

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Monday, December 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President Stewart Wenrich. After the Pledge to the Flag, Debra Bohn called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

Stewart Wenrich
Edward Oswald
George Butkus
Elizabeth Sloan (absent)
Dennis Leiby (Deceased 12/6/10)
James Pachuiilo
Denise Stine

Other officials present were: Mayor Francis Butkus, David Schlott, Jr., ARRO Consulting, Police Chief, James Oxenreider, and Debra Bohn who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

Mr. Wenrich requested a moment of silence for Mr. Dennis Leiby. He was a fellow Councilman, a life time resident of Sinking Spring. He dedicated his life to the Borough through service. Mr. Wenrich requested that we keep his family in our prayers.

VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

COUNCILMAN JAMES PACHUILO:

Mr. Pachuiilo informed Council that State Senator Michael O’Pake passed away that day. He had heart bypass surgery a few weeks back and never recovered from that. Mr. Wenrich stated that will be a large vacancy to fill.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mr. Pachuiilo made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Ms. Sloan); motion carried.

RESOLUTION WAIVING POLICE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN:

Mr. Wenrich stated Council should have received a copy of the resolution via e-mail. We do this every year. Mr. Butkus made a motion to pass the resolution waiving the police contributions into the police pension plan; seconded by Mr. Pachuiilo. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Ms. Sloan); motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

TREASURER REPORT:General Account

Opening Balance – November 30, 2010	\$ 33,741.38
PLGIT	9,106.77
Invest	49,616.82
Recreation	
General	154,674.67
Deposits as of December 27, 2010	169,695.94
Fire Escrow	15,856.37
Transfer from Invest	100,000.00
Checks Written	151,136.60
Payroll	71,161.00
PENNVEST Auto Debit	2,576.47
Wire Transfer Fee	<u>10.00</u>
Balance as of December 27, 2010	\$307,807.88

Sewer Account

Opening Balance – November 30, 2010	\$125,217.93
PLGIT	61,347.17
Invest	422,212.26
Deposits as of December 27, 2010	243,652.76
Checks Written	302,066.80
PENNVEST Loan Payment	<u>19,308.91</u>
Balance as of December 27, 2010	\$531,054.41

Mr. Pachuilto made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Oswald. Mr. Pachuilto said at the Western Berks Fire Department meeting they are looking at interest rates. He was wondering if we were looking at moving the money out of the PLGIT accounts since the rates are so low. He feels this is something we should be looking at. Mr. Pachuilto stated banks are doing a bit better in interest rates right now. Mr. Butkus said this is something we might want to evaluate several times of year. Mr. Pachuilto stated we might want to take a look at our loans and see if we could get better rates at other banks. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Ms. Sloan); motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Butkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina M. Shade
Borough Secretary/Treasurer