

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
March 5, 2014

The agenda 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, Council Members Barclay, Ielase, Khalil, Montgomery, and Weber answered to roll call. Manager Arndt, Finance Officer/Treasurer Boucher, Solicitor Shimko, Chief Roach, Planner/Zoning Officer Cohen, Public Works Director Lovell, Engineer Sebastian and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Council Member Reynolds, Council President King and Mayor Cmar were absent.

The following tentative agenda for the regular meeting of March 10, 2014 was reviewed and discussed.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens/Taxpayer Comments

None.

4. Report from Borough Boards or Commissions
 - 1) David Graffam - Library Board - announced April 3rd is the used book sale.
 - 2) Melissa Steffey - Recreation Board - gave the following updates:
 - There is now a full board membership.
 - A carnival for Community Day is being discussed.
 - April 12th will be pictures with the Easter Bunny.
5. Engineering Reports

Mr. Sebastian reported the following:

- Grading permitting process is now done inhouse.
- A resident complaint to DEP was brought to his and Mr. Lovell's attention, and it was resolved.
- The bid documents for the Road Improvement Program are almost finished.
- The PEMA HMGP Program application, which will reimburse the Borough for some of the July 10, 2013 storm damage, is due by March 31st and he expects it to be submitted on time.

- The bid opening for the McElheny Bridge was this week.

Ms. Omer advised a letter went out on the WESA VOC issues addressing our concerns.

Joe Fagan, of Gateway Engineers, gave an update on the Public Works Complex, and reported the new completion date is September 17, 2014 due to the weather. Mr. Khalil advised he thought the oversight of the project was being done internally now with the new Borough Engineer. Ms. Omer advised this may be the last time Gateway Engineers updates Council on the project as they are being phased out.

Mr. Fagan gave an update on the Bedell Road slide from the July 10, 2013 storm. Mr. Lovell advised FEMA has foreseen the rejection of the bids for the slide. The initial bid was for \$300,000.00 and they think that is high. They want Mr. Lovell to reach out to Gateway Engineers for ideas for a less costly repair, and have him get a second bid on the repairs. Council authorized Mr. Lovell and the engineers to contact GeoMechanics for a second estimate for a geo-technical study, to compare with the estimate given by Gateway Engineers.

Mr. Weber moved agenda item #20 to discuss while Ms. Steffey was still in the audience.

20. Discuss potential changes to Phase 1A of the Beedle Park Project

Mr. Tom Swisher, of Gateway Engineers, gave an overview on the changes requested by the Recreation Board including adding a football field to Beedle Park. In the absence of two Council Members, Mr. Weber suggested Council think about the discussion given this evening, and finish the discussion at Monday's meeting.

6. Motion to approve minutes of agenda meeting January 8, 2014
7. Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting January 13, 2014
8. Motion to approve minutes of special meeting January 29, 2014
9. Motion to approve the monthly bills
10. Motion to approve the monthly payrolls
11. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-2014 approving reimbursement of the General Fund by the General Obligation Bond Series of 2011 Project Fund in the amount of \$439,732.86
12. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-2014 appointing Matthew Sebastian as designated agent for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation and Financial Assistance Application
13. Motion to approve Payment Application No. 7 to General Industries in the amount of \$101,983.41 for the Public Works Complex and Salt Storage Facility
14. Motion to authorize the proper officers to advertise for bids for the 2014 Road Improvement Program
15. Discuss the leasing of a John Deere JD6105M 2-wheel drive Tractor equipped with a new Tiger 22' Bengal Boom Flair Mower and a 50" Tiger Boom Rotary Mower head

16. Discuss approval of a four-year bond for the Tax Collector with Ohio Casualty in the amount of \$16,521.00 Mr. Weber requested this be added for approval on Monday's agenda for consideration.

17. Discuss authorizing Kratzenburg and Lazzaro to file real estate tax lien revivals for the year 1994 at \$30.00 each

Solicitor Shimko advised the motion on Monday's agenda should read for properties over \$100.00 as identified by Borough Officials.18. Discuss the bid opening by the Township of South Park for the McElheny Bridge Project

Mr. Lovell reported the low bidder was received from Lone Pine Construction at \$153,108.00. It was recommended by Benchmark Engineering, the engineers on the project, that Lone Pine be awarded the bid. The Borough is responsible for half the costs of the bridge project.

19. Discuss the spring water tank installation at the Public Works Complex site

There are many potential uses for this water, including large water uses such as the vector truck and washing Borough vehicles. The cost of the tank will be \$8,529.00, with an additional cost from the electrician of \$600.00 to install an electric system to power the tank pump. This would also save the Borough on sewage charges. This item is to be added to Monday's agenda for consideration.

20. Discuss potential changes to Phase 1A of the Beedle Park Project

21. Discuss submission of a DCNR grant application for Phase 2 of the Beedle Park Project

Mr. Cohen advised April 16th is the next submission deadline. Given the changes discussed on the initial phase and the cost implications, he recommended considering holding on to this phase until next month. The consensus of Council is to wait on submitting the grant application.

22. Discuss Work Authorization dated February 27, 2014 for Gateway Engineers for the stream assessment, engineering design and Chapter 105 Joint Permit submission for Peters Creek Phase V stream improvements for the amount not to exceed \$55,000.00

23. Reports

Chief Roach:

- Two officers are completing their probationary period.
- New officer, Michael Halterlein started on Monday.
- Officer Chris Gawlas has gotten his certification back and is now on

patrol.

Mr. Cohen:

- He and Solicitor Shimko met and revised the gas drilling ordinance. Council will need to hold a public hearing. Mr. Weber requested the public hearing be authorized on Monday's agenda, and for Mr. Cohen to submit a copy of the revised ordinance for Council's Friday packets.

- He requested direction from Council on how to proceed with the Property Maintenance Code in terms of whether to proceed with the ordinance recommended by the Planning Commission or with the model International Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Weber requested the preparation and advertising of the Property Maintenance Code be added to Monday's agenda for consideration.

- Mark Reis, Building Inspector, passed his certification test for commercial energy.

Mr. Lovell:

- McLean Architects designed a logo for on the front of the Public Works Complex.

- Bills for Vrabel Plumbing and A-1 Electric need to be added to Monday's agenda for payment approval.

- Steel will start to be laid for the Public Works Complex the week of March 17th. The contractors are doing what they can to try to move the completion date back to the original date in August.

Mr. Boucher:

- A request for the fee to be waived for use of the Gill Hall Community Center by the West Jefferson Hills Wildcats to hold an alumni party was denied.

- The auditors for the 2013 financial audit are coming to the Borough in late March.

- A resident would like to sell the Borough a piece of property next to Andrew Reilly Park, and Mr. Boucher would like someone to look at it and see if it would benefit the Borough.

24. General Business

Mr. Montgomery gave the cost on a new Cochran Mill Road Bridge to Dan Alwine of Senator Matt Smith's office, and was told the bridge was removed from the ten-year plan in 2005. Mr. Alwine will try to get a cost estimate to replace the bridge.

Mrs. Ielase announced the Easter Party for the community by the Recreation Board will be held on April 12th from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

In response to Mr. Khalil's inquiry of the update on the Most Livable Community signs, Mr. Lovell replied he left a voicemail with the sign company.

Mr. Weber thanked Mr. Boucher for his thoughts on a new logo and new letterhead and encouraged him to bring a final draft to Council.

Mr. Weber adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m. with an executive session to follow concerning legal and personnel matters on motion by Mrs. Ielase, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Douglas Arndt
Borough Manager/Secretary