

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at 6:30 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  
Bruce Light  
Barbara Kutz (absent)  
Lawrence Schmidt  
George Butkus  
James Zerr  
Elizabeth Sloan (absent)

Other officials present were: Mayor Clarence Noecker, Keith Mooney, Borough Solicitor, James Oxenreider, Chief of Police, David Schlott Jr., ARRO Consulting, Michael Hart, Public Works Director, and Debra Bohn, Administrative Assistant, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

**VISITORS:**

There were no visitors.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council went into executive session for personnel reasons at 6:35 p.m.

**RECONVENE:**

Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

**JAMES ZERR – ADMINISTRATION:**

The committee has met with the Chief and agreed upon his contract. Mr. Zerr made a motion to adopt the Chief of Police's new contract for the years of 2009, 2010, and 2011; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. AYES 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried. Mr. Zerr stated our part time police clerk has accepted the full time police clerk position. Mr. Zerr made a motion to hire Bonita Zerbe as the full time police clerk at the current salary; seconded by Mr. Butkus. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF AUTHORITY MEMBERS:**

Mr. Wenrich explained that we needed to reappoint two (2) members to our Sewer Authority until such time the paperwork is completed for the disbandment of the Authority. Mr. Light made a motion to reappoint Mr. Francis Butkus and Mrs. Kandi Moser to the Borough's Municipal Authority; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSTAIN – 1 (Mr. Butkus); motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:**

Mr. Light made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

**MT. HOME ROAD PUMP STATION:**

Mr. Butkus made a motion to grant a thirty (30) day time extension which will make it ninety (90) days total for the connection to the Mt. Home Road pump station; seconded by Mr. Zerr. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

**JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING:**

The meeting will take place on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Borough Hall. A joint meeting with the Authority will take place first. This is to review the ongoing process of the Borough taking over the running of the sewer plant.

**TIME EXTENSIONS:**

Mr. Zerr questioned why we are extending this for the fourth time for South Hull Street. Mr. Hart explained about the boundaries and the storm water issues. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Butkus made the motion to grant the time extension for South Hull till February 6, 2009; seconded by Mr. Light. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

**ARRO CONSULTING:**

There was a bill in the amount of \$9,658.56 that needed to be paid to ARRO incurred by the Municipal Authority. The Authority is out of money so the Borough will need to pay this bill which was for the treatment plant design. Mr. Butkus made a motion to pay the bill; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried. Mr. Schmidt questioned if this bill was done prior to the disbandment of the Authority. He went on to say that Council told the Authority they could not generate anymore bills. He then questioned if this bill was generated prior to that. Mr. Schlott stated that it was; this was part of the design which was under contract before that.

**POLICE PENSION RESOLUTION:**

Mr. Zerr made a motion to waive the police contribution into the Police Pension Plan; seconded by Mr. Light. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION MEETING:**

Mr. Zerr announced there will be an admin meeting on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Borough Hall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:****General Account**

Opening Balance – December 30, 2008		\$	12,912.77
PLGIT			8,990.14
Invest	Recreation		49,446.75
	General Invest		<u>4,135.97</u>
	Total Acct Funds	\$	75,485.63

**Sewer Account**

Opening Balance – December 30, 2008		\$	55,509.17
PLGIT			60,530.14
Invest	Sewer Revenue		<u>444,804.56</u>
	Total Acct Funds	\$	560,843.87

Mr. Butkus made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Schmidt.  
 AYES – 5, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Regina M. Shade, Borough Secretary/Treasurer