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Mayor
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Engineer
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Police Chief
Public Service Coordinator

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Regular Meeting of Council
September 11, 2006

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Militzer at 7:33 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. As the date was 9/11, Reverend Dubbs opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Green and Council Members Cmar, King, Oskin, Serapiglia, Weir and Militzer answered to roll call. Engineer Omer, Police Chief Reagan, and Public Service Coordinator McVicker were also present. Solicitor LoPresti arrived at 8:00 p.m. and Council Member Kulish arrived at 8:05 p.m.

CITIZENS:

- A. Calvin Felix - Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Chief - wished to talk about Resolution No. 22-2006, "ADOPTING THE JEFFERSON HILLS FIRE-RESCUE OPERATIONAL PLAN." He felt this plan took command away from the individual fire companies. Mayor Green replied that this plan in no way was designed to discredit any of the fire companies, and read part of the Operational Plan that explained why it was designed.
- B. Bob Claherty - 1005 Franklin Court - advised Council he moved in last May, put in a new lawn, and it required a significant amount of water. His first sewage bill for three months was \$754.00. He called Mr. McVicker and was told he did not have a track record to figure the average bill. Mr. Claherty reported he kept track of his sewage bills for the past year and the average bill was less than \$25 per month. He went to Mr. McVicker again and he was told he should have installed a credit meter for his lawn watering. He now has a credit meter. Mr. Claherty spoke with Rich Lear of Pennsylvania Municipal Services and was told he had to bring this before Council. Ms. Omer advised his data could be reviewed at the next staff meeting. Mr. McVicker advised information regarding credit meters is included when residents come in for permits.
- C. Mark Pastore - 1343 High Road - wished to speak about the rezoning of 56 acres near his property. He stated he submitted a petition to Council previously and some of the residents who signed it are asking the status of the project. Mr. Pastore advised the group is requesting the following:
- Council impose a deadline for the developer to submit a traffic impact study.
 - Council deny the request by Mr. Housley, Engineer of the developer, to change the BP Zoning to include "private clubs".

Ms. Omer replied the Borough can send a letter to the developer asking for a status and deadline, or see if he decided to walk away.

- D. Bob Bragano - 121 Dale Street - stated he had concerns regarding water runoff and

aesthetics of the wall behind his property that abuts Blackwood Acres. He asked if the developers were going to adhere to the MPC. Ms. Omer suggested Mr. Bragano's concerns be addressed later on the agenda when Blackwood Acres is voted on.

- E. Bonnie Brock - 216 Gill Hall Road - was before Council last month with concerns regarding excavation on Woodwind Drive as part of Patriot Pointe. She understood after that meeting, the developer was told to cease work, which he did for about a week and a half. He came back and continued drilling. Now she has a hill that is steeper than 2 for 1.

Solicitor LoPresti arrived.

She invited Council to drive past the hill and see how her property is eroding and becoming a safety issue. Ms. Omer replied the developer had an approved plan, then changed it now needing a grading permit. She stated there is question of where the property line lies because the developer and the homeowner have a private agreement. Ms. Omer stated she checked the county records and they state the property line has not been moved. She advised the developer has been shut down and cannot startup again until this issue is resolved. Ms. Brock is to call the police department if she sees work continuing. Solicitor LoPresti explained the developer was sent a letter asking for him to provide us with the necessary documentation. Ms. Omer requested Ms. Brock fax the deed to the Solicitor as he is the proper official to review it.

Mrs. Cmar moved the minutes of workshop session May 25, 2006 be approved, seconded by Mr. King and carried unanimously.

Mr. Weir moved the minutes of workshop session June 14, 2006 be approved, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. King moved the minutes of workshop session July 31, 2006 be approved, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved the record of public hearing August 9, 2006 be approved, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried on a 4-0-2 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, King, Serapiglia and Militzer voted yes. Council Members Oskin and Weir abstained.

Mr. Oskin moved the August 2006 bills be approved as follows: General Fund \$177,011.09, Disbursement Pension Fund \$4,326.90, Sewer Revenue Account \$56,774.89, Escrow Account \$10,171.54, Highway Aid Fund \$7,128.65, Sewer & Water Assessment \$96.10, Storm Sewer \$4,017.55 and Fire Tax \$80,000, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried on a 4-2 roll call vote. Council Members Oskin, Serapiglia, Weir and Militzer voted yes. Council Members Cmar and King voted no.

Mr. Oskin moved the payrolls for the month of August 2006 be approved as follows: General Fund \$142,453.04 and Sewer Revenue Account \$3,430.27 seconded by Mr. Weir and carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1) Corrective Action Plans

West Elizabeth Sewershed: The drilling to determine the site suitability was completed this past month and the report is pending.

There are no tap restrictions being imposed by the Department of Environmental protection (DEP) in this watershed.

The Penn Works application was not approved. It would be helpful to have support letters from the industries.

Clairton: The Correction Action Plan (CAP) is continuing to move forward, with the status is as follows:

1. Dye Testing - A letter was sent requesting to use SHACOG for this item.
2. CCTV and Cleaning - The Borough submitted information to SHACOG for inclusion in the specifications. The bid opening was held today at 11:00 a.m. We will have a cost for the Council on Monday to be considered for award.
3. Mapping - Control has been placed in the Borough and the rendering is underway by the photo company.
4. Repair and location of manholes - The borough staff shared the inspection duties with Gateway for the point repair contract saving the Borough approximately \$5,000 in engineering fees. This process will be continued for the upcoming point repair contract and CCTV contract.
5. Flow monitoring - Ongoing
6. Repair contracts - Soli Construction Inc. has completed the project.

Mrs. Cmar moved to authorize the staff to notify SHACOG that we will participate in the CCTV program which is included in the sanitary sewer budget, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mr. King moved to approve Current Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$143,507.01 for Soli Construction for the Point Repairs in the Borough, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

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2) Planning Commission

Scarlet Oaks Phase 1 was tabled as a result of the developer's request.

Andrew Acres was reviewed and approved. This is an older plan that was designed and recorded previously. The sanitary sewers are actually constructed.

3) FEMA Projects - Waterman Road East

Upon receipt of the property appraisal reports, Gateway will meet with the affected property owners to negotiate the taking of a portion of their properties to construct the new roadway alignment. These reports are anticipated shortly.

4) Bond Issue Projects

Lick Run

A meeting was held with the developer and engineers to review the status.

Salt Storage Facility and Maintenance Building

A meeting was held with Council and we are waiting on a direction.

Municipal Building Renovation

A meeting was held on June 21, 2007 with the architect to review the project. A meeting will be scheduled with Council for July 31, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to review the project.

5) Feasibility of Drilling on Borough Property

The exploration company has provided the Borough with a lease which the Borough Solicitor is working on.

6) Pavement Management Program

The pavement management program is underway. The streets have been mostly segmented and measured. Once these two tasks are complete, the ratings will be started.

7) Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract

The Borough's trunk sewer is located in a tributary to Lick Run adjacent to the Patriot Pointe development. The pipes and manholes of the Borough's trunk sewer are exposed and are susceptible to damage from the stream. The highly-eroded stream banks have also undermined the toe of the slope adjacent to the stream, creating a slide-prone area which threatens to do damage to the sewer in the future.

We plan to use natural channel design methods to relocate the stream a safe distance away from the sewer and from the toe of the slope to permanently stabilize both the sewer and the unstable hillside. The overall project is estimated at approximately \$80,000 and is in the approved budget under line item 8.429.244.

As approved by Council, we are currently working on this issue.

8) Grant Opportunities

The Borough authorized Gateway to work with the staff on a Growing Greener grant application for the stabilization of the Peters Creek corridor. The grant will be for Phase II of the work. The first phase was funded by the sewer budget and was to correct a sewer line that was accepting water from the stream.

There is also a portion of the stream that is encroaching on Peters Creek Road and our sewer that lies on the edge of the roadway. The Borough will be applying for Growing Greener funds for a construction project to use natural channel design methods to relocate the stream a safe distance away from the sewer and roadway.

In addition, we are working with the Greenway Committee which is a sub-committee of the Environmental Quality Board.

9) Patriot Pointe

The ordinance was advertised for acceptance of the infrastructure. This plan will be in order for acceptance subject to the bond being posted and the advertising being completed.

10) Dave Fiore Coal Refuse Agreement

We are waiting on the developer's response on several issues.

11) Stage Work

The project is under construction. On the recommendation of the Engineer, Mr. Militzer moved to approve Current Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$45,000.00 for Nick's Painting, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

12) Reed Drive

A separate memo has been issued on this project. She advised two options to alleviate the drainage problems listed on it were: 1) to grade it out for \$16,000 and 2) construct a storm sewer and redo Wray Large Road to try to eliminate the ice problem for \$98,700. It was mentioned the road crew cannot do this work as there is a high-pressure gas line in this area. Mr. Arndt advised there is no money budgeted this year for a project of this magnitude. Ms. Omer suggested they take a look at the sanitary sewer in the area, and if storm water is going into it, funds can be taken out of the Sewer Revenue Account. She stated they will look to see if there is money in the Sewer Revenue Account at the staff meeting on Thursday, to which Mr. Arndt advised he is not convinced there are available funds in the Sewer Revenue Account either. Mr. Serapiglia moved if the money is available, the problem should be corrected as it is a safety issue. Dr. Kulish asked if \$98,000 is spent to fix this problem, would there be enough money in the budget to buy the \$65,000 backhoe. Ms. Omer advised the money would come out of budget line account 8.429.840 Corrective Action Work, and would not affect the line item for the backhoe. Mr. Serapiglia amended his motion to include the Engineer gathering information and Council possibly voting on the action at the special meeting later in the month, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

13) Demolition Projects

A resolution needs adopted and applications are due by July 25, 2007 to SHACOG.

14) Slide Meeting

There will be a slide meeting on July 31, 2007 in conjunction with the update on the building projects.

PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. McVicker reported the following calls for June: Jefferson Ambulance 133 and Gill Hall 18. He reported the road crew cut the weeds and grass along the walking trail at Peters Creek all the way down to Rt. 837. Mr. Serapiglia asked Mr. McVicker to thank the road department for picking up the litter also.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Arndt reported he followed up on the request from Elizabeth Township Area EMS asking if Jefferson Hills would consider donating the traffic lights, which were formerly located on Rt. 51 @ Large Fire Station. He advised Council received values from Traffic Systems and Services, and he asked that they consider this request. Mr. Arndt advised he also gave Council a list of all the Summer Day Camp and Parks employees. In response to Council's previous request for historical information on the coal refuse pile near the Ravensburg Bridge, he advised the staff found the deed and the ordinance when the Borough accepted the property in 1962.

Mr. Arndt advised a change to the Parks & Recreation Rules for the Gill Hall Community Center regarding the janitorial fees for non-profit organizations will be put on a future Council agenda.

Mr. Arndt reported there have been changes made to the Emergency Municipal Services Tax, he put the information in their Week In Review packets, but if anyone had any questions, he would be happy to answer them.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Reagan reported police activities for June as follows: 142 citations issued, 10 traffic accidents with 3 injuries, and 1,304 calls answered.

Chief Reagan thanked EMS for their help certifying the Summer Day Camp employees in CPR, and for their help at the scene of four of the accidents where some of the injuries were serious and may not have survived. Mrs. Cmar thanked the Chief for handling the CPR certification and the Act 34 clearances for the Summer Day Camp employees. She requested the police department drive around the parks during the day camp to make their presence noticed.

Chief Reagan reported they made an arrest of a person posing as a tree cutting salesman, who scammed our residents and residents from neighboring communities. He requested the newspapers instruct anyone who was scammed by this person to call their local police department to report it.

Chief Reagan reported the new police cars are 1-2 weeks away from delivery.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT: JUNE 2007

Josephine Lipnicky reported \$6,170.10 collected in Real Estate Tax for May 25 - June 13 (Deposit #192 - #193). She submitted a bill for tax expenses in the amount of \$47.83. She enclosed a refund due to Official Change Order for D. Mechan \$71.18. She submitted 2006 Real Estate Tax Reports for July 1, 2006 through June 13, 2007 and the unpaid delinquent taxes totaling \$126,808.94 to be turned over to Keystone Municipal Collections.

Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company remitted \$177,658.79 collected in Earned Income Tax, enclosed a bill for commissions due \$3,997.32; \$29,348.25 collected in Emergency Municipal Service Tax, enclosed a bill for commissions due \$660.34; and collected \$236,247.00 in sewage charges, enclosed a bill for account status letters, postage and commissions due \$2,467.66.

Keystone Municipal Collections reported \$14,944.81 collected in delinquent Real Estate Tax for May 26 - June 30 and enclosed a bill for \$3,208.08 for commissions and costs advanced.

Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania reported \$3,996.86 collected in Mercantile Tax, for May and enclosed a bill on tax commissions due \$81.11.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania remitted \$15,768.21 in Sales Tax.

Berkheimer Associates reported \$26,741.18 collected in garbage fees and enclosed a bill for commissions due \$668.52.

Creditech, Incorporated remitted \$1,134.09 collected in delinquent garbage fees and enclosed a bill for \$261.65 commission due.

The Public Service Coordinator reported \$5,874.22 in building permits, \$262.50 in street opening permits, \$100.00 in grading permits, \$600.00 in Planning Commission fees, \$380.00 in occupancy permits, \$6,300.00 in escrow fees; \$11,326.00 in tap-in permits, \$34,349.42 in sewage charges; and \$195.00 in dye tests.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported as follows: General Fund \$609,059.27, Payroll Account \$259,958.78, Sewer Revenue \$370,873.06, Sewer & Water Assessment \$230.00, Escrow Account \$21,299.10, Highway Aid \$700.00, Police Pension \$6,287.62, Disbursement Pension Fund - Class "A" \$4,856.28, Police Department DARE Program \$316.00, Fire Tax Account \$2,367.12 and Ambulance Tax Account \$526.02.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported checking account balances on June 30 as follows: General Fund \$1,437.67, Payroll Account \$5,046.87, Sewer Revenue \$154.44, Sewer & Water Assessment \$4.91, Storm Sewer \$1.52, Escrow Account \$2.37, Highway Aid \$8.13, Police Pension \$-0-, Disbursement Pension Fund - Class "A" \$-0-, Service Employees Pension Fund - Class "B" \$5.00, Police Department DARE Program \$33.50, General Fund Contingency Account \$5.00, Gill Hall Park Renovation Fund \$3.72, Forfeiture Account \$8.72; Special Account No. 1 \$2.43, Fire Tax Account \$3.09, Ambulance Tax Account \$3.46, CMA Sewer Trunk Line Ext. Account \$10.15, 2005 GOB Project Fund \$5.00, and 2005 Special Capital Account \$5.00.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported investments balances on June 30 totaling \$8,064,077.44 . A copy of the Reports for June, including a list of commissions due and costs advanced was distributed to all officials and a recap of tax collections is as follows:

Mrs. Cmar moved the commissions and refund be paid, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Secretary/Treasurer read a letter from the Planning Commission advising at the regular meeting June 25, 2007 members recommended the following:

1. Final approval was granted for a 29-lot subdivision known as Andrew Acres Plan - Phase II, located at the end of Andrew Drive, owned by Columbus Family Partners, LLP.
2. Considering the fact that Borough Council will not vote on the matter until its August meeting, a motion was made that the Planning Commission postpone its vote on the McHolme application for the rezoning of 56.7 acres located between High Road and State Route 51 until such time that the members of the Planning Commission receive the

transcript and exhibits that were put on the record at the June 19th public hearing.

The motion also requests recommendations from the Borough Manager, Engineer, Solicitor, Police Chief, Planning Consultant, Building Inspector and staff with respect to the testimony relating to the Developer's application and specifically:

- The traffic study
- The projected tax revenues
- The potential cost of services
- The potential community impact
- Safety and security
- Similar development projects in like communities

Dr. Kulish advised in light of all the requests for funds such as the Reed Drive drainage problem, a request for nine transcripts at \$4.00 per page is absurd, and their questions should have been asked at the hearing. Ms. Omer asked if she would submit additional letters of response, would that open the record again. Acting Solicitor Gabriel replied to allow additional information it would force the Planning Commission to open the record again and it would have to be advertised. He advised the Solicitor rendered her opinion that all questions could have been asked at the hearing, therefore, no more information is to be submitted as the record is closed. Council's consensus was not to provide the Planning Commission with anymore information, but vote on the matter at the next meeting. Mr. Arndt is to advise the Planning Commission Chairman of Council's decision not to open the record.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Oskin moved to schedule a special meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the rezoning request of McHolme Development, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. King moved to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation on Municipal Center renovations by the Borough Architect and on landslides by the Borough Engineer, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Serapiglia suggested Council wait to rezone any property until the Comprehensive Plan is complete. He advised the Borough should know in July if they were chosen to receive a grant to help prepare the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Oskin moved to refer a rezoning interest by Colonial Commons at the intersection of Elliott Road and Route 51 to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and failed on a 3-3 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, King and Oskin voted yes, Council Members Kulish, Serapiglia and Militzer voted no. Motion was defeated as the Mayor was not in attendance to break the tie.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 17-2007, 'GRANTING PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL OF THE ANDREW ACRES PLAN PHASE 2.' Dr. Kulish moved to adopt Resolution No. 17-2007, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 18-2007, "AMENDING THE 2007 WAGES FOR RECREATION PROGRAM SITE LEADERS AND ASSISTANTS." Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 18-2007, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 19-2007, "AUTHORIZING STANLEY L. GORSKI OF SHACOG TO FILE YEAR 34 CDBG APPLICATION FOR DEMOLITION PHASE 3." Mr. Serapiglia

moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-2007, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 20-2007, "DECLARING DEMOLITION PHASE 3 STRUCTURES AS BLIGHTED PROPERTY." Mr. Serapiglia moved to adopt Resolution No. 20-2007, seconded by Mr. King and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Resolution No. 21-2007, "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO SEATS ON WEST ELIZABETH SANITARY AUTHORITY TO BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS COUNCIL." Mr. Oskin moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-2007, seconded by Mr. King and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer read Ordinance No. 795, "ACCEPTING THE STREETS, STORM AND SANITARY SEWERS IN PATRIOT POINTE PHASE I AND PHASE II." Mr. Militzer moved to adopt Ordinance No. 795, subject to the final review by the Engineer and the receipt and approval by the Solicitor of the final Letters of Credit from Sky Bank for the performance of the wearing course and maintenance on the sewers, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously. Motion failed on a 3-3 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, King and Militzer voted yes, Council Members Kulish, Oskin and Serapiglia voted no. Motion was defeated as the Mayor was not in attendance to break the tie.

Dr. Kulish moved to approve a street opening application for 3,800 feet for replacement of water line by Pennsylvania American Water Company, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved to approve six street opening applications, each over 500 feet in length for placement of fiber optic cable and terminals by Verizon-PA, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cmar moved to authorize the execution of the Agreement with Three Rivers Wet Weather, Inc. for a precipitation monitoring site at the Municipal Center, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried unanimously.

Mr. Serapiglia moved to authorize the execution of the Agreement with SHACOG for Jefferson Hills Demolition - Phase 2 Grant, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Serapiglia moved to authorize the execution of the Allegheny County District Attorney Conditions for Grant Funds of \$2,500.00 for the West Jefferson Hills School District identification badge project, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Dr. Kulish moved to approve a \$100 per month increase to Jefferson Hills Fire Rescue EMS for payroll processing costs effective July 1, 2007, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. King asked Mr. McVicker if he checked on the water problem on Ridge Road, and Mr. McVicker replied he and the Chief looked at it and he thinks it is caused by the blocked basin. The state will be working on Ridge Road starting the middle of July and it is their responsibility to clean it.

Mr. King asked Mr. Gabriel if he brought any of the resumes for the position of Borough Manager, and Mr. Gabriel replied no, that the Solicitor is compiling a list of the 20 applicants. Dr. Kulish advised a

date is to be scheduled that the Manager Search Committee can meet to go over them. Mr. King stated he thought the Solicitor was no longer needed to be involved in the Manager Search, as Mr. Militzer and the Committee could review the resumes.

Mr. Serapiglia thanked the Mayor for sending a letter to Dan Sessna of PennDOT regarding the landslides, and because of it, the Ridge Road slide will finally be taken care of. He advised there is a meeting this Wednesday with Dan Sessna and the chief engineer from the PA Turnpike Commission to discuss the slide on Rt. 51 that is affecting Wray Large Road.

Mr. Serapiglia moved to donate the traffic controller, cabinet and signals, but not the strain poles to Elizabeth Township EMS saving them \$900, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously. Elizabeth Township EMS is to be contacted to see if they are interested in buying the strain poles.

Mr. Serapiglia reported Melanie Gillot of the Recreation Authority needs to know who plans to play in the softball game on Community Day, and Mr. Oskin, Dr. Kulish's son, Mr. Militzer and Mr. Serapiglia volunteered.

Mrs. Cmar reported when she drove around the parks today to check on the Summer Day Camp, she noticed what a great job the road department did in preparing the parks.

Mrs. Cmar was told by the residents of Tangelo and Cassia Drives that they received a letter last year stating their roads were to be paved, and they asked when this will be done. Mr. McVicker advised they are not on the current list.

Mrs. Cmar reported the Summer Camp started today and all sites have first aid kits, and all employees have CPR training and clearances.

Dr. Kulish moved to purchase a 2007 Backhoe 4x4 from the Sewer Revenue Fund for \$54,778, including \$20,000 trade-in for our existing backhoe, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

Dr. Kulish asked Chief Reagan how the Borough can stop dirtbike riders from riding over the coal pile under the Ravensburg Bridge. The Chief explained the Police Department does not currently have a vehicle that can travel on the coal pile, but he and Mr. McVicker are exploring a vehicle that can be shared by the police/public works/sewage departments and can go safely offroad. Dr. Kulish requested if in the meantime, that "No Trespassing" signs be installed.

Mrs. Cmar moved to rescind the motion previously made, to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a lease with Buena Vista Energy pending further information to Council from David Fiore, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

Chief Reagan asked Council if he could explore the option with the Civil Service Commission regarding the filling of two vacant positions of Sergeant. After the Sergeant positions are filled, he would then like the position of Second in Command be filled. In response to Mrs. Cmar's question whether there is money budgeted for these changes, Chief Reagan explained the Borough is already paying out the same amount of money in Officer in Charge fees to the patrolmen acting as Sergeants. Mrs. Cmar moved to authorize the Civil Service Commission to test for two Sergeant positions, seconded by Mr. King and carried unanimously.

Mr. Gabriel stated for the record, he has never seen a list of the applicants for the Borough Manager position.

Mrs. Mortle reported she distributed a Resolution approving costs for the Borough's General Obligation Bond Project Fund to pay a bill for the Architects, and asked Council if they wished to approve it at tonight's meeting or August's meeting. Council decided to approve it at the August meeting.

Mr. Militzer stated he wanted to thank County Councilwoman Joan Cleary for attending tonight's meeting and advised he had a few questions he wanted to ask her, but she had already left the meeting.

In response to Mr. Militzer's question, Ms. Omer advised the Traffic Engineer stated if the McHolme Development was approved, the rampways would have to be looked at also, but he felt PennDOT would not require us to approve the road all the way into Clairton.

Mr. Militzer asked Mr. McVicker if he found out whether the fire hydrant inside the tower on Ridge Road could be used if necessary. He advised he has not heard back from the PA Water Company.

Mr. Militzer thanked the firemen and volunteers who completed the required 200 hour course to be certified as Firefighter 1.

Mr. McVicker advised there has been thieves stealing grates and storm sewer covers in our and surrounding communities. He and Chief Reagan visited local junk dealers to advise them if anyone brings them in for the scrap price, to please call the police.

Mr. McVicker reported the far parking lot in front of the Municipal Center will be restricted to police cars only.

Mr. McVicker reported he contacted PA One and requested the coloring code for the Verizon fiber optics be the same as their telephone line markings.

In regards to the cat problem on Cassia Drive, Mr. McVicker, Chief Reagan, and Interim Borough Manager Arndt met with Ferree Animal Control for a solution. A controlled catch area in the Borough is being considered, and they would like public input. Residents are advised to call the Borough or Ferree Animal Control with suggestions.

Chief Reagan reported PennDOT had metal on their Walton Road Bridge project stolen, but our Police Department was instrumental in recovering the metal and making arrests.

Mr. Militzer asked if the Borough owns a stick welder to weld "JH" on the storm and sanitary sewer lids to help identify any that are stolen, and was told yes.

Mr. Militzer adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. with an executive session to follow to discuss labor and legal matters on motion by Mr. Serapiglia, seconded by Mr. King and carried unanimously.

Sandra J. Mortle
Secretary/Treasurer

