

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at 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 (absent)  
Robert Metzgar

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director, Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Police Chief James Oxenreider, and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT:**

Mr. Pachuillo turned it over to Mr. Haws. Mr. Haws stated that we duly advertised a proposed Ordinance to amend the Sinking Spring Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Ordinance no. 577, amending the Zoning Ordinance (1) to add certain definitions of senior independent living facility, assisted living facility, congregate care facility and personal care facility to article III of the Zoning Ordinance; (2) to add a new section 502.7, to permit, as a use permitted by right, condominium and planned development uses within the R-1 suburban residential zoning district; (3) adding a new section 506 to the Zoning Ordinance, setting forth certain dimensional requirements and performance standards applicable to condominium and planned development uses for condominium and planned development uses within the R-1 suburban residential zoning district and (4) to add a new section 632 to the Zoning Ordinance setting forth certain dimensional requirements and performance standards applicable to senior independent living facilities, assisted living facilities, congregate care facilities and personal care facilities.

Mr. Haws stated that the draft Ordinance was duly advertised in the Reading Eagle on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated that drafts were sent to the Borough Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission, comments were received and consideration given. He stated that now would be the appropriate time for Council to (1) solicit public comments on the proposed Ordinance and (2) to take action on the Ordinance if they so choose.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that they will now have a Public Comment period. Mr. Mike Setley, who is representing Mr. Don Robitzer, stated that they are very pleased with the process and how it has gone. He stated that there was a lot of give and take and a lot of meetings and that it was a wonderful process working with Borough Council and they appreciate it very much.

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AMENDMENT (Cont.):**

Mr. Pachuillo asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one came forward so the public comment period was closed. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to adopt the Zoning Amendment for the Village Greens; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**REVITALIZATION:**

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that their next meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hart mentioned that the HOP has been resubmitted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the only item is the Western Berks Ambulance Agreement for 2020. He stated that it is the same as prior years were they are asking for .26 of one mill on the assessed valuation of real property within the Borough. He asked for a motion to accept the agreement. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to accept the agreement with Western Berks Ambulance for 2020; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES –4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Mr. Miller abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

**CHIEF OXENREIDER:**

Chief Oxenreider reported that last Wednesday they did a program at the day care on Mt. Home Road. He stated that the kids really enjoyed it. He mentioned that he would like to start a Citizens Police Academy next year and that it would include our Borough, Lower Heidelberg Township and South Heidelberg Township. Mayor Cirulli mentioned that they would also like to start doing a National Night Out.

**BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Zohner mentioned that the two sewer repairs were completed this past week.

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

Mr. Smith mentioned that they are working on the grant application for the Dump Station at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He mentioned that it is very important that we contact our elected officials to get them on board with the project so they can send letters on our behalf and to lobby for us to get the grant.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that the Sewer Televising Truck has been delivered.

**ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that they met on the 18<sup>th</sup> and that their next meeting will be December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:**

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the Annual Holiday Open House will be Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She stated that Betsy and Deb did a nice job decorating the Council Room.

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that they are meeting with a gentleman from the Realtors Association. She stated that Mr. Jim Adams put her in touch with them for a potential up to \$5,000.00 grant for something at the playground.

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that they will be going around the Borough on December 14<sup>th</sup> to vote on the Holiday Decorations.

**JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the December workshop meeting falls on Christmas Day. He stated that he doesn't think we will need to meet but it will be decided after the December Council meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> and if need be we can advertise for a new date. He also mentioned that the Reorganization Meeting is the first Monday which is January 6, 2020 which the Mayor will preside over until the President and Vice President are elected. He also mentioned that Mrs. Egelman will be attending the Municipal Secretaries Christmas Breakfast Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> where they will be discussing "Getting ready for the reorganization meeting". He also mentioned that the regular January Council meeting will take place after the reorganization meeting on January 6, 2020 and not on the first Thursday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elizabeth A. Egelman  
Borough Secretary