

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by Council President James Pachuillo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

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

Other officials present were: Charles Haws, Barley Snyder; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Officer Chris Orzech, and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to report.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they received a quote from PDC (Pennsylvania Downtown Commission) about doing some of the TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development) work. He stated that they had an estimate of about \$50,000.00 to have a private company do it but the PDC came back with about \$15,000.00. He stated that it is all about setting up the public meetings and sitting down with an advisory committee made up of Borough Council, BOSS2020 and any interested parties from outside and sitting down and starting to put together what we want this downtown to look like. He mentioned that he has a lunch meeting on the 29th with Vinny, TJ and Sam to look at the gateway project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the only item is the ARL Contract. Mr. Hart stated that there was another meeting but they still have no clear answers and our grace period will end at the end of this month. Long discussion ensued. Mr. Metzgar made a motion to table the issue again; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. Mr. Hart stated that we have to give the ARL formal notice either to enter into the agreement or not to. Mr. Haws stated that we do not have to notify them. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the first item is the Resolution for the Berks County Tax Collection Committee. He explained that we have to nominate who the Borough wants on the Committee. He stated that in 2016 we nominated Deb Scull and Cheryl Johnson from Lower Heidelberg. He stated that Lower Heidelberg contacted us to inform us that we needed to do another resolution to nominate Pam Stevens and Cheryl Johnson. Mr. Miller made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next item is to reappoint some of the volunteer board members whose terms expired at the end of December 2018. He stated that all of the Recreation Board members are up for reappointment. Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to reappoint Lisa Gantner, Robert Metzgar, Tracy Peterson and Jackie Smith. Mrs. Gantner mentioned that Jackie Smith no longer wishes to be on the board. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to reappoint Lisa, Robert and Tracy; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that we need to reappoint Steven Gass, Diane Yarger and Paul Roth to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mrs. Peterson made the motion; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gantner suggested that we send a letter to Mrs. Jackie Smith thanking her for her service over nine years.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned that they have a meeting with PennVest tomorrow.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart stated that he has a bill from STV for engineering services that they completed for the Phase Two Curb Line. He stated that it is a carryover from their 2017 contract and that the invoice amount is \$21,175.00. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve paying the STV bill; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that in order to control expenses within this project we required STV to submit project documents with some sort of an end result. He stated that before it was just open ended. He stated that to move forward with the sweep plan, STV is requesting \$20,161.00 to prepare the plans for the HOP and address one round of PennDOT comments. He stated that he is looking for approval to enter into Agreement #5 with STV in the amount of \$20,161.00. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve entering into Agreement #5 in the total amount of \$20,161.00; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pachuiolo stated that they will need to go into executive session for a personnel issue. Council went into executive session at 7:26 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:10 p.m. The following action was taken.

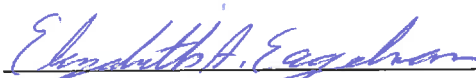
Mr. Zohner asked for Council's approval to take Mr. Kyle Chelius to the 2019 Operator rate for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve moving Mr. Chelius to the 2019 WWTP Operator rate; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Metzgar made a motion to authorize the Admin Committee, staff and consultants to explore the feasibility of entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Spring Township to provide for police coverage; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary