

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
February 12, 2018

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Matthew Lantz of 1305 Collins Avenue requested the use of Lobb's Cemetery and Park by Boy Scout Troop 1843 for an Eagle Scout ceremony and overnight camping on May 12, 2018. Mr. Lantz also asked if a port-a-john could be placed for their use. This request was approved by Council.

Henry Lantz of 1305 Collins Avenue stated he feels that the audio system is not sufficient for the audience to hear or that persons speaking do not talk into the microphone. Mr. Lantz also commented he feels speaking amongst the members of Council should be held until after the meeting because it is distracting and disrespectful or speak so that everyone can hear what is being said. Mr. Lantz thanked Council for their service. Mr. Khalil responded he has sat in the audience and feels the audio system works well, but the key is to speak into the microphone. Mr. Khalil stated that sometimes a sidebar is needed between the members of Council and the Borough Manager or the Solicitor or whomever to get some clarity or answer questions for each other with respect to the agenda items. Mr. Shimko stated conversations that occur between him and whomever may be chairing the meeting is generally along those lines or it may be a legal opinion that is for the Borough Council and not for the general public.

William Lucas of 5012 Dana Drive asked if there was any update on road paving in Jefferson Estates and if there will be a bridge built between Hunters Field Plan and Jefferson Estates. Mr. Lucas stated these questions had been asked in prior meetings and did not believe they had been answered recent update. Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Lucas if he had been to a homeowners' association meeting and Mr. Lucas replied he was out of town and missed the last one. Mr. Khalil relayed some discussions had occurred and the Borough has given some information to the attorney representing the homeowners' association and explained that the homeowners' association could probably best answer Mr. Lucas's question regarding the paving since they are now running point. Mr. Khalil commented some discussions were had with Pleasant Hills concerning the road connecting Hunters Field and Jefferson Estates and that is beginning to move forward.

Keith Reynolds of 1313 Collins Avenue asked if a vote has been taken to merge the three (3) fire halls. Mr. Khalil responded there has not, but explained that the vote Mr. Reynolds may be speaking of is the vote that Council took to see if the individual members supported the idea of consolidating the fire services. Mr. Reynolds began to question each member if they had voted on the merger of the three (3) fire companies. Mr. Khalil advised Council that they are not required

to answer Mr. Reynolds, but may engage if they wish. Mr. Reynolds commented he thought the task force would problem solve the scenario and decide if the merger was what was best for the community because Mr. Reynolds feels that the feasibility study that was done by Chief Sohyda was very biased.

MINUTES:

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of the reorganization meeting January 2, 2018 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of the agenda meeting January 3, 2018 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting January 8, 2018 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of January in the amount of \$258,753.69 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 5-2018 appointing Paul Calise as a member to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term ending December 31, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the West Jefferson Hills School District and the Borough of Jefferson Hills Police Department, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to accept the proposal from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$126,197.00 to purchase a Caterpillar 926M – 3V – Fusion Coupler Wheel Loader under the PA COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #4400011420, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept the proposal from Tri-State Motors in the amount of \$33,065.00 to purchase a 2018 Ford F-250 Crew Cab Pickup under the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Program, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to turn over unpaid 2017 Borough Real Estate Taxes to Delinquent Tax Collector, McGrail & Assoc., for collection and to exonerate Josephine Lipnicky, Real Estate Tax Collector, from collecting 2017 Borough Real Estate Taxes, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to issue a Street Opening Permit to Peoples Natural Gas Company for the purpose of mainline renewal for a distance of 579 feet on Loyal Drive and McKinley Drive subject to the approval of a maintenance agreement acceptable to the Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to prepare and submit the 2018 Municipal Intern Program application through Local Government Academy, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute the three-year (3) Business Services Agreement with Consolidated Communications, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of Base Bid #1 in the amount of \$30,810.00 and Base Bid #3 with Base Bid #3 contingent upon the contractor's willingness to accept a change order deleting one of the exterior doors in Base Bid #3 to Select Contracting, LLC for the SHACOG CDBG Year 43 ADA Wheelchair Lift and Doors Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Ms. Levander commented that Select Contracting, LLC is on board with the change order and indicated that approximately \$1,000.00 will be credited. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local No. 205 and authorize appropriate Borough officials to execute the Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from Roto-Rooter Services Company in the amount of \$4,776.05 for the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer Point Repair Project, Year 5 Contract, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final from Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,647.37 for the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning Contract, Year 7, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 and Final from Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$19,048.98 for the SHACOG Sanitary Sewer Lining Project, Year 11 Contract B, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 from Swede Construction Corporation in the amount of \$35,787.26 for work completed on the Beedle Park Baseball Field Improvements Phase 1B Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 30, 2018 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for the construction, inspection and administration for the West Elizabeth Sewershed ACT 537 Plan Project in the amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve the following budget control Work Authorizations from Gateway Engineers, Inc., lettered (a)-(f) dated January 10, 2018, lettered (g)-(i) dated January 24, 2018, lettered (j) dated January 30, 2018, and lettered (k) dated January 31, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously:

- a) Peters Creek Interceptor Engineering Group Meetings with South Park Township and Peters Creek Sanitary Authority in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- b) General engineering, consulting and negotiation support services related to the Wall Plan Agreement Development in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
- c) General engineering and consulting services related to the Clairton Sewershed in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- d) General engineering and consulting services related to the West Elizabeth Sewershed in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- e) General engineering and consulting services within the Borough in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- f) General engineering and consulting services related to all Sanitary Sewers within the Borough in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- g) 2018 Road Paving Program in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
- h) General Operations and Maintenance work in 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
- i) 2018 Manhole inspection assistance work in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00
- j) 2018 MS4 Permit work in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00
- k) 2018 Manhole Rehabilitation work in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Gregg Daily and Thomas Donohue to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2021, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to appoint David Graffam and Debra Wesolowski to the Library Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Work has been started on the major sewer issue at Lick Run. There are three (3) areas of concern. First, the heavy flow of water infiltrating the system. This was corrected today. The pipe will be encased with concrete. Second, we will proceed with the manhole repair and, third, locating the other break in the line.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mrs. Ielase reiterated from Wednesday the school district map is being redrawn for K-5. If you have a child starting kindergarten, registration should be in this month and you should check the realignment for which school they will be attending.

Mrs. Ielase indicated the library is looking for donations of house decorations, purses, costume jewelry and books. Please donate.

Mrs. Reynolds expressed she attended a meeting last week with the Recreation Board and she was told that the board feels Council did not pay attention to their comments for Beedle Park. Mr. Khalil responded Council does need to enhance communicate with the Recreation Board and everybody and will work on doing so.

Mr. Khalil stated the letter from the fire department Consolidation Task Force Chairman, Mr. Thatcher, to Council that was read by Chief Tomer at the meeting last week should be made part of the record for the meeting minutes. Mr. Khalil also asked to make as part of the record the person Mr. Thatcher is referring to who was making the recording at the private Task Force meeting was Mr. Calvin Felix. Once discovered that the private meeting was being recorded without the knowledge and consent of the remaining members, Mr. Felix was asked to stop the recording and Mr. Felix declined to do so.

Mr. Khalil stated he would like to remind the Task Force, as part of future meetings, to work towards the goals and objections outlined in the letter sent from Council.

Mr. Khalil stated he received a request that Council send a letter to the fire chiefs of Floreffe, 885 and Gill Hall volunteer fire companies for any active firefighters interested in applying for Borough Fire Chief or Assistant Chief and from those applicants Council may begin the interview process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Executive Session – Personnel, Labor, Real Estate, Legal, Privileged, Legally Confidential and/or Legal Investigatory Matters

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager/Secretary