

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
June 12, 2017

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, Mayor Cmar and Council Members Ielase, Montgomery, Sockman and Khalil answered to roll call. Borough Manager Levander, Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Finance Officer Bennett, and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Council Members King, Reynolds and Weber were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Larry Bucar, 733 Waterman Road - read a statement referring to environmental support of oil and gas drilling. Mr. Bucar stated he believes the Borough is senselessly spending millions of dollars fighting EQT and drilling.

William Lucas, 5012 Dana Drive - requested the potholes on Woodwind Drive in Jefferson Estates be repaired and the status of other road paving in Jefferson Estates.

Carol Bucar, Waterman Road - spoke regarding drilling in the Borough of Jefferson Hills. Ms. Bucar wanted to know if the Borough was going to appeal the recent EQT appeal decision. Mr. Khalil stated that the Borough would be appealing.

Mr. Khalil asked the members of the Recreation Board to come forward regarding Community Day. Brian Konick, Melissa Steffey and Holly Rubinoff were present. Melissa Steffey stated they have received nothing but positive comments about the Community Day festivities. Their only thought would be to possibly have the schedule condensed. Mr. Khalil thanked the Recreation Board for all their time and effort. Melissa Steffey thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their help.

MINUTES:

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of the agenda meeting May 3, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved the minutes of regular meeting May 8, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of May in the amount of \$226,648.30 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2017 approving the submission for the Active Allegheny Grant Program for Peters Creek Road Montour Trail Planning Study to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC), seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2017 granting preliminary approval to the Subdivision Plan known as PS-1-2017, Betler Plan of Lots, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper officials to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education and the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the proper officials to execute the Second Amendment to Articles of Agreement with Cargill, Inc. to extend the period for compliance of the minimum purchase requirement to December 31, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the sale of a used Code Enforcement Vehicle, a 2001 Chevy Impala, at the Perryopolis Auto Auction, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to recommend to SHACOG to award a bid to State Pipe Services, Inc. for Joint O&M Preventive Maintenance Project – Year 7 in the amount of \$92,023.00 with the Borough share being \$22,672.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated May 31, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to continue to work on the WESA Act 537 Plan in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve additional Work Authorization dated June 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. to complete the 2017 Remote Sanitary Inspection work in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated June 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for Construction Administration and Inspection services for Beedle Park Phase 1B in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve additional Work Authorization dated June 1, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for Construction Administration and Inspection services for the CDBG Year 42 Demolition Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated May 30, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for preparation of the Pollution Reduction Plan in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Mr. Khalil noted that the initial submission was at \$30,000.00 and thanked Ms. Omer for the price reduction. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to reject the bid in the amount of \$299,325.00 from Meadville Land Services, Inc. for the Peters Creek Stream Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Mr. Shimko noted that the reason for the motion to reject was that the bids came in at approximately \$100,000.00 over estimated budget. Mr. Khalil stated that the approximate cost for rebid would be \$2,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to re-bid the Peters Creek Stream Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to award the Jefferson Estates Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$139,286.00, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Application for Payment No. 3 and Final to State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$12,129.52 for the 2016 Manhole Rehab Program, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Ms. Omer asked that it be subject to the Solicitor approving the Maintenance Bond. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to advertise for bids for Janitorial Services, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Omer stated they have been contacted by the contractor to start the Road Program and wanted to assure Council that they will get the project started and will provide a revised Work Authorization next month if needed.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Nothing to report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Thanked the staff and Chief for helping with Community Day.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Reported next month there will be an Ordinance on the Agenda to go through the Local Government Unit Debt Act proceedings for the Borough's PENNVEST financing.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Levander stated John Opfar reviewed the Duquesne Light application and found the best street light bulb replacements would be in the Beverly Hills Plan where there are eleven consecutive lights. Consequently, we will be applying for eleven street light bulbs to be replaced.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery spoke to Representative Rick Saccone and he indicated there is positive outlook for obtaining the DCNR Grant for Beedle Park 1B.

Mr. Montgomery would like to nominate Mayor Cmar for Mayor of the Year through the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association. The deadline for the application is June 30, 2017. Mr. Montgomery volunteered to handle this.

Mr. Montgomery would like to present the idea of forming a joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals ("UCC Board") to SHACOG. Because the Borough has only had to use the UCC Board on one occasion, he feels that a SHAGOG-wide joint UCC Board would be more feasible. Mr. Montgomery will present this to the Board of Directors of SHACOG.

Mr. Montgomery also thanked the Recreation Board for their work on Community Day.

Mrs. Ielase stated to Chief Roach that she has been approached about speeding on Worthington Avenue. Chief Roach said the Police will provide some presence there.

Mr. Khalil stated he was approached by Andrew Tomer about reactivating the EMS channel that we have available at the Borough. Chief Roach has some questions that will need to be addressed.

Mr. Khalil stated he received an email from Chief Chalfant of Jefferson Fire Rescue indicating the study for the fire services has been completed. A meeting is scheduled on June 27 at 7:00 p.m. with Chief Sohyda, Chief Chalfant, a Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief from the other departments, Mayor, Manager, Solicitor, Mr. King and himself. The potential tax credits for active volunteer fire fighters and ambulance personnel will also be discussed at that time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager