

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Special Meeting of Council
August 23, 2007

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Militzer at 8:41 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Members Cmar, King, Kulish, Militzer, Oskin, Serapiglia and Weir answered to roll call. Interim Manager Arndt, Police Chief Reagan and Solicitor Brimmeier were present. Public Service Coordinator McVicker and Engineer Omer were absent.

Dr. Kulish moved to hire George Zboyovsky as the Borough Manager, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia. Mr. Weir apologized for Council hiring a different candidate for Borough Manager when he thought Mr. Arndt did an excellent job on 2-1/2 contracts, had a great rapport with both employees and residents, and came to the Borough on short notice. Dr. Kulish stated Mr. Arndt did an outstanding job, but Council has to consider the costs of the Borough. He advised Mr. Zboyovsky has both an engineering and administrative background with two masters degrees. With the Borough's engineering fees exceeding \$400,000 this year, Mr. Zboyovsky seems qualified to cut the engineering fees as he did in Dormont by 52%. Mr. Serapiglia concurred with Dr. Kulish. Motion carried 5-2 on roll call vote. Council Members Kulish, Oskin, Serapiglia, Weir and Militzer voted yes. Council Members Cmar and King voted no.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

On the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Mr. Oskin moved to award the SHACOG bid for the 2007 Demolition Program in the amount of \$15,000 to Edward T. Sitarik Contracting, Inc., seconded by Mr. Weir and carried unanimously.

Mr. King stated he thought Mr. Arndt was the shining star that the Borough has lacked for many years. He thought Mr. Arndt brought experience and a professionalism that he has not seen in the Borough before.

Mr. Serapiglia wished Mr. Arndt the best, and welcomed Mr. Zboyovsky to Jefferson Hills. Mr. Serapiglia reported when he became a Council Member, the two biggest issues at the time were the high engineering and legal costs. He advised Council hired a new Solicitor which cut the legal fees in half, and now he thinks by hiring Mr. Zboyovsky, the engineering costs can be cut drastically.

Mrs. Cmar apologized for Council hiring a different candidate for Borough Manager, and wished Mr. Arndt luck.

Mr. Oskin wished Mr. Arndt luck.

Mr. Arndt thanked Council for considering him for the Borough Manager position, and advised he enjoyed working with the staff.

Mayor Green stated wherever Mr. Arndt goes to work he will do a fabulous job.

Chief Reagan thanked Mr. Arndt for his help in moving the Police Department in the right

direction.

Solicitor Brimmeier advised Mr. Arndt was very nice to work with, and wished him the best of luck.

Mr. Militzer thanked Mr. Arndt and wished him well.

Mrs. Joyce Schmidt, of the West Jefferson Hills Historical Society, announced an archeologist has volunteered her help to get grants, do research and improve Lobbs Cemetery. Mrs. Schmidt advised the cemetery is the only one listed on the National Registry because of the graves from the Whiskey Rebellion, Civil War, and Revolutionary War. At her request, Mr. Serapiglia moved to grant permission to proceed with this project, at no cost to the Borough, seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Kulish, seconded by Mr. Oskin and carried unanimously.

Sandra J. Mortle
Secretary/Treasurer