

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
September 11, 2017

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

Bob Gulla of 1301 Collins Avenue invited everyone in attendance to observe a moment of silence for the victims of the 9-11 tragedy. Mr. Gulla also stated his concerns about the possible fire hall closings and the effect these closings will have on the community.

George Pholar of 309 Joan of Arc Court stated there is rainwater flowing from Gill Hall Road through properties on Joan of Arc Court causing damage. Mr. Pholar has dug a swale that helps somewhat for a few years, but it gets filled in through the continuing rainfall and the problem persists and is causing cracks in foundations, landslides, trees falling, etc. Mr. Pholar stated there is a catch basin, but the water is not going into that basin. President King stated that Council will review this matter and Ms. Levander will get back to Mr. Pholar.

MINUTES:

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of the agenda meeting August 9, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of regular meeting August 14, 2017 be approved, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

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

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Sockman moved the payrolls for the month of August in the amount of \$220,779.50 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-2017 authorizing the Borough to enter into a Licensing Agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company to occupy a Railway Right-of-Way or Property, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-2017 granting a modification request to the Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Section §9-120.1 and Preliminary and Final approval to the Land Development Plan known as SP-1-2017, Jefferson Hills Dollar General Store, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to ratify the acceptance of a proposal from Joyce Insurance Group for property/casualty insurance coverage (9/6/17 – 9/6/18) and workers' compensation insurance coverage (8/31/17 – 8/31/18) in the amount of \$277,141.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to issue Street Opening Permits to UC Synergetic for the purpose of Verizon growth and facilities upgrades for a distance of 20,343 feet on Timber Lane, Hidden Oak Drive, Acorn Lane, Shag Bark Court, Southwood Drive, Andrew Drive, Aber Drive, Shellbark Street, Towne Hall Entrance, Majestic Drive, Stevens Ridge Drive, Wanda Lane, Council Place, Providence Drive, McKinley Drive, Cherrywood Drive, Ridgewood Drive, and Willem Drive subject to the approval of a maintenance agreement acceptable to the Solicitor, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve a proposal from Sportscape, Option 1 in the amount of \$8,700.00 to install 1 coat black textured acrylic basecoat and 1 coat black textured acrylic top coat on 2 basketball courts, layout and paint 2" white playing lines, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve additional Work Authorization dated August 30, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for additional construction administration and closeout of the 2017 Paving Program in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sockman moved to approve Work Authorization dated August 18, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for surveying, designing and permitting of the Lewis Run Stream Stabilization Project in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve Work Authorization dated August 30, 2017 from Gateway Engineers, Inc. for bid document development and construction administration for the Waterman Road West Guiderail Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Omer stated the annual project meeting is scheduled for October 9 at 5:00 p.m. in the Borough Building and the Clairton Municipal Authority meeting is on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. also at the Borough Building.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Mr. Bennett stated that a tentative 2018 budget meeting with Council has been scheduled for September 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mrs. Cmar stated at the meeting of the Executive Board of the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association it was discussed that the state may be making cuts to funding for recycling and money the Borough gets for tearing down old houses. Ms. Cmar would like Ms. Levander to look into this and contact the legislators and senators to help keep these cuts from happening.

Mrs. Cmar stated she believes it was very nice and appropriate for Mr. Gulla to recognize 9-11.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery stated he would like to thank Mr. Gulla for his recognition of 9-11. It has been sixteen (16) years, but it will forever resonate in our country.

Mr. Khalil asked Ms. Omer if all four (4) grant applications that were discussed last week will be submitted for consideration. Ms. Omer stated that Lou Gorski of SHACOG has been reviewing the applications and will let us know if we need to make any changes before submission to the state and Ms. Omer will pass the information on to Ms. Levander.

Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Bennett if the substantial increase in income regarding the sewer fund was due to a timing issue or to the increase in rate structure. Mr. Bennett replied it is a combination of increased usage for summer months and the rate increase.

Mr. Khalil stated advertising for the in-house engineer position should be started again. Council agreed that this should be pursued.

Mr. Khalil stated that he received a text from Brian Konick of the Recreation Board requesting a joint meeting between the Borough of Jefferson Hills, the School District and the Borough of Pleasant Hills to discuss the Recreation Center on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Building.

President King asked that we all keep the victims, their families and the emergency responders of 9-11 in our thoughts and prayers.

President King asked that we also keep Mr. Shimko and his family in our thoughts and prayers due to the passing away of his father yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Sockman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Tricia Levander
Borough Manager