

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on October 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., 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 (Absent)  
H. David Miller  
Denise Stine  
Lisa Gantner (Absent)  
Brian Hoffa  
Robert Metzgar

Other officials present were: Mayor Cirulli, Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Brad Smith, Engineer, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Police Chief James Oxenreider, 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 September 3, 2020 Council Meeting and the September 23, 2020 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

#### **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Richard Chelius from 25 Krick Avenue asked Council for an update on the Revitalization. He stated that he checked the web site, but there have not been any minutes posted since last year. Mr. Hoffa stated that we are still in a holding pattern and that we are still waiting for approval for Phase 2. He mentioned that once Phase 2 is done we may look at Phase 3 but at this time we do not have any money to acquire the properties needed for that phase. Mr. Hoffa stated that he will check with Mr. Loth on the posting of the Revitalization meeting minutes. Mr. Chelius also asked about the construction going on behind him and the dumping of the road material during the evening hours. Mr. Hart stated that he should not have been doing it that late and if it happens again that they should call the police. He mentioned that the contractor that was working on the Penn Avenue project was doing the dumping but that is complete now. Mr. Chelius also mentioned that construction equipment that is parked on the property. Mr. Hart stated that he can park the construction equipment there as long as he is working on it but he cannot run a construction business from the property. Mrs. Chelius asked about the fence permit and if they could put it on the line. Mr. Hart stated that they could and mentioned that Mr. Kline also applied for a fence permit and advised that they may want to wait until he installs his. He stated that the Borough does not know where the property lines are and that they were each given a permit to put a fence on their property. Mrs. Chelius also mentioned that she has not heard anything on her Right-to-know Request. Mr. Hart stated that Kraft was supposed to call to schedule a time for them to look at the plan. He stated that he will check with Kraft and see if we can get a copy in PDF format from the engineer.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for September 2020. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report for September 2020 as written. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that Mr. Renshaw called and that he would not be able to make the meeting tonight but wanted him to mention that due to Covid-19 they have decided to do a virtual Fire Prevention Presentation. He stated that they set it up with the schools using Google Classroom and there are activities, a place to ask questions and video tour of some of the apparatus. He also mentioned that their report is included in everyone's e-mail packet or available at the Borough office if needed.

**WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:**

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that their report is also included in everyone's e-mail packet or available at the Borough office if needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the first item is the RAS Pump #3 Repairs. Mr. Zohner stated that it is one of three (3) pumps of the same type and has to be repaired. He stated that the quote for the repair/rebuild of the current pump is \$13,994.00 and there is a twelve (12) to fourteen (14) week lead time on that. He stated that he would like permission to purchase a replacement and repair the current one so we have an extra on hand due to the turnaround time. Mr. Miller made the motion to

**NEW BUSINESS:**

approve the purchase of a new pump and the repair of the current pump; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next item is the Sewer Main Air Testing and Grouting. Mr. Zohner mentioned that with the replacement of the Broad Street Sewer Main he would like to air test and grout the connecting lines from Kirkwood, Miller and Octagon back about a block off of Broad Street to reduce the risk of the water getting in since Broad Street will be air tight. He stated that he has received two (2) quotes for roughly the same amount. The copy that is attached to the email is for \$6,325.00 which is an estimate because they won't know how much grout they will need until they do the project. He stated that it is COSTARS pricing so it is state approved. He mentioned that he would like to get this done in coordination with the Broad Street main replacement so it seals up that whole section. Mr. Miller asked who the quotes were from. Mr. Zohner stated that he received quotes from Mr. Rehab, LLC and Mobile Dredging. He mentioned that Mobile Dredging had more hours listed because they would be coming from New Jersey. Mr. Miller mentioned that Sewer Specialties is in town as well. Mr. Zohner stated that he would reach out to them for a price also. Mr. Miller made the motion to authorize Mr. Zohner to spend up to \$7,500.00; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that he has been maintaining contact with South Heidelberg Township to see how they are making out with checking their lines. He stated that they are still planning on replacing their sewer line in that area of town and their right-of-way work they have scheduled for the end of fall beginning of winter to get in there and cut the right of ways and inspect those sewer lines as well.

**BRAD SMITH – ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER:**

Mr. Smith stated that his first item is Change Order No. 1 for the Broad Street Project. He stated that the Change Order is for \$0.00 and is to allow the contractor to purchase and stock pile the pipe. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith stated that he has two Payment Applications from Barrasso, the first is for Phase 1 Grant work in the amount of \$18,273.53. He stated that there is \$201,851.47 in work and retainage left for this Phase. He stated that the second is for Phase 1 PENNVEST work in the amount of \$49,956.39. He stated that there is \$694,240.61 in work and retainage left for this Phase. Mrs. Stine made the motion to approve both payment application to Barrasso; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**POLICE CHIEF JAMES OXENREIDER:**

Chief Oxenreider went over his monthly report for September.

**MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:**

Mr. Hart mentioned that ARRO resubmitted the Phase II HOP Application to PennDOT on September 25, 2020.

**ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that their next meeting will be October 12th.

**DENISE STINE –PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Stine mentioned that the Fire Company did a line rescue class over the weekend and everyone passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council went into an executive session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.

**RECONVENE:**

Council reconvened at 7:43. No action was taken.

Mr. Hart mentioned that there are open spots on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board and asked that Mrs. Eagelman post it on the Borough Website and the Borough's Facebook page.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elizabeth A. Eagelman  
Borough Secretary