

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
August 14, 2017

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Bob Gulla of 1301 Collins Avenue stated his concerns about the possible closing of Floreffe and 885 Fire Companies. Mr. Khalil responded discussions are still very preliminary regarding the closings. Mr. Gulla also expressed his concerns about UPMC coming into the Borough of Jefferson Hills and wanted to know if Council could stop that from happening. Mr. Khalil stated preventing UPMC from building would not be possible if the zoning is correct for UPMC's purposes.

William Lucas of 5012 Dana Drive requested an update from the March 13 meeting regarding the Frank Street Bridge and Mr. Shimko's meeting with the Pleasant Hills Solicitor. Mr. Lucas also stated he would like to know if the Borough plans to accept and pave the roads in Jefferson Estates. Mr. Khalil responded that Mr. Shimko has spoken with Mr. Jug, but the discussions need to continue. Mr. Khalil stated the acceptance of the roads in Jefferson Estates has been an ongoing discussion and suggested that Mr. Lucas stay at the meeting to hear No. 17 on the Agenda since there may be some conversation with respect to this matter.

MINUTES:

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of the agenda meeting July 5, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting July 10, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the July bills be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of July in the amount of \$251,666.36 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mrs. Ielase moved to enact Ordinance No. 863 adopting collection procedures and providing for the imposition of an administrative fee, attorneys' fees and interest to be added to the amount collected as part of taxes, tax claims and/or municipal claims for delinquent accounts and amending all prior ordinances establishing the same, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2017 acknowledging and accepting the donation of work by Southersby Development Corporation in the amount of \$54,900.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the proper Borough Officials to execute an agreement with SHACOG concerning the administration of the CDBG Year 43 7.5 ADA Wheelchair Lift and Doors project at the Gill Hall Park Community Center, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to award the Peters Creek Stream Restoration Phase V Base Bid, Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 to C. Crump, Inc. in the amount of \$228,350.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Invoice No. 17-128 for D & D Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$7,977.36 for Electrical Engineering Design and Drafting for the new pump station facility for the CMA 537 Plan, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$44,569.63 and Application for Payment No. 1 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$420,216.71 for the 2017 Paving Program, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to award a Base Bid to Service First Cleaning in the amount of \$35,540.00 for Janitorial Services for the period September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018 with option years one and two to be considered by the Borough at a future time, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the advertisement for bids to replace approximately 1,025 L.F. of guiderail along Waterman Road West, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to hire Michael Volpe to the position of Public Works Director contingent upon passing a background check and credit report, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to ratify Assignment of Limited Rights Under Developer's Agreement between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and the Jefferson Estates Homeowners' Association, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to suspend Officer #21 for 15 days, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. President Pro Tem Khalil noted that the suspension would be without pay. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Omer stated she believed the next Engineering Committee Meeting would be on September 5 and wanted to know if it would be during the day or evening. Mr. Montgomery replied it is September 5 and would be in the morning.

Ms. Omer also mentioned that the fall planning meeting needs to be scheduled. Council agreed that the fall planning meeting will be on October 9 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Omer stated a memo was provided regarding the Lewis Run Road erosion. An immediate solution would be to stabilize the stream and Gateway Engineers is asking for Council's permission to get a GP-3 Permit to allow access to the stream and begin this process. Council approved this request.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cmar stated she would like to recognize Adam Galis for his work on the grant to replace the 1984 fire truck and commend the Gill Hall Fire Company for donating the fire truck to the Boca Chica Fire Department in the Dominican Republic and also thank all the emergency responders for all they do.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Levander stated that Jane Milner did a great job staying well within the Summer Recreation Program budget amount.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery stated if anyone has any comments to the Gateway Engineers work authorization spreadsheet to let him know.

Mr. Sockman welcomed Mr. Volpe to the Department of Public Works.

Mrs. Ielase also welcomed Mr. Volpe and wanted to know what the status on the lighting in the parking lot was. Ms. Levander responded that it is still being reviewed.

Mr. Khalil welcomed Mr. Volpe and thanked John Opfar who has been doing a terrific job as acting Public Works Director.

Mr. Khalil stated he met with President King and Vice President Weber concerning the fire consolidation study. Mr. Khalil stated he was asked to draft a letter to the Fire Companies to schedule a meeting regarding the study. Mr. Khalil read the letter aloud to get a consensus to move forward with the letter or have some discussion. Council agreed to move forward with sending the letter.

Ms. Omer stated CMA is working on rebuilding their treatment plant and offered to have an update meeting if anyone is interested in attending. The dates are August 22, 29 and, potentially, 31 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Ielase moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager