

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuillo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuillo
T.J. Huckleberry (Absent)
H. David Miller
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson
Brian Hoffa (Absent)

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Robert Ludgate Sr., Ludgate Engineering; Brad Smith, 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.

Mr. Pachuillo requested a moment of silence to honor our fallen heroes and show our support for our Police, Fire Fighters, EMS and our Armed Forces who protect us every day here and abroad and an extra prayer for everyone affected by all the tragedies lately in Puerto Rico, Texas, Florida and Las Vegas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2017 Council Meeting and the September 27, 2017 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Hart stated that Mr. Paul Jansen is here to explain a little bit about the EIP Study that we are going to be starting shortly. Mr. Jansen, Director for the Center for Excellence in Local Government (CELG) at Albright College, introduced himself to Council. He stated that they want to examine where the Borough is financially and develop a longer-term projection. He mentioned that as we move into the Redevelopment Project there is going to be losses in Tax Revenue and increases in Tax Revenue. He stated that the time frame and how that all integrates and projects is real critical. He mentioned that they are also going to be looking at policies and procedures so that all the employees know exactly how they are handling all the money. He stated that they will look at this year's budget and project it over a five (5) year period. He stated that within that projection there will be factors that you can play with and it will show you what it means to the budget. He stated that they will then start to look at the timing for the new Redevelopment projects and the costs associated with that and then look at what kind of alternative financing we may be able to get. He mentioned that they anticipate doing a lot of work with BOSS 2020 as well as Borough Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for September 2017. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that Mr. Renshaw was not able to make tonight's meeting due to illness and that his report is in everyone's packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

POLICE CHIEF LEE SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that there is a wide spread computer virus going around that has hit the County and us. He stated that if you get an e-mail from anyone that has an invoice and a link attached to it don't click on the link or it will infect your computer.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner stated that he would like Council's approval to purchase a small tractor from Reading Kubota with a Snow Blower attachment on it for \$7,500.00. He stated that it would be used to clear the new sidewalk at the Western end of the Borough. He mentioned that we sold a couple pieces of equipment this year that will cover almost all of the cost of it. Mr. Hart mentioned that it will also be used at the Sewer Plant. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to authorize the purchase of the tractor; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – ALEX MORRISON:

Mr. Smith reminded Council that the Borough's NPDES Permit is still being reviewed by PA DEP and that if it should ever get issued the Borough may have additional testing requirements or have to possibly do a plant upgrade.

Mr. Smith mentioned that they will have a Rotary Fan Press pilot test the week of October 23rd.

Mr. Pachuiilo thanked ARRO for the Golf Outing.

ELIZABETH EAGELMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Eagelman reminded Council that the Free Community Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, October 21st at the Lower Heidelberg Township Building.

JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Pachuiilo mentioned that the contractor came in and finished the sidewalk but nothing has been done with street patching where the handicapped ramps were put in. Mr. Hart stated that he has not heard anything new from them and that he would touch base with the superintendent and see what their schedule is.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that he received a letter from the Spring Township Police Department regarding their Halloween Parade and asking for extra Fire Police. He stated that the Borough doesn't have Fire Police and that it should have gone to Mr. Renshaw with the Fire Department.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson stated that the Library would like to hire Helen McCall at \$9.00 per hour and that she will start as Library staff and training for Passports. Mrs. Peterson made the motion to hire Helen McCall at \$9.00 per hour pending her clearances; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. for a personnel issue.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m. No was taken.

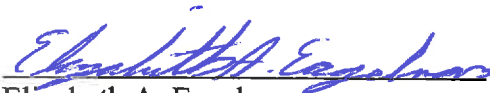
TREASURER'S REPORT:

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 – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary