

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
February 11, 2013

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

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS:

None.

PRESENTATION BY FLOREFFE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY LADIES AUXILIARY:

Tara Welsh, member of the Ladies Auxiliary, read the following statement before Council:

“I am here this evening as a member and representative of the Floreffe Ladies Auxiliary. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Jefferson Hills Police Department for their generous donation of toys given to us to give to a much needed family that was brought to our attention in this, our own community.

We know the Mayor has a toy drive every year for families in need, but when this family’s plight came to our attention, it was too late to participate. However, we did reach out to Chief Roach and the police department came to our rescue.

Every year our organization tries to do a special deed for those less fortunate than we. Some of our projects, in the past, have been: lap robes to the patients at Kane-McKeesport, stockings filled with personal items for the people at Angora Gardens-White Oak run by Mon Yough Mental Health.

We even had a dinner, with all proceeds going to a much needed family, in our area, whose father was going through a very long serious illness. We adopted this family as our project this year.

With donations from our own ladies, we were able to buy each of the four children in the family a bundle of warm clothing which included jackets, scarfs, boots, gloves and sweat suits. We were even able to supply this family with a huge grocery order.”

Mr. King thanked her for her comments and thanked all the Auxiliary members for coming to tonight’s meeting. He advised they touched the hearts of some people less fortunate than all of us.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the January bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$211,875.23, Sewer Revenue Acct. \$27,834.88, Highway Aid \$35,922.90, 2005 GOB Project Fund \$86,961.15,

Escrow Acct. \$3,967.97, Ambulance Tax \$3.92 and Fire Tax \$17.64 seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of January in the amount of \$199,305.42 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. King read Resolution No. 2-2013, "APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND BY THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES OF 2005 PROJECT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,322.66." Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-2013, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 3-2013, "RELATIVE TO THE PROCUREMENT OF BOROUGH PENSION PLAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACT 44 OF 2009." Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2013, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt a policy concerning potential conflicts of interest related to the Borough pension system based on the requirements of Act 44 of 2009, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 4-2013, "RELATIVE TO THE BOROUGH ESTABLISHING A MONEY PURCHASE PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES." Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 4-2013, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 5-2013, "APPOINTING BEVERLY MCCONEGHY AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016." Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Resolution No. 5-2013, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to authorize the appropriate Borough officials to execute the Surface Use License Agreement, Prepaid Release Agreement, Addendum to Damage Release and Order of Payment regarding the EQT LPE Uprate H-129 Project and take any other actions required to fulfill Borough obligations related to the same, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved to approve Change Order Request No. 1 submitted by East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,549.00 for additional work related to the Jefferson Hills Municipal Center HVAC Improvements project, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Change Order Request No. 2 submitted by East West Manufacturing & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of \$2,749.00 for additional work related to the Jefferson Hills Municipal Center HVAC Improvements projects, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to authorize the purchase of two (2) In-Car Digital Video Systems from Watch Guard in the amount of \$10,540.00, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved to authorize the purchase of gym equipment for the Police Department from the Fitness Doctor in the amount of \$9,865.00 to be paid out of the Borough Forfeiture Fund, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept the proposal of Rally Specialist, Inc. in the amount of \$10,705.32 to purchase and install upfitting equipment for two (2) new police vehicles, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved authorize the proper officers to execute an agreement with the South Hills Area Council of Governments for the Joint O & M Preventive Maintenance Project - Year 2, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the scope of work for the 2013 Pavement Maintenance Program per Gateway Engineers February 2013 Engineer's Report, Item No. 8 dated January 31, 2013 and to advertise project for bid, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 25, 2013 in the lump sum amount of \$35,000.00 for Gateway Engineers to perform services for 2013 Pavement Maintenance Program, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for Gateway Engineers site plan revision services for Public Works Facility Project, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Work Authorization dated January 31, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00 for Gateway Engineers to perform permitting services for the Walton Road Sanitary Sewer Upsizing Project, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved to approve additional appropriations from the Sewer Revenue Fund in the amount of \$593,934.00 for the Borough's share of Clairton Municipal Authority bond payments beginning March 2013, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Cliff Werner a member to the Educational Service Agency for a term ending December 31, 2015, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to appoint Tom Saracco a representative to the West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

PLANNER/ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Omer reported that Mr. McCreery researched the amount we are to be reimbursed by Ashland Oil in regards to the VOC odors.

Mr. Omer wanted to make sure Council still agrees to allow the three meters that Ashland wishes to install on our sanitary sewer. If Council desires, she will work with the Solicitor to get an Agreement in place, so that we get reimbursed for the cost of all the work. The Agreement will state that they pay up front approximately \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 per meter. After the Agreement is signed, we will install the meters. Council agreed to allow her to work with the Solicitor on the Agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lovell reported he met with Tom Morris of State Pipe Services, Inc., and Mr. Morris assured him the burst pipe on the Walton Road project is doable. He thanked Mr. Montgomery for his diligence in pursuing the pipe-bursting possibility for this project.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Green thanked the Floreffe Ladies Auxiliary for showing up tonight, and said they always do a wonderful job.

Mayor Green thanked Council for beginning to move ahead with intentions to hire a couple of new police officers.

Mayor Green wished to recognize Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Company after receiving a letter from a resident where the VFC went out of their way to help this resident.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. McCreery reported he sent a letter to Keystone Municipal Collections regarding the request for tax exoneration from Richard Bendel. As soon as the costs are received, he will get in touch with Mr. Bendel. When we receive payment, we will remove all taxes and fees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Khalil received an email from Doug Pascoe, Chief of Jefferson Hills EMS, stating they are looking at potentially building a new garage on Century Drive. He asked for our assistance as he

needs an engineer to provide cost estimates of certified numbers for the project. Mr. Khalil asked Ms. Omer if she could assist Mr. Pascoe in this project. Mr. Pascoe is also looking for a letter of support from the Borough to endorse this project. Finally, Mr. Pascoe asked if we could approach SHACOG through the Borough, to see if they would be willing to administer the CITF grant for the garage. Mr. King asked if we should wait until their plans are submitted before we send a letter endorsing the project. Mr. Cohen advised we could send a letter endorsing a new building before we see the plans. Mr. Cohen advised he would be glad to sit down with them and go over the engineering and site plan details, zoning and access issues to make sure the project is feasible from a site and zoning standpoint. Mr. Khalil asked if we can help with the grant writing, and Mr. McCreery replied we can contact SHACOG and see how this is handled in other facets of municipal government.

Mrs. Ielase thanked Chief Roach for upgrading our computers, cameras and technology.

Mrs. Cmar thanked the Florefffe Ladies Auxiliary.

Mr. Montgomery thanked Pennsylvania American Water for making a \$1,000.00 Fire Protection Grant available to the fire companies.

Mr. King told Mr. McCreery to make sure we get notifications out to the newly-appointed members to the Boards appointed tonight.

Mr. King announced that Council will have a Special Meeting this Friday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers for personnel matters.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. on motion by Mr. Khalil, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

J. Andrew McCreery
Assistant Secretary