

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
March 14, 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, Council Members Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, Sockman and King answered to roll call. Mayor Cmar, Borough Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Public Works Director Lovell, Finance Officer Bennett, Secretary Essey, and Consulting Engineer Rick Minsterman were also present. Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Weber were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

None

REPORTS:

None

MINUTES:

Mr. Sockman moved the minutes of the agenda meeting February 3, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Kahlil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the record of public hearing February 8, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved the minutes of regular meeting February 8, 2016 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mr. Khalil moved the February bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$446,088.58 and Sewer Revenue \$167,496.28, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the payrolls for the month of February in the amount of \$283,207.27 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

- AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2016 FIXING THE SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND WAGES FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2016,

seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Ordinance No. 854 “AMENDING THE BOROUGH ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP TO CHANGE THE BASE ZONING DISTRICT OF SIX PROPERTIES FROM THE I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO THE I-1 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT”. Mr. Montgomery moved to adopt Ordinance No. 854, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Ordinance No. 855 “AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NON-ELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO CURRENTLY REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS FROM THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2011”. Mr. Khalil moved to adopt Ordinance No. 855, seconded by Mr. Sockman. Zach Willard, of PFM, the Borough’s Municipal Advisor explained interests rates have gone up. The point is to get all the leg work out of the way and pass the ordinance tonight so that when the rate drops again the Borough will be ready to move. Mr. Willard explained the difference between the rate structures. Mr. Khalil asked Mr. Bennett what his professional suggestion is and he said Option 1 would be the best option. Mr. Khalil summed up that the savings would go into the general fund and with Mr. Bennett’s recommendation Council chooses to go with option 1.

Mr. Khalil moved to ratify execution and submission of PENNVEST funding offer acceptance and approval, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to award the 2016 Paving Program Contract to El Grande Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$432,359.05, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to recommend to SHACOG the award of a bid to RedZone Robotics, Inc. for Joint Municipal O&M CCTV Inspections and Cleaning Project-Year 6 in the amount of \$199,650.00 with the Borough share being \$87,311.25 seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to ratify the engagement of RBC Capital markets, LLC as underwriter relating to the Series 2016 General Obligation Bonds (refunding series 2011) seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to authorize the proper Borough officials to submit a Letter of Intent to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development regarding the completion of a volunteer fire company study, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried unanimously.

Mr. Montgomery moved to approve the request by West Jefferson Hills Historical Society for Borough funding in the amount up to \$1,300.00 for the Fall Festival, seconded by Mrs. Ielase and carried out unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated March 3, 2016 not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the 2016 O&M Preventative Maintenance, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated March 10, 2016 not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the 2016 Manhole Inspections assistance work, seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve a Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers dated March 3, 2016 not to exceed the amount of \$4,000.00 for the 2016 Seal Coat Program, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER:

Nothing to report

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

Mr. King asked if there was any progress on Gateway coming out to work with Mr. Lovell on the software issue. Mr. Minsterman said it would be completed on Wednesday.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lovell reported that he did get an estimate on the fencing at Beedle Park. The quote was approximately \$14,000 – \$16,000 for 700 feet being 4' in height and including two gate systems. Mr. Lovell is gathering other quotes also. Mr. Minsterman is checking to see if this could be included in one of the current DCNR grants for Beedle Park.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery reported that we will need a specification report from the architect or engineer for the ADA Grant. We can go as high as an 80/20 grant, we can ask for 100% but most grants received have been the 80/20 grants. Mr. Minsterman asked if it has to be a certain amount and Mr. Montgomery said it must be at least \$8,000.00.

Mr. Sockman suggests that we do some sort of testing for the Clerk position search. Mr. King agreed the testing might be a good idea and asked Mr. Bennett if he would know who we could reach out to. Mr. Bennett will look into it. Mr. King stated the Clerk Committee would be getting some interviews done soon.

Mr. Khalil reached out to Lou Miller from the West Elizabeth Council and Mr. Miller said he would speak with the West Elizabeth Council on March 15 at its Council meeting regarding a WESA Act 537 Projects meeting between the two Councils. Mr. Khalil suggested March 28, 29, 30 or 31 for possible meeting dates. Mr. Khalil will get back with Mr. Miller and get a date pinned down.

Mr. Khalil thanked Council for their Letter of Intent to get the fire departments up and running more efficiently.

Mr. Khalil will get a priority list together from Mr. Reynolds and the Recreation Board for Beedle Park. He will forward that list to all of Council via email. Mr. Khalil asked about the acceleration of the Beedle Park study we were having done. Mr. Minsterman spoke with the contractor and they cannot put a rush on the study because the weather has been too cold to see any results.

Mr. Khalil will have the inspector resumes at the Municipal Center tomorrow so we can get that process moving along.

Mr. King recognized and thanked Nobel Dresser, local Boy Scout from Troop 1843, for attending tonight's meeting as part of his requirement for Eagle Scout.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Khalil moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sockman and carried out unanimously.

Linda M. Essey
Borough Secretary