but no deficiencies were found in this area. Council will consider any ideas the School District may have to improve in the future. President King added the School District has a good template in place presently.

- In a letter to Council, dated April 10, Attorney Stuart writes that the citizens demand that Council tell them what we know about the UPMC potential development. There has not been an application that requires a Councilmatic decision on that parcel. In late 2017, representatives from UPMC came to the Borough and met with the Manager, the Solicitor, the Planner, the Code Enforcement Officer and, he believes, the Engineer. Council was made aware of this meeting through an email and also informed that no application was submitted, but one could potentially be forthcoming. Without an application, there is only speculation. As a matter of record, he believes it should be noted that this is not an unusual occurrence for an applicant or potential applicant to meet with the Borough administration. To date, there has been no application and we have received no recommendation from the Planning Commission. Council is not hiding and never will hide any of the details to accommodate any applicant whether residential or commercial who wish to develop in our Borough. Once an application is made, there are only ninety (90) days for the Borough to respond or the application is deemed approved. Therefore, Mr. Stuart's suggestion to not take action may not provide the desired outcome. UPMC will need to make its plans known if and when it proceeds with the project.
- Two members of the Sprites family spoke last week and mentioned they once owned the land and now do not want it to be developed. His understanding is, when land is conveyed to a new owner, financial consideration is received. Scott McCormick interrupted and said Vice President Weber did not know what he was talking about. President King asked Mr. McCormick not to interrupt. Mr. McCormick continued to interrupt and was given a warning by President King. Mr. McCormick said you got a warning from me and left the room. Vice President Weber continued to say once the land is sold, the former owner no longer has a say in what happens on that land. Mr. McCormick returned and President King explained that he cannot disrupt the meeting. Mr. McCormick continued to do so. President King addressed Mr. McCormick and explained he could come to the Monday meeting and express his thoughts. President King asked him to leave and on his way out Mr. McCormick stated he knows every one of them. President King asked what that meant and he responded it was not a threat. Vice President Weber continued to say, when the Sprites family owned the land, they made an application to the Borough to place a large inflatable dome structure for sporting activities on the property and, he suspects, some of the people here today did not want that inflatable dome there and it was opposed vigorously. Some of the same complaints that Council heard then it is hearing now about UPMC building there. The Sprites' application was denied by the Borough. The applicant, the Sprites family, went to court and the Borough fought it, but was forced to move forward with it because it complied with legitimate zoning use for that area. The Borough heard the residents' complaints. The Borough went to

bat and tried to deny it, but the court allowed the Sprites to build it. Council's experience is although we may think it is the right thing to do because of perceived noise or increased traffic, the State's Municipal Planning Code or Zoning Ordinances speak otherwise.

- A few years ago, Council approached the Planning Commission and the Borough Planner and asked them to clean up our Zoning Map. This was done because based on the Comprehensive Plan done in 2010, there were some incongruencies that needed cleaned up and the Marcellus Shale Task Force also contributed to the need to revise the map. Mr. Weber stated there have been assertions from the public the Zoning Map changes were done to aid UPMC in the process and it was never discussed publicly. The Zoning Map has been being worked on for a few years now and all the Planning Meetings are public and it has been discussed many times why the Zoning Map is being changed. Vice President Weber indicated he is not in support of slowing down the revision to the Zoning Map. It is not the Elliot Road and Route 51 parcel that is the sole focus on this change and there are many other parcels being revised.
- President King and he will be meeting with Mr. Stuart regarding UPMC to dispel any rumors and ask any questions.
- Would like Council's consensus to lock in the name Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue. Mrs. Ielase asked Mr. Khalil to restate the fire halls are going to merge into one (1) entity, but all three (3) buildings will remain. President King expressed to Mrs. Ielase that she could restate this herself since she is also aware. Council agreed to hold the name Jefferson Hills Fire and Rescue.

Mr. Khalil noted:

- Met and spoke with Doug Pascoe, the Chief of EMS, and they are continuing their reorganization and will show a profit this month.
- In Mr. Stuart's letter, he wrote that he and the residents felt Mr. Khalil was condescending at the April 9 meeting. There may be times when he comes across as being condescending because he is passionate about his position, but does not mean to come across that way and would like to apologize if anyone was offended.

Mrs. Reynolds noted:

- Planning Commission does do a nice job, but they don't always do a nice job. The okay was given for a land development without taking a tour of the business in Charleroi to see how filthy it was. They approved this without doing their research.

President King noted:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the firefighters for attending as well. Mr. Thatcher and the Task Force has exceeded Council's expectations. Mr. Tomer and Mr. Chalfant are two (2) people this Borough cannot do without.

33. Adjournment

President King adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m. with an executive session to follow from which Council would not return on motion by Mr. Sockman, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

34. 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 Nos. SA-17-1077 and GD-17-17711)

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