

cc: Council  
Mayor  
Manager  
Engineer  
Solicitor  
Police Chief  
Public Service Coordinator

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Special Meeting of Council  
July 31, 2007

The special meeting of Council was called to order by Vice President Kulish at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members King, Kulish, Oskin, and Weir answered to roll call. Interim Manager Arndt, Engineer Omer, Officer Bonacci and Public Service Coordinator McVicker were also present. Council President Militzer arrived at 7:25 p.m. Solicitor Brimmeier arrived at 7:35 p.m. Council Members Cmar and Serapiglia and Mayor Green were absent.

Mr. Victor Graves and two representatives from Graves & McLean, Architects, LLC presented and reviewed the plan drawings with emphasis on renovations to the Municipal Center. In addition, the following Preliminary Opinion of Cost was distributed and discussed at length:

Base Project:

Roof/Windows/New Brick (Includes sidewalk replacement)	\$1,368,000
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Potential Additional Components:

Replacement of Exterior Doors	\$70,000.00
Renovation of Council Chambers (assumes 2800 sq. ft. @ \$80/sq. ft)	224,000.00
Renovation of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Toilet Rooms (allowance of \$14,000 each for men's and women's)	28,000.00
Renovation of War Memorial (assumes bricking existing as part of major masonry project)	75,000.00
New Building Sign (new lighted double-faced sign on new brick monolith)	25,000.00
Landscaping Improvements (allowance)	25,000.00
Building Entry System (allowance)	75,000.00
New Vinyl Wall Covering (allowance of 20,000 sq. ft. @ \$1.90 sq. ft.)	38,000.00

New Public Area Furniture  
(allowance)

65,000.00

## SUMMARY

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Base Project:	\$1,368,000
Additional Components:	<u>625,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,993,000

They requested at the September 2007 meeting that Council authorization be given to bid the Municipal Center with the specific alternate bids to be taken.

Mr. Militzer arrived.

Ms. Brimmeier arrived.

Ms. Omer introduced Joe Fagan, Soils Engineer. She distributed a map from August 2006 showing landslides in the following locations: Waterman Road West, Waterman Road East, Bedell Road, Old Clairton Road and Worthington Avenue. Mr. Fagan advised the Old Clairton Road and Worthington Avenue slides have been repaired, and a new one has been added on Ridge Road and is in the process of being repaired. Engineering Mechanics was hired to estimate the cost of repairing these slides. He explained the following:

- 1) Waterman Road West - The estimated cost to fix this slide is \$1.28 billion. PennDOT has offered ideas for repairing it. Mr. Fagan explained the two ways to repair a landslide are: a) if the soil condition permits it, you can rebuild it, otherwise b) you need to build a wall. They decided it is feasible to rebuild the hillside. He advised when the road was built, the fill was put on a steep slope and over time it has slid down.
- 2) Waterman Road East - The slide is 64' long and the estimated cost for a retaining wall is \$220,000. The Borough is entertaining the thought of relocating the road instead of fixing the landslide. Ms. Omer advised we received a FEMA grant, but there is confusion on the amount of the grant available.
- 3) Bedell Road - 1<sup>st</sup> slide is 120' long and the hillside is so steep a wall is necessary. Estimated cost is \$300,000.  
  
Bedell Road - 2<sup>nd</sup> slide - Ms. Omer advised establishing right-of-way is necessary. This was not investigated, but the estimated cost for a wall is \$120,000.
- 4) Wray Large Road - the slide extends all the way down to Rt. 51 where Jersey Barriers are collecting the dirt. This slide was not investigated, but the estimated cost is \$609,000 for a 210' wall. Mr. Fagan advised tomorrow there is a meeting with Mr. Sessna of PennDOT to talk about overshifting this property. Ms. Omer explained this property is not owned by the Borough, and her role is to get the Turnpike Commission and the State together to see who is responsible. Mr. Sessna

pointed out to her though, that he thinks runoff from Borough roads makes the Borough responsible.

Ms. Omer reported hopefully the Wray Large Road landslide is not our responsibility; there is some money to fix Water Road East landslide; and there is no money to fix Waterman Road West or Bedell Road.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Oskin asked if there are barriers at the landslides and Mr. McVicker advised yes.

Dr. Kulish adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Kulish, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Saundra J. Mortle  
Secretary/Treasurer