

Borough of Jefferson Hills

Regular Meeting of Council

December 8, 2014

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

A) Karen Devine - 708 Old Clairton Road - voiced concern over vehicles, including her own, being stolen in the area.

MINUTES:

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of agenda meeting November 5, 2014 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of regular meeting November 10, 2014 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mrs. Barclay moved the November bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$593,424.65, Sewer Revenue \$221,501.87, Highway Aid \$51,341.12, Ambulance Tax \$6.86, Fire Tax \$30.88 and Escrow \$3,698.00, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the payrolls for the month of November in the amount of \$282,528.95 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Weber read Resolution No. 50-2014, "APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND BY THE 2013 CONSTRUCTION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,881.50." Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 50-2014, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber read Resolution No. 51-2014, "ADOPTING THE BOROUGH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015 IN FINAL FORM." Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-2014, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried on a 5-1-0 roll call vote. Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds and Weber voted yes. Council Member Barclay voted no.

Mr. Weber read Resolution No. 52-2014, "AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT CARDS UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 52-2014, seconded by Mrs. Barclay and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber read Resolution No. 53-2014, "APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2014." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 53-2014, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber read Ordinance No. 846, "TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY FOR 1) THE BOROUGH TO COLLECT HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE COSTS, AND 2) VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES TO COLLECT APPLICATION RESPONSE COSTS." Mrs. Ielase moved to enact Ordinance No. 846, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber read Ordinance No. 847, "ESTABLISHING THE BASE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2015 AT 5.66 MILLS (GENERAL 5.226 MILLS; FIRE 0.355 MILLS; AND AMBULANCE 0.079 MILLS). Mr. Khalil moved to enact Ordinance No. 847, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber read Ordinance No. 848, "AUTHORIZING A DECLARATION OF TAKING IN ORDER TO CONDEMN AN INTEREST IN FEE SIMPLE IN THE LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HARRY HANK (BLOCK AND LOT NOS. 1134-S-335 AND 1134-S-250) AND NOW OR FORMERLY OF WATKINS C. MCFADDEN (BLOCK AND LOT NO. 1134-S-337) FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A SANITARY SEWER EQUALIZATION TANK AND RELATED STRUCTURES." Mr. Khalil moved to enact Ordinance No. 848, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weber read Resolution No. 54-2014, "AMENDING AND ADDING CERTAIN FEES FOR THE YEAR 2015." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 54-2014, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Osiris Enterprises in the amount of \$68,647.50 for the Peters Creek Manhole Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,200.00 to correct field soft soil areas for the Beedle Park Phase 1 Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Plavchak Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$143,569.00 for the Beedle Park Phase 1 Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried on a 5-1-0 roll call vote. Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Reynolds and Weber voted yes. Council Member Barclay voted no.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Payment Application No. 3 to SHACOG upon receipt of invoice from Sewer Specialty Service Company in the amount of \$23,250.32 for Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning Project-Year 4 Project, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 7 to A-1 Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$32,881.50 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Projects, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Change Order No. 2 submitted by Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,640.00 for installation of additional stone at three (3) corners of the bridge for the McElheny Bridge Restoration Project with the Borough share being \$1,820.00, subject to approval of Change Order by South Park Township, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Khalil and Mr. Montgomery voiced displeasure that Change Order No. 2 was done before approval was given. In response to Mr. Khalil's

question, Solicitor Shimko explained Council would be paying only for work already done if they pay for Change Order No. 2 and Application No. 1 in agenda item 24 to follow. If the Borough chooses to deny payment of Change Orders No. 3 and 4 next on the agenda, the Borough could investigate the ability to go out for another bid to finish the project. Mr. Weber reminded everyone that agenda items 21, 22 and 23 are also subject to approval by South Park Township. Motion failed 0-6-0.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Change Order No. 3 submitted by Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$7,838.00 for replacement of buried concrete blocks with additional material at one (1) corner of the bridge for the McElheny Bridge Restoration Project with the Borough share being \$3,919.00, subject to approval of Change Order by South Park Township, seconded by Mrs. Ielase. Mr. Weber asked for clarification that this work has not been done, and Mr. Lovell indicated it has not. Motion failed 0-6-0.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Change Order No. 4 submitted by Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$26,689.75 to install 10M bridge barrier and associated approach guiderail for the McElheny Bridge Restoration Project with the Borough share being \$13,344.88, subject to approval of Change Order by South Park Township, seconded by Mrs. Ielase, and failed 0-6-0. Mr. Arndt was instructed to contact South Park Township and let them know of Council's decisions tonight.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 1 to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$109,985.40 for the McElheny Bridge Restoration Project with the Borough share being \$54,992.70, subject to approval of payment application by South Park Township, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Barclay moved to approve Change Order No. 16 - Deduct submitted by General Industries in the amount of \$370.00 to account for 22 lineal feet of chain link fence not installed for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Barclay moved to approve Change Order No. 16 - Deduct submitted by General Industries in the amount of \$937.44 for changes in electrical breakers and light fixtures for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Change Order No. ED-2 - Deduct submitted by A-1 Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$938.44 for changes in electrical breakers and light fixtures for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility Projects, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to accept a proposal from CWM Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$13,000.00 for Lick Run Sewer Pump Station weekly operations and maintenance services in the year

2015, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery would like Mr. Lovell to look into what is required to get a Borough employee certified to do the work. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to accept a proposal from Applied Geology and Environmental Science, Inc. in the amount of \$5,505.00 for Phase II investigation of three (3) properties under consideration for construction of an equalization tank and related structures and to authorize the proper Borough officials to execute any documents related thereto subject to the Borough Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Solicitor Shimko advised he, Mr. Sebastian, and the contractor are working on an agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept a proposal from GeoMechanics, Inc. in the amount of \$18,800.00 for engineering services related to the Bedell Road Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve agenda and regular meeting dates for the year 2015, seconded by Mrs. Barclay and carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- There is an Engineering Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th at 6:00.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Proclamations will be presented to EMS, Fire Department and Police personnel at next month's regular meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Khalil asked if the Borough has received anything from Jefferson Fire Rescue regarding their budgets for the past couple of years, and was told no. If nothing is received by the end of the month, he wants himself or Mrs. Ielase notified, so they can reach out and ask them for it.

Mr. Khalil asked why the other municipalities involved with the Peters Creek Interceptor are not contributing anything towards engineering costs. Ms. Omer agreed to review the matter.

Mr. Weber adjourned the meeting with an executive session to follow concerning legal and personnel matters at 7:50 p.m. on motion by Mr. Khalil, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Douglas C. Arndt
Borough Manager/Secretary