

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Sinking Spring was opened on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall, by Mr. Francis Butkus. The following Authority members were present:

Francis Butkus
Shawn Schwartz
Paul Roth (Absent)
Richard Biggs
Dennis Leiby

Others present were: Mr. Alex Morrison, ARRO Consulting, Municipal Authority Engineer; Mr. Terry Weiler for Mr. John Hoffert, Authority Solicitor; and Mrs. Debra Bohn who recorded the minutes of the proceedings. Council Representatives included; Mr. George Butkus.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Butkus asked if everyone had a chance to look over last months meeting minutes and if there were any errors or corrections. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 9, 2007 and October 30, 2007. Motion was made by Mr. Schwartz; seconded by Mr. Leiby to approve both sets of minutes. Motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

Mr. Morrison presented the Engineers Report dated November 13, 2007. Copy attached.

Sewer System Infiltration and Inflow Project:

Mr. Morrison stated that he handed out a Bid Receipt Form that shows the spread of bids for the project. He mentioned that on Contract One the two low bidders were only a few dollars apart and on Contract Two the low bidder was significantly lower then the rest. He stated that they did contact Wexcon Inc., the apparent low bidder on Contract Two, to make sure that they did not miss anything substantial, but they claim that they did not and that they want to stand behind their bid. He stated that New England Pipe Cleaning Company is the apparent low bidder on Contract One at \$74,067.45 and Wexcon Inc. is the apparent low bidder on Contract Two at \$47,750.00. He mentioned that ARRO has sent the Notice of Intent to Award to the two apparent low bidders, but mentioned that it does not commit the Authority to anything. He stated that what it does is have them initiate preparing the contract documents including the bonds and insurance and getting the signed agreements. A motion was made by Mr. Leiby to authorize the issuance of the Notice of Intent to Award; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried. Mr. Weiler mentioned that Mr. Hoffert has reviewed the bids and is satisfied.

ENGINEERS REPORT: (Cont.)**Sewer System Infiltration and Inflow Project: (Cont.)**

Mr. Morrison also mentioned that ARRO has been in communication with Mr. Ed Corriveau of PaDEP. He stated that they wanted at status update on the project as we move forward. He stated that ARRO sent a letter to Mr. Corriveau on October 17, 2007 regarding the status of the project and how we were going to repair the line on Broad Street.

Mr. Morrison stated that on October 22, 2007 a letter of transmittal was sent to PennDOT including the permit application for the required H.O.P. He also mentioned that a follow up letter was sent on October 31, 2007 and that he was handed the H.O.P. tonight.

Mountain Home Road Sanitary System Additions Project:

Mr. Morrison stated that the force main has been installed. He mentioned that there was a sinkhole-like feature that was uncovered during excavation. He stated that they repaired it with flowable fill. He stated that the gravity main is scheduled to be started later this week.

Mr. Morrison mentioned that there is a problem on this job. He stated that the contractor, E. Kuser Inc., has informed us that the pump supplier has made an error and has to start over on the equipment delivery. Because of that, E. Kuser Inc. is requesting a time extension of ninety (90) days. Mr. Morrison stated that we typically handle that by change order. He stated that if the Authority concurs with Mr. Kuser's request, ARRO will prepare the change order.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Morrison recommended that the Authority make a motion to authorize the completion of the time extension change order for ninety (90) days and the execution of that by Mr. Butkus. Mr. Weiler suggested that the time extension be conditional upon the additional piping being installed now so that it will not interfere with Mr. Moser's business. Mr. Leiby made the motion; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Project:

Mr. Morrison mentioned that we are still in a holding pattern on the "special study". He stated that we are waiting to get concurrence from the Borough that they are going to accept the project and not object to it after we advertise for the "special study". He mentioned that we did have a joint meeting with the Borough, however, we have not yet received a response after ARRO prepared the summary. Mr. Morrison stated that it is his understanding that the Borough is submitting the summary to a third party for review.

ENGINEERS REPORT: (Cont.)**Wastewater Treatment Plant Project: (Cont.)**

Mr. Morrison mentioned that a few meetings ago the Authority had decided to continue with the design as the Borough moves forward with what they need to do. He stated that items a through f on the report show the design progress.

Hull Street Apartments - Planning Module Exemption:

Mr. Morrison mentioned that Mr. Jason Shaner of McCarthy Engineering was here and that they spoke before the meeting. He stated that Mr. Shaner was here to address any questions regarding the Hull Street Apartments. Mr. Morrison stated that they are looking for a willingness to serve letter for sewage. He stated that he explained to Mr. Shaner that the line that they want to tie in to is hydraulically overloaded and the normal practice is that they would have to replace the line. Mr. Morrison stated that we don't know if we want to go that route and that we will wait until Mr. Hoffert gets back and review all options with him.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he understands that the line is full and mentioned that Alcon is sending a lot more through that line than they were supposed to. Mr. Leiby asked if it was ever followed up on and if a letter was ever sent to Alcon. Mr. Morrison stated that ARRO had drafted a letter and that Mr. Hoffert had provided comment and he stated that it must have fallen by the way side. Mr. Butkus stated that we were going to word it in such a way that we were not telling Alcon to stop sending the flow through but we were going to ask about ways that they might reduce capacity. Mr. Butkus stated that there are some alternatives that could be done. Mr. Schwartz stated that if Alcon was only putting through what they were supposed to then the line would not be overloaded. Mr. Butkus stated that he is correct. Mr. Morrison stated that he would have to do the math and back that out to know for sure. Discussion ensued.

Traditions at Sinking Spring Development:

Mr. Morrison mentioned that we did have a meeting with Mr. Scott Miller of Stackhouse Bensinger to review the new sewer system layout. He stated that their intent is to add a new parallel interceptor and because of that it really does rework their sewer system with in their property. He stated that Mr. Miller will make the related modifications to the proposed sewer system and re-submit the plans for ARRO's review.

MR. TERRY WEILER:

Mr. Weiler mentioned that the right-of-way agreements for Mt. Home Road have been recorded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Butkus asked if everyone had received a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated November 13, 2007 and if anyone had any questions. Motion was made by Mr. Biggs to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Leiby. Motion carried.

MR. GEORGE BUTKUS:

Mr. George Butkus mentioned that the Borough has made payment on and we have received the total completion of the root treatment for the sewer lines. He mentioned that he had a copy of it if anyone wanted to see it.

Mr. George Butkus stated that he needed to update the Authority in Executive Session concerning a resolution of the law suit between the Borough and South Heidelberg Township.

The Authority went into Executive Session.

Meeting reconvened.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mr. Butkus stated that we have four bills from ARRO Consulting totaling \$11,235.15. Motion was made by Mr. Leiby to pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried.

Mr. Butkus stated that we have a bill from Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Assoc. for Membership Dues in the amount of \$180.41. Motion was made by Mr. Leiby to pay the bill; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried.

Mr. Butkus stated that we have a bill from the Reading Eagle in the amount of \$45.70 for advertising the special meeting on October 30, 2007. Motion was made by Mr. Leiby to pay the bill; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried.

Mr. Butkus stated that we have a bill from Ms. White in the amount of \$320.00 for services rendered for October 2007. Motion was made by Mr. Leiby to pay the bill; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried.

Mr. Butkus stated that we have a bill from Mr. Hoffert for services rendered through November 13, 2007 in the amount of \$500.00. Motion was made by Mr. Leiby to pay the bill; seconded by Mr. Biggs. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Butkus wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked if there was anything else for the good of the order.

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Leiby. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth White
Municipal Authority Secretary/Treasurer