

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
July 11, 2016

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 Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman, and Weber answered to roll call. Borough Manager Levander, Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Public Works Director Lovell, Finance Officer Bennett, Secretary Essey, and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Council Members Ielase and Reynolds were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Nicole Ruschetto thanked Council for their concerns about EQT. She also said her son has been going to the Summer Recreation Program and she is very pleased with the program.

Lisa Graves Marcucci gave a report thanking and complimenting Council for their decision to fight EQT.

MINUTES:

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of the agenda meeting June 8, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved the minutes of regular meeting June 13, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil. Mr. Weber then asked for two corrections on minutes as follows; Mr. Weber stated that when speaking about Resolution No. 22-2016 denying preliminary and final approval for a land development known as SP-1-2016 – TAO Real Estate Land Development he did not use the general term ‘no one’, but believes he was more specific and stated ‘no applicant or resident presented themselves last Wednesday at the agenda meeting’. Mr. Weber stated Mr. Khalil asked during General Business for an Executive Session to follow the meeting and that was not captured in the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of special meeting June 16, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the May bills be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the payrolls for the month of June in the amount of \$216,228.654 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to enact Ordinance No. 857 amending the Defined Benefit Pension Plan Joinder Agreement for the Borough of Jefferson Hills Police Pension Plan effective July 8, 2015, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve an updated Final Subdivision approval for the Thomas Jefferson High School Lot Consolidation Plan (S-6-2015) to allow for recording of the Plan beyond the original recording period, seconded by Mr. Weber. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved turn over unpaid 2015 Borough real estate taxes to Keystone Municipal Collections Group for collection and to exonerate Josephine Lipnicky, Real Estate Tax Collector, from collecting 2015 Borough real estate taxes, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to advise SHACOG of the Borough's concurrence to award a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$112,675.00 for the Joint Sanitary Sewer O&M Preventive Maintenance Project -Year 6, with the Borough's share being \$20,037.05, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve a one year contract extension – option year two for September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 with Service First Cleaning in the amount of \$35,540.00, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to table Work Authorization dated June 1, 2016 for Gateway Engineers to provide assistance in the preparation of GIS Cloud Migration for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 (tabled from 6/13/16 agenda meeting), seconded by Mr. Weber. After further discussion motion was tabled unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated June 22, 2016 not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the West Elizabeth Act 537 Plan, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated July 7, 2016 not to exceed \$23,000.00 for manhole rehabilitation, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated June 29, 2016 not to exceed the amount of \$5,000.00 for Beedle Park Phase 1B – Revised DCNR Scope Approval, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve the award of the contract to Lawson Excavating Inc. in the \$72,175.00 for the Walton Road Sanitary Relocate project, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve a proposal from Sport Court in the amount of \$30,600.00 to install new modular flooring over the existing court surface 84 X 90 feet, which includes installation of 4 new basketball backboards and layout for Pickleball Courts (COSTARS contract # 082114-CSC), seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber moved to authorize legal counsel for the Borough to file an appeal to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in EQT Production Company and ET Blue Grass Clearing, LLC v. Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Omer stated there will be an Engineer's Committee meeting this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Mr. Bennett stated there was movie night at 885.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Cmar stated she thanks and supports the police.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery thanked fellow Council members for Pickelball Court.

Mr. Sockman stated he has been making contacts with individuals regarding the Volunteer Fire Department Study and received a call from Rob Brady regarding status of report and explanation that all staff is part-time. Our Volunteer Fire Department Study is being pushed ahead by Nick Suhetta from Mt. Lebanon Fire Department who will be doing the work on the report. He should have the fire study on his desk in one weeks' time. Mr. Sockman requested a letter be sent to Representative Rick Saccone and Senator Guy Reschenthaler thanking them for their help with this matter.

Mr. Weber asked about the lights in the back parking lot behind the library. Mr. Lovell stated they are being monitored. Mr. Weber requested the Borough Manager send a letter of thanks to Robert Boyle for the years of service as the attorney for the Zoning Hearing Board as he is retiring.

Mr. Khalil stated Engineer's meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday is to review rate study. Mr. Khalil thanked Mr. Sockman for the work he did for the Volunteer Fire Department Study. Mr. Khalil stated West Elizabeth Solicitor has provided no dates to Solicitor Shimko.

Mr. King stated he spoke to Dave Parme, an appointed member of The Zoning Hearing Board, and they have not decided who they will appoint to Robert Boyle's position.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Linda M. Essey
Borough Secretary