

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
January 9, 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 and Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman, Weber, and King answered to roll call. Borough Manager Levander, Finance Officer Bennett, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Consulting Engineer Minsterman, and Public Works Director Lovell were also present. Council Member Reynolds was absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

None

MINUTES:

Mrs. Ielase moved the revised minutes of the regular meeting November 14, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved the minutes of the agenda meeting December 7, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of the regular meeting December 12, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of special meeting December 21, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the December bills be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of December in the amount of \$327,329.10 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint Patrick Lucas to the position of Police Officer conditioned upon the conditional appointee undergoing a physical and psychological medical examination and a determination that the conditional appointee is capable of performing all the essential functions of the position, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-2017 granting preliminary and final approval to the Subdivision Plan known as S-10-2016, JCCO Subdivision, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-2017 granting modification request to Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 607.B and preliminary and final approval to the Subdivision Plan known as S-12-2016, Eckley-Kunkel Subdivision Plan, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2017 authorizing issuance of individual procurement cards under the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust Procurement Card Program, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 4-2017 appointing Beverly McConeghy as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term ending December 31, 2019, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the submitted Work Authorization for \$10,000.00 to continue work on the WESA ACT 537 Plan, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the Work Authorization for the 2017 CCTV inspections work dated December 21, 2016 for Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000.00 as shown in the 2017 O&M Budget, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve the Work Authorization for the open cut repairs and lining dated December 21, 2016 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$54,000.00 as shown in the O&M 2017 Budget, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 for State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$43,177.50 for the 2016 Manhole Rehab Program, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to ratify the bid award to A. W. McNabb, LLC in the amount of \$8,400.00 for SHACOG CD Year 42 Demolition of 6612 Sixth Street, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Invoice No. 16-511 from Test Boring Services, Inc. in the amount of \$17,474.55 for test drilling work completed for the CMA Act 537 Plan, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to reject the bid in the amount of \$51,000.00 from Iron City Contracting for Municipal Center Wall Refinishing Project and rebid the Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman asked if this will be rebid. Ms. Levander asked if Council would like to rebid now or wait a month to rebid. President King stated we can get to that in General Business.

Mr. Khalil moved to appoint John Albrecht to the Civil Service Commission for a term ending December 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to appoint Melissa Steffey to the Recreation Board for a term ending January 1, 2021, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Pervaiz Alvi to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2020, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to appoint Derek Reckard to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2020, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Christopher Hynes to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to appoint James Kingsley to the Library Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2019, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint Monica Stoicovy to the Library Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Debra Weslowski to the Library Board of Directors for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Doug Wildman Vacancy Board chairperson for a term ending at Borough Council's first meeting of 2018 or as soon as practical, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Mr. Bennett stated Moody's upgraded the Borough's bond rating from A1 to AA3.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery stated he attended the Engineering meeting. They discussed the MS4 update program requirements. Mr. Montgomery reported on the CMA and WESA Projects. Mr. Montgomery wanted input from Council regarding the recommendation on the CMA Project for the piping easements on the laterals on Coal Valley 1. Gateway Engineers is recommending the Borough construct the laterals to homes that would go under the stream running adjacent to Coal Valley 1. Property owners would be required to get the sewage lateral from their home to the lateral stub which the Borough would run. This would tie the property owner in from their home to the main sewage lateral. Mr. Minsterman stated the contractor on site will already be doing the very same work in the same location so it makes sense from a uniformity and construction standpoint. Because the permit is difficult to obtain and it's a difficult construction installation there is a possibility for property owners to potentially install the laterals incorrectly. The Borough could then face infiltration and inflow of incorrectly installed laterals and the Borough pays CMA by the gallon for flow. President King asked how many are we looking at. Mr. Minsterman stated 14 or about 220 feet. Mr. Khalil stated it makes sense to do it this way. Mr. Sockman stated it's the best way to go and this solution will protect the Borough as well as the property owners. Mr. Montgomery stated if Council is agreeable to this we will tell them to add this to the design. Mr. Minsterman stated it will add to the construction cost but it is a wise investment. President King asked if there is a consensus for Council to move in this direction. Council members stated yes.

Mr. Sockman asked about rebidding the Municipal Center Wall Refinishing Project now. President King stated there is not a reason to delay.

Mrs. Ielase asked if we are any closer to finding a resolution for the Library telephone lines. Ms. Levander stated she will speak to the Library Board to find out what has been happening.

Mr. Weber stated he and Mr. Khalil met with the Fire Department Consultant, Chief Sohyda, last week regarding the Feasibility Study. Chief Sohyda is about 30% complete with the study. He is now looking at the financials. Chief Sohyda stressed accountability and the importance of every line item. After all the numbers are in he would like to meet with Council representatives and the Mayor and go over some preliminary recommendations and see how we'd like to move forward.

Mr. Khalil asked if everyone looked at and was ready to move forward with the point system for the Volunteer Fire Companies. Mr. Sockman asked what Chief Sohyda's personal opinion was regarding the point system. Mr. Khalil stated he would send him an email asking his thoughts and will update Council. President King stated we want to relay some information to the Volunteer Fire Companies ahead of time.

Mr. Khalil stated the Solicitor at WESA sent a letter acknowledging a couple of points but one thing that was not addressed in the letter was the discussion regarding flow based monitoring versus the water usage. Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Shimko if that is something they are looking at when the agreement is drafted. Mr. Shimko stated it was included in the draft agreement the Borough gave WESA in 2014, and WESA said it is being considered.

Mr. Khalil thanked Mr. Bennett for the Budget recap. Mr. Khalil stated the revenue side is pretty solid, but on the expense side we should expect to see updates. Mr. Bennett stated absolutely. The revenue side is very strong, and over the next 60 – 90 days we will close out the expenditure side and see the last of the 2016 expenditures. Mr. Khalil stated he believed we were up about \$147,000.00 on the revenue side which is a really nice number.

Mr. Khalil stated the auditors did contact the Fire Chiefs and hopefully they are all gathering their information for the auditors and getting the information to Chief Sohyda. President King thanked Mr. Khalil and Mr. Weber for attending the meeting with Chief Sohyda.

President King asked Chief Roach to express congratulations to Patrick Lucas on Council's behalf.

President King asked Ms. Levander to get letters out to all appointees notifying them of their most recent appointments.

Mr. Weber asked if a letter went out to the DEP regarding the extension for the CMA work. Ms. Levander stated yes a letter went out.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager