

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

Borough of Jefferson Hills  
Special Meeting of Council  
November 20, 2007

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Militzer at 7:32 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Green and Council Members Kulish, Serapiglia and Weir answered to roll call. Engineer Omer, Solicitor Brimmeier, Police Chief Reagan, Manager Shepherd and Public Service Coordinator McVicker were also present. Council Members Cmar, King and Oskin, and Secretary/Treasurer Mortle were absent. Note: Council Member King was not in attendance because he was hospitalized.

Solicitor Brimmeier asked Council to consider paying her October bills that were denied at the November 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. She explained she has tried to answer questions asked by Council Members who are not present. She stated she agreed when she was hired to keep her bills under \$100,000 including bills from a previous solicitor who might do work in 2007. She stated some Council Members interpreted that to mean 2006 bills from a previous solicitor submitted in 2007. She stated those bills should not have been added into her \$100,000 cap. Dr. Kulish moved to pay the Solicitor's bills that were on the October bill list, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

Mr. Militzer temporarily adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. for an executive session for a legal matter.

Mr. Militzer reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Solicitor Brimmeier left the meeting.

After a lengthy discussion, the following budget changes were requested:

- 1) Lower legal services from \$100,000 to \$90,000. The Solicitor advised if she goes over that amount, she will not bill the Borough for the difference.
- 2) Instead of hiring two new police officers, only one will be hired and money for a new public works employee will be put into the budget. If it is decided later in the year the budget is fiscally sound, then the public works employee will be hired.
- 3) The money received from Jefferson Health Systems in lieu of a non-residential parking tax is to continue to be deposited into the Escrow Account.

In order to make the above changes, Mr. Shepherd stated he will lower the amount in Account No. 492.950 "Unencumbered Revenue".

With the understanding the proposed changes will be made, Mr. Serapiglia moved to adopt the 2008 Proposed Budget authorizing expenditures of \$12,762,863.00, that notice be given that the Proposed Budget is available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary/Treasurer in the Municipal Center, and final action may be taken at the regular meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. seconded by Dr. Kulish and carried unanimously.

At Mr. Shepherd's request, Council instructed him to send a letter of interest to SPC for a grant to study the Route 51 Corridor from the tubes to the Elizabeth Bridge. The understanding is that there is no monetary commitment by sending the letter, just a show of interest. A brief summary is to be sent to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Shepherd reported the reorganization meeting will be held January 7, 2008.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr. Weir advised the Borough needs an action plan of how to handle landslides, so that they are fixed faster.

Mr. Militzer announced Thomas Jefferson Football Team is in the AAA finals at Heinz Field on Friday at 4:30.

Mr. Militzer adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m. on motion by Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Militzer and carried unanimously.

John M. Shepherd  
Manager