

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuiilo. Debra Bohn called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

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

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; OIC James Oxenreider, and Debra Bohn, Treasurer, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

Mr. Pachuiilo requested a moment of silence to honor our Fallen Heroes and to recognize our Police, Fire and EMS personnel that protect us here and our Armed Forces who protect us every day here and abroad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuiilo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2018 Council Meeting and the October 24, 2018 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa 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.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuiilo asked for a motion to approve the bills for October 2018. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that their report is included in the email packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an Executive session at 7:03 p.m. for police contract discussion.

RECONVENE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that we have the Budgets to discuss. Mr. Hart went over the General Fund Budget which was unchanged from the Workshop meeting. OIC Oxenreider gave a Power Point Presentation showing the statistics for 2016, 2017 and 2018 for the police department and gave reasons why they need an additional officer. R. Metzgar thanked OIC Oxenreider for the numbers. OIC Oxenreider stated that in 2012 they had six full time officers and the chief and now they have five. He stated that the more officers they have the more visible they are which would cut down on crime. Mrs. Peterson asked if they could get information as to what time of day is the busiest for calls. OIC Oxenreider stated that he can create graphs on the CODY system that will give them that information.

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the Fire Budget is still in limbo but will need an increase.

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she went to the meeting concerning the ARL and that they are looking at a huge increase for next year. Discussion ensued concerning other options.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that we will table the General and Fire Budgets until next meeting and hopefully we will have more information for the Fire Budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**H. DAVID MILLER – SEWER & SANITATION:**

Mr. Miller had nothing to report.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine had nothing to report.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner informed Council that the Holiday Open House will be Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.. She asked Mr. Hart about the Holiday Luncheon for the employees. He stated that they will check on dates.

BRIAN HOFFA – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Hoffa stated that they had a meeting last week and that they discussed the DCED Grant and reported that Mr. Hart will be giving updates on the Phase Two Project at the meetings. He mentioned that they got a report from Mr. Joe Eways about when to bring a developer online to look at the development of the Downtown Center. He also mentioned that he has two individuals that are going to work on the Gateway Committee.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE:

Mr. Metzgar stated that he doesn't have anything to add but mentioned that they need to schedule their next meeting.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that they are just finishing up the budget for the Library so she should have it for the Workshop Meeting. She also mentioned that they are going over some policies for sick time and time off that she will bring to Mr. Hart.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned the Phase Two Project. He mentioned that on our last HOP Permit submission for the curb line, PennDOT reviewed it and sent a couple comments back. He stated that he was watching it but it wasn't moving so he sent an e-mail out to get them moving again. He stated that all of a sudden they jumped on it real quick, got everything together, and sent it back off.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER Cont.):

He stated that he got an e-mail confirmation this morning from PennDOT stating that they have received the submission and the estimated time that they are going to get to review it is November 28th.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned that they have completed the Borough's Preparedness, Prevention and Contingency Plan.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that he has been looking into some equipment for the collection system. He stated that he would like to purchase five devices that you can place in manholes that will record flows and help us figure out where the I and I is coming from. He stated that they are mobile so that he will be able to move them around. He stated that the cost is \$7,875.00 for all five of them and they use Wi-Fi or Bluetooth so he will be able to pull the data from the sensor to his iPad and they will be able to compile the info. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to authorize the purchase of the five devices to measure the I and I; seconded by Mr. Miller. 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. Egelman
Borough Secretary