

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
February 13, 2017

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Jason Kass, from Boy Scout Troup 1843, thanked President King, Mr. Lovell, and the entire Jefferson Hills Community for the help they provided with his Eagle Scout project.

MINUTES:

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of the agenda meeting January 4, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of regular meeting January 9, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Montgomery moved the payrolls for the month of January in the amount of \$268,036.64 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 861 accepting and dedicating the Maronda Homes, Mill School Plan Phase 1 roads Christine Lane and Lexie Way as public streets and sanitary sewers and authorizing the appropriate officials to execute any and all documents necessary to approve such acceptance and dedication, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to adopt Resolution No. 5-2017 authorizing the Borough Manager to submit an application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the traffic signal located at S.R. 0051 (Clairton Boulevard) at Old Clairton Road, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution No. 6-2017 authorizing the Borough Manager to submit an application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of

Transportation for the traffic signal located at S.R. 0051 (Clairton Boulevard) at Toll 0043 (Jefferson Boulevard), seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize Resolution No. 7-2017 authorizing the Borough Manager to submit an application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the traffic signal located at S.R. 0051 (Clairton Boulevard) at Peters Creek Road and Dick Corporation Drive, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to authorize Resolution No. 8-2017 authorizing the Borough Manager to submit an application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the traffic signal located at S.R. 0051 (Clairton Boulevard) at Coal Valley Road, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize Resolution No. 9-2017 granting a modification request to the Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section 22.609.2 and final approval to the Subdivision Plan known as S-13-2016, Hunters Field Plan No. 6A, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to ratify the street lighting agreement between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and West Penn Power to provide street lighting service, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery asked if Duquesne Light will do the same service. Mr. Bennett stated they will, but with a fee. Mr. Khalil stated West Penn Power is changing all the lights in the Borough to LED lights for free. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 1 and Final for State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$16,199.70 for the SHACOG O&M Preventive Maintenance – Year 6 Contract, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Khalil stated the Borough is saving \$4,000.00 from what was originally contracted. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final for RedZone Robotics, Inc. in the amount of \$15,353.65 for the SHACOG O&M CCTV – Year 6 Contract, subject to the receipt of an invoice from SHACOG, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Khalil stated this was \$28,000.00 below projected cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Application for Payment No. 2 to State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$32,984.48 for O&M Manhole repairs, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the Work Authorization for the 2017 Manhole Inspections assistance work dated February 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the Work Authorization for the 2017 Remote Sanitary Inspection work dated February 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to prepare and advertise an Ordinance for enactment to increase the Real Estate Tax Collector's Salary to \$15,000.00 effective January 1, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Khalil stated the Tax Collector's current salary is \$10,000.00 per year and it has not been increased in what he believes has been 16 years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to approve the Work Authorization for the 2017 Manhole Rehabilitation assistance work dated February 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to authorize the Borough officials to prepare and submit the 2017 Municipal Intern Program application through Local Government Academy, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Khalil stated Ms. Levander has two projects in mind. One is organizing the archives room and the second is Policies and Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize Borough officials to prepare and submit the 2017 Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Montgomery stated he learned of this Grant from Representative Rick Saccone. It would be a minimum of \$80,000.00 for a \$500,000.00 plus infrastructure or recreation project. Ideas which Council might consider would be such things as a park improvement like Beedle Park, or an infrastructure development project related to the CMA or WESA Act 537 Plans. Mr. Khalil asked Council which project they prefer to direct the Grant Project toward. Mr. Sockman stated he'd prefer to see the Grant money go to Beedle Park. There were no objections. Mr. Khalil thanked Mr. Montgomery for his work with Representative Rick Saccone in securing this Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to reject the bid in the amount of \$211,890.00 from Iron City Contracting for the Municipal Center Wall Refinishing Project and rebid the Project, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Mr. Sockman asked Ms. Levander when the deadline to rebid the project will be. Ms. Levander stated she can rebid the project as soon as possible. Mr. Khalil stated the first bid was rejected because the contractor never visited the site and didn't look at the specifications; this bid for \$211,890.00 is the same contractor and there were two other contractors who were attempting to, but ultimately did not submit their bids, so we only received one bid. We are now rejecting the bid and rebidding. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to authorize Borough officials to prepare and re-submit the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application for Phase 2 of the Beedle Park Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to extend the Agreement between the Borough of Jefferson Hills and Eugene W. Roach, Jr. effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve a Heavy Hauling Permit Agreement for EQM Gathering Opco., LLC H-125 Project, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to appoint Andrew Tomer as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Jefferson Hills subject to final approval by the Governor of Pennsylvania, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Khalil stated Mr. Tomer will be taking this role which was previously held by the Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to purchase a 1999 Freight Liner with a 2100 Series Vector with a 990 gallon water tank from Clairton Municipal Authority in the amount of \$30,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Mr. Sockman asked Mr. Lovell if he'd further discussed the deal with Clairton Municipal Authority (CMA) and was comfortable with it. Mr. Lovell stated they have tested everything on the truck and all is in working order and he strongly recommends this purchase. Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Bennett to clarify that this particular line item, or expenditure, was not in the 2017 budget. Mr. Bennett stated that is correct. Mr. Khalil asked if we had money budgeted for the O&M work which would have been done through SHACOG. Mr. Bennett stated yes however we are still contractually responsible for the money to SHACOG for 2017. Mr. Bennett stated he does agree with Mr. Lovell to make this purchase. Mr. Bennett stated the Borough pays SHACOG \$25,000.00 per year to rent their truck for 5 weeks, so the payback for this purchase will be a little over a year; but he also noted the Borough is locked in to using the SHACOG truck in 2017. Mr. Khalil discussed his thoughts in regard to renting the truck out to local municipalities. Mr. Khalil stated his only caveat would be that Matthew Cidboy be a part of any leasing and would accompany the truck. Mr. Montgomery agreed. Mr. Khalil stated we will need to keep an eye on the Public Works budget for the rest of 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Minsterman stated there is an update regarding the Coal Valley Project and where the Borough can tie into the Clairton Municipal Authority (CMA) sewer lines. CMA had given us a location several months to a year ago, and since beginning discussions it has changed the location of the tie in to its sewer lines because CMA is having overflow issues at the Pump Station. The alternate location is 1,600 feet away, further down State Route 837 and this will significantly increase the cost of the project due to adding another 1,600 feet of force main and the restoration of the State Highway as a result of doing that work. Gateway hasn't looked at alternate locations off of the State Highway, but if the work is done along the highway it will increase the cost by approximately \$500,000.00. Mr. Montgomery asked why they changed the tie in location. Mr. Minsterman stated that CMA determined that particular location cannot take any more flow, and they are already seeing substantial overflow at that location. Mr. Minsterman stated if Council is ok, Gateway will move ahead with the survey work and the design and

engineering work and layout where that line will go. Once that's done Gateway can come back with a more accurate cost estimate. Gateway can continue on with the existing budget right now. As we get closer toward the completion of the project, if the additional work starts to cause concern about going over budget Gateway will come back to Council about what the engineering work entailed and how it's impacting the budget. Mr. Minsterman stated there's still a chance all the work can be done within budget, but we won't know until we start the work. Mr. Khalil stated it's not impacting the work coming down Coal Valley Road or the Pump Station we are putting in, just the tie in. Mr. Minsterman stated that is correct.

Mr. Minsterman stated the original DEP meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 for the West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority (WESA) Project has been rejected. We are looking for some additional dates from Council. February 24, 27 or March 6, 2017 are all potential dates which were agreed upon.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Mr. Bennett stated the Borough received a check today for \$16,372.00 for the close out of the Beedle Park Project Grant. This is \$6,300.00 more than what the Borough originally expected because we went back and asked for 50% of the cost of installing the fence.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lovell welcomed all the Boy Scouts and congratulated Jason Kass on becoming a New Eagle Scout.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Cmar welcomed all the Boy Scouts and congratulated Jason Kass.

Mrs. Cmar thanked Ms. Levander for her help in applying for the Allegheny County League of Municipalities Banner Community Program.

Mrs. Cmar stated Clean-up Day will be on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 8:30-noon. Volunteers will meet at the Jefferson Hills Municipal Center.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Roach stated the new police officer Patrick Lucas started today. He has begun the Field Officer Training Program which takes about three months to complete. Afterwards Patrick will be ready for solo patrol.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery congratulated and thanked the Boy Scouts for their community service.

Mr. Montgomery stated the State no longer gives out stickers for registration on cars. SHACOG discussed there were readers that were to take the place of the stickers and would be in police vehicles. However, the readers for the Police Cars cost \$20,000.00 each and SHACOG cannot come up with that money to cover the cost per car. All the money the State set aside for the readers went to purchasing the readers for the State Police cars.

Mr. Montgomery congratulated Mayor Cmar for being elected as Secretary to the State Mayors Association.

Mr. Sockman congratulated the new Eagle Scout Jason Kass and thanked Chief Roach for his service.

Mrs. Ielase congratulated the new Eagle Scout Jason Kass and welcomed the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Ielase thanked Chief Roach and congratulated Mayor Cmar.

Mrs. Reynolds stated it is nice to be here tonight.

Mrs. Levander discussed the ALOM conference and asked if others were planning on attending.

Mrs. Ielase stated the Library's Book Sale is Friday-Sunday, April 28-30, 2017 and the Preview day is Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Sue Kass asked to approach Council. Mrs. Kass thanked Council and stated Boy Scout Troop 1843 is working on their Citizenship Badge and is here this evening as part of earning that badge by attending a local government meeting.

Mr. Khalil stated Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Hills Municipal Center the new Chief of Gill Hall Fire Company, Sean Kundrat, will be sworn in.

Mr. Khalil and Mr. Montgomery attended a tour of the Bethel Park Community Center. Mr. Khalil stated they don't have a firm grasp on their funding for the center at this time. Mr. Khalil stated he would like to create a task force within the school district, the community, and Council and see what the interest is in moving forward with a community center.

Mr. Khalil stated he spoke to Mr. Bennett regarding the 2017 budget. They will see some savings from CCTV work from hiring Matthew Cidboy and the skill set he brings to the Borough. When Council voted on the Vactor Truck this was all considered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager