

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:20 p.m., after the Reorganization meeting, at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuillo. Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

- James Pachuillo
- Tracy Peterson
- H. David Miller
- Denise Stine
- Lisa Gantner
- Brian Hoffa
- Robert Metzgar
- Jack Malandra

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Alex Morrison, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Police Chief Lee Schweyer, and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2017 Council Meeting. Mrs. Stine made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that Mr. Renshaw was unable to make the meeting and that the report was sent to everyone in their packets. Mrs. Eagelman mentioned that she did not receive his report for December but did attach the 2018 Budget that he submitted.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Loth wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the new Council members. He stated that he will give a brief report tonight. He mentioned that at the end of last year PennDOT agreed to put some money into Phase 4 Infrastructure Project. He reported that PennDOT has communicated with us that the Phase 4 Infrastructure Project at Penn/Shillington/Mull has been adopted into the Berks MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and will be planned, engineered, land acquired, razed and new roadways built entirely on the budget of PennDOT. He stated that they are still looking for funding to help with the Columbia Avenue extension. He also mentioned that they have been working on TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development) which is another tool of the Municipal Planning Code. He mentioned that we have an Official Map which shows the basic road configuration which is Zoning Law. He stated that TND is another tool like the Official Map. He stated that it is an ability to actually plan a more detailed version of what we see on the original plan. He stated that we can use TND to help us route truck traffic through a different portion of the Central Business District so it won't go down the main street. It will also let us select what kind of buildings we want and what kind of street furnishings we want. He stated that it is going to cost around \$50,000.00 to do a proper plan but once it is adopted, developers will have something to follow. He mentioned that he is doing the research and will come up with a list of consultants to bring to the Workshop Meeting this month. He also mentioned that he has a list of recommendations from the BOSS 2020 Committee to be looked at.

Mrs. Peterson asked if we have something in writing from PennDOT for Phase 4. Mr. Loth stated yes and mentioned that what he has in this report is a transcription of what we got from Alan Piper who stated that next week there will be an official release of the list of all the money that is assigned to things.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that we have a Resolution for the new trash rates. Mr. Hart mentioned that we have been losing money on the trash since we reduced the rate two year ago. He stated that we discovered that some of the expenses are taken out of different budget areas and were not considered when the cost was reduced. He stated that the new Residential Rate is \$163.00 per year. Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution for the new trash rates. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the new trash rates; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that the Reed Beds were cleaned out in the middle of December.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – ALEX MORRISON:

Mr. Alex Morrison mentioned that the only new item on the report is for the DRBC Permit Renewal. He stated that the renewal application for the wastewater Treatment Plant was sent and that the DRBC received it on December 28, 2017.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that the EIP Study is moving along very well. He stated that this week they are going to begin having meetings with Department heads to go over the budget and also projections for the next five years. He stated that he would also like to meet with the Finance Committee and Mr. Jansen to come up with a serious five-year projection.

Mr. Hart mentioned that he received confirmation from the Reading Area Traffic Transportation Study that we were rejected for the grant that we applied for to do the Broad Street Ditch.

JIM PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Pachuillo wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for reappointing him as President and stated that he is honored. He thanked all of Council for serving.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that the Part Time Police Officers follow the Full Time Officers Contract for the 3% pay increases. Chief Schweyer stated that the Part Time Officers hourly rate right now is \$20.63. He stated that it is already in the budget but that it needs to be voted on. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve a 3% increase for the Part Time Police Officers for 2018; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that the Library Board voted and passed the 2018 Budget for the Library. She stated that they also should get a 3% pay increases for everyone.

JR. COUNCILPERSON JACK MALANDRA:

Mr. Malandra asked Council what he could do to help out with BOSS 2020. Mr. Hoffa stated that he should come to the next BOSS meeting and they will see what role he might be able to take part in.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Metzgar thanked everyone for the warm welcome and stated that he looks forward to the changing roles.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner stated that they are setting their schedule for working on the Parade.

Mr. Pachuillo asked if it would be helpful if we would get somebody else to do the Newsletter after we compile the information. Discussion ensued concerning doing them quarterly. Mr. Pachuillo suggested that they discuss it at committee.

CHIEF SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that, for new employees for the Library or Playground, the FBI Finger Print Base system has changed and people have to register themselves.

DENISE STINE - PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine reminded Council about the Wbfd Town Hall Meeting here at the Borough Hall on Thursday, January 25th at 7 pm. She encouraged everyone to attend.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that since we Appointed Mrs. Beck as Tax Collector we now have to appoint her deputy. He stated that Mrs. Bohn stated that she would do be the deputy. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to appoint Mrs. Bohn as Deputy Tax Collector; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hart, for himself and all the employees, thanked Council for the Christmas Luncheon. Everyone was very appreciative.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report as written. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for December 2017. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss a property acquisition issue and a personnel issue.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m. The following action was taken on the property acquisition.

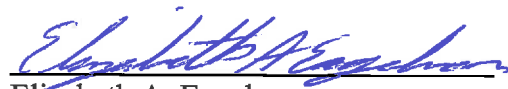
Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the Resolution of the taking of the property located at 6 Krick Avenue; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement for the deed in lieu of condemnation for the property located at 6 Krick Avenue; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary