

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Agenda Meeting of Council
May 7, 2008

The agenda meeting of Council was called to order by President King at 7:07 p.m. in the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Green and Council Members Khalil, Reynolds, Weir and King answered to roll call. Solicitor Adams, Manager Arndt, Engineer Omer, Chief Reagan and Public Service Coordinator McVicker were also present. Council Member Cmar arrived at 7:10 p.m. Council Members Serapiglia and Weber were both absent due to illness.

The following tentative agenda for the regular meeting of May, 12, 2008 was reviewed and discussed.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Reminder: 6:30 p.m., May 12, 2008 Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance proposed amendment to establish grading and lawn seeding requirements
4. Engineer's Report - Ms. Omer reported receiving a \$60,000.00 Big Bend Growing Greener grant from DEP to work on a portion of Peters Creek. She advised a commitment letter sent last year stated the Borough's share would be \$37,000.00, but it was brought to her attention that only \$30,000.00 was included in the budget. She advised Council they need to find \$7,000.00 to match the grant and fulfill their commitment. She stated the entire project is projected to cost \$120,000.00, therefore, the Borough needs to really match \$30,000.00. Mr. Arndt advised there are unencumbered funds that could be used to make up the difference. It was the consensus of Council to use additional funds to make up the difference. (Ms. Omer was excused following the completion of her report.)
5. Report from Borough Boards, Commissions or Authority

None.
6. Citizens
 - 1) George Wilson - 169 Cassia Drive - advised there is a cat problem in the Gill Hall area which is becoming a health problem. He supplied pictures of the cat habitat that is growing. Mr. McVicker replied there are no state cat laws, and our animal control person has tried catching them and taking them away. Chief Reagan advised there is a clause in the Animal Control Agreement that if the Borough so chooses, they will catch and dispose of stray cats. Solicitor Adams advised all Boroughs have general powers on health, safety and welfare of its residents. Mrs. Cmar asked if the Borough could cite the people feeding the stray cats, and Chief Reagan replied they have been cited twice already and the Borough lost both times in court. Mr. Weir stated we need to 1) get rid of the cats and 2) amend the ordinance to make it punishable. In response to Mr. King's request that the cats be removed, Chief Reagan replied he will forward a copy of the Animal Control Agreement to Council for review, and discuss on Monday's agenda. Mr. McVicker advised he will call the Allegheny County Health Department tomorrow.

7. Consider awarding bid for atrium glass replacement at the Municipal Center (tabled April 14, 2008)
8. Minutes of agenda meeting April 9, 2008
9. Minutes of special meeting April 23, 2008
10. Bills
11. Payrolls
12. Reports

- Public Service Coordinator
 - Mr. McVicker reported the water company is required to pave over the ditch where they tie into the waterline, but they have decided to pave Waterman Road from the tunnel up to the ditch.
- Borough Manager
 - Mr. Arndt thanked Council, the staff and residents for welcoming him back to the community.
 - He advised the Planning Commission has invited Council to their May 14th special meeting at 7:00 p.m. to hear presentations by planning consultant applicants.
 - He reported two Borough employees and himself will be attending a seminar titled “Communicating with Your Community: Municipal Website” hosted by the Local Government Academy. Mr. King requested the chairs of our Boards and Commission be asked if they wish to contribute to the website.
- Police Chief
 - Chief Reagan advised in light of the recent rash of thefts in the Borough, he asked the newspaper to remind residents not to leave anything of value in their unlocked cars.

13. Communications
14. Consider adopting Resolution No. 24-2008, granting final approval of a land development plan known as BAW Plastics, Inc.
15. Consider adopting Resolution No. 25-2008, designating Huntington Bank as depository of Borough funds and authorizing signatures of Borough Officials
16. Consider adopting Resolution No. 26-2008, approving payments from the General Obligation Bond Series of 2005 Project Fund
17. Consider adopting Resolution No 27-2008, authorizing Douglas C. Arndt to execute required forms and documents for financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
18. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 802, accepting and dedicating Independence Drive from Gill Hall Road to the Patriot Pointe I and Patriot Pointe II Plans of Lots as a public street; and further accepting and dedicating the storm sewers and sanitary sewers serving the certain designated portion of said street; and authorizing the appropriate officials to execute any and all documents necessary to approve such acceptance and dedication
19. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 803, amending Zoning Ordinance No. 712, as amended, to establish grading and lawn seeding requirements following receipt of a certificate of occupancy for new construction lots and provide for enforcement of the requirements by the Borough Building Code Official. Mr. King requested the Solicitor add from April to October, and Solicitor Adams advised this change is not significant enough to warrant readvertising.

20. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 804, amending Chapter 1, Part 4 of the Code of Ordinances to increase the membership of the Economic Development Commission, remove the non-voting memberships of the Mayor and Member of Borough Council and to preclude local elected officials from serving on the Economic Development Commission. Solicitor Adams explained the history of this Ordinance, and advised after Monday, all non-voting members will be sent letters. Mrs. Cmar stated she thought this change was to affect all boards and commission, not just the Economic Development Commission. Mr. King agreed that is a good practice, but since there currently are no elected officials on any other boards, this change can be instituted later in the year.
21. Consider approving acceptance and recording of deed whereby Beams Run Ltd. transfers Parcel "A" in the Woods of Jefferson Plan of Lots as recorded in Plan Book Volume 219, Pages 188-191 (Block and Lot No. 661-K-31) to the Borough of Jefferson Hills and authorizing the appropriate officials of the Borough of Jefferson Hills to execute any and all documents necessary to accept and record the deed
22. Consider authorizing the award of low bids for SHACOG Spring Commodities
23. Consider authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the April 15, 2008 letter from Dick Corporation for the use of the field areas adjacent to their offices (formerly Roosevelt School property) The Solicitor advised the letter is in order, and if Council approves the use of the field, insurance is to be procured.
24. Consider authorizing the proper officers to execute the Agreement with SHACOG for Community Development Block Grant Year 34 Demolition Project - Phase 3
25. Consider authorizing the filing of Year 35 Community Development Block Grant Pre-Application to SHACOG for Demolition Project - Phase 4
26. Consider authorizing the proper officers to execute the Department of Community and Economic Development Contract No. C000031988 for Beedle Park Playground Equipment in the amount of \$10,000.00
27. Consider authorizing the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance prohibiting parking on Chamberlin Ridge Drive and Laurel Ridge Drive
28. Consider appointments to the Comprehensive Recreation Plan Study Committee
29. General Business

In response to Mrs. Cmar question, Ms. Lackner, Recreation Authority Secretary, came forward and reported they received four applications for the position of Summer Camp Director. She advised one of them, Mr. Joseph Covelli attended the Recreation Authority meeting last night. Ms. Lackner advised Melanie Gillot is the Recreation Authority representative for the day camp, so all questions should be directed to her. Mr. King requested Ms. Lackner give the Manager a copy of all applications.

Mr. Weir advised he will submit the 2009 demolition grant and requested Mr. McVicker furnish him the balance of information needed by next week.

Mr. Weir reported at the last Jefferson Fire Rescue Meeting issues were brought up because of the cost of diesel fuel at \$4.50 a gallon. He advised Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company has already exhausted their yearly budget. They are projecting they will need to use their entire savings to purchase fuel for the rest of the year. Since the Borough does not have to pay tax on their fuel, it was asked if the Borough could purchase fuel for the fire companies and they would be reimbursed. Mr. McVicker advised the Borough only has a thousand gallon tank and all the Public Works equipment now runs on diesel. He also advised there is no room to add another underground tank. Following general discussions Council was asked to think of possible solutions.

Mayor Green advised receiving calls from residents complaining about the potholes on Ridge Road where the utility companies have opened the road. He reported he wrote a letter to Mr. Cessna, but requested Mr. McVicker call PennDOT with the complaints.

30. Adjournment

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. with an executive session to follow to discuss legal matters on a motion by Mr. Weir seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Saundra J. Mortle
Secretary/Treasurer