

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
May 11, 2015

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, Reynolds, Weber and King answered to roll call. Solicitor Shimko, Police Chief Roach, Public Works Director Lovell and Consulting Engineer Omer were also present. Council Member Barclay and Borough Manager Arndt were absent.

CITIZENS/TAXPAYERS COMMENTS:

None.

MINUTES:

Mr. Weber moved the minutes of agenda meeting April 8, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved the minutes of regular meeting April 13, 2015 be approved, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS:

Mrs. Ielase moved the April bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$295,294.58, Sewer Revenue \$491,729.96, Highway Aid \$8,161.88, Ambulance Tax \$23.48, Fire Tax \$105.50, Forfeiture \$5,793.00 and Escrow \$5,703.54, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

MONTHLY PAYROLLS:

Mr. Montgomery moved the payrolls for the month of April in the amount of \$189,363.17 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. King read Resolution No. 8-2015, "APPOINTING GROGAN GRAFFAM, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LEGAL OPINIONS NECESSARY TO INVESTIGATE, PURSUE AND COMPLETE FINANCING RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS RELATED TO ACT 537 PLANS." Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 8-2015, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 9-2015, "FIXING THE SALARIES, COMPENSATION AND WAGES FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2015." Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 9-2015, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to conduct a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 concerning a conditional use application, CU-2-2015, submitted by West Jefferson Hills School District, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to authorize the proper officers to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education and the Borough of Jefferson Hills, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance to vacate a portion of Hawk Alley as part of the Borough of Jefferson Hills Act 537 Plan Pump Station and Equalization Tank Project, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve Change Order No. 2 submitted by R&B Contracting and Excavation, Inc. for an extension of time for contract substantial completion and an additional cost of \$1,088.80 to rectify final quantities installed for the Waterman Road West Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to approve Payment Application No. 3 and Final submitted by R&B Contracting and Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$25,092.05 for Lewis Run Streambank Stabilization Project and Waterman Road West Restoration Project, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to accept the proposal of Whitmoyer Auto Group in the amount of \$34,386.00 to purchase one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD Police Patrol Package, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to accept bids for the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance 2015 Spring Commodities, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

Mr. Khalil moved to issue a street opening permit to Pennsylvania American Water for the purpose of constructing a water line for a distance of 1,500 feet on New World Drive subject to approval of a maintenance agreement acceptable to the Solicitor, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ielase moved to approve the Association Member Services Agreement with FirstLab offered through the Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association (PSAB) to provide CDL Borough employees and sworn unionized Borough Police Officers to random Drug Testing, seconded by Mr. Montgomery and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- We have purchased 80% of the salt from the 2014/2015 season. Until the end of June we can order up to 125% of our order, of which the remaining amount is 1,575 ton at a cost of \$76.50. SHACOG is asking that we submit our salt estimate for 2015/2016 by Friday. SHACOG is thinking of asking for a lower rate if our communities agree to early shipments in August and September, and is asking if we may be interested in this program. Mr. Weber asked how much it costs to fill the salt barn, and Mr. Lovell stated we have spent around \$229,000.00 so far this year. Ms. Essey was instructed to provide Council with the exact amount the Borough has spent on salt this year.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Plans are being made for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Montgomery asked the status of the Growing Greener Grant, and Ms. Omer replied she will look into this.

Mrs. Ielase reminded everyone that Fish for Fun Day will be May 30th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mr. Weber requested Pennsylvania American Water be notified to update their records of our current employees.

Mr. Khalil reported that he, Mr. King, Mrs. Ielase and Mrs. Cmar met about three weeks ago with Jefferson Fire Rescue (JFR), and it is now required by Federal law that each member of the fire department, whether active or inactive, have to have background checks. Mr. Khalil, Mr. King and Mrs. Ielase verbally committed to support that cost, which will be approximately \$6,000.00 every three years. Mrs. Cmar advised she talked with Representative Saccone, and he said they are fine tuning it so that fire departments are not charged for inactive members.

Mr. Khalil reported that Rick Minsterman of Gateway Engineers, submitted the plans for the proposed two options for the roadways at Beedle Park, and it will be forwarded to the Recreation Board for their feedback.

Mr. Khalil stated Ms. Omer is to get the timeline for the WESA Act 537 Plan. The contract between ourselves and WESA will be key to secure financing, and we hope the contract will be in place by the end of this year.

Mrs. Reynolds asked if we are helping the Recreation Board with the flags, foul poles, etc. at Beedle Park. Mr. King received a request with quotes from Keith Reynolds for improvements, and Mr. King wanted to make sure the Recreation Board approved the improvements before he forwarded it to all of Council.

Council agreed to allow Jefferson Hills Bible Church to rent the entire 885 Park on September 12, 2015 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at a cost of \$270.00.

Baseball uses our grill every weekend, and Mr. Lovell requested another one be purchased to be used for functions such as Fish for Fun Day. Council agreed another grill could be purchased.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. on motion by Mr. Montgomery seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Linda Essey
Assistant Secretary