

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

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

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Tim Malloy, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Robert Ludgate Sr., Ludgate Engineering; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Police Chief Lee Schweyer, and Elizabeth Eageman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

Mr. Pachuillo 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. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting, January 2, 2018 Council Meeting and the January 24, 2018 Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Gantner made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for January 2018. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Renshaw went over the Activity Report for January 2018. He thanked Council for allowing them to host their Town Hall Meeting here the other week. Mr. Miller apologized for not making the meeting and asked if there was a power point that Mr. Renshaw could e-mail to him. Mr. Renshaw stated yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachulo stated that the only item is the Pennsylvania 811 Systems Proclamation. He stated that the Proclamation states that we designate the month of April as Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the Proclamation; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ROBERT LUDGATE SR. – BOROUGH ENGINEER

Mr. Ludgate mentioned that there was an important meeting here yesterday. Mrs. Gantner stated that they met with some people that came here from the Pittsburgh area to talk about the Traditional Downtown designation. She stated that after we explained everything that we have been doing and what we think we what they made some suggestions and will be putting a memo together about what our options are. She stated that it is not just the Traditional Downtown and that there are other ways to have some control over development by design and what our building will look like. She mentioned that the next step would be to do a Visioning Meeting which is like a Town Hall Meeting so that people from the community can get together and see the different styles through pictures. Mr. Metzgar stated that he thought it was very helpful to finally meet with someone to help develop the vision.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that the new Public Works Department employee, Mr. Michael Trainer, will be starting on Monday, February 5th, and that he passed all of the pre-employment screenings.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned that they are pursuing a grant in the amount of \$419,500.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to replace some of the sanitary sewer line on Broad Street from where they ended the crossing at Penn Avenue down to Miller Drive. He stated that there is a Resolution that needs to be passed in order for ARRO to apply for the grant. Mrs. Stine made a motion to sign the Resolution; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith stated that the Borough received a letter from DEP stating that the Mt. Home Road Pump Station Corrective Action Plan has been successfully completed and thanking the Borough for their cooperation in meeting the Chapter 94 reporting requirements.

Mr. Smith mentioned that they did have their meeting with Mr. Jansen and that they discussed various things. He stated that they will be proceeding on updating the Sewer Use Ordinance, updating the Agreements with the contributing Municipalities and developing a Capital Fund.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that Miller Builders Supply is interested in tying into our sanitary sewer system on Mt. Home Road. He stated that their septic system has failed. He stated that he has an Escrow Agreement from them that needs to be signed and that it just covers construction dollars. Mrs. Peterson made the motion to sign the Escrow Agreement for potential sewer service connection; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Hart mentioned that we are moving forward with the EIP and implementing some of the changes suggested by Mr. Jansen. He also mentioned that they have more meeting scheduled.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that there are going to be some changes coming to the Library because we are having difficulties keeping people.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that they will be having an Admin meeting on February 12th at 10 am.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt and Community Breakfast will be Saturday, March 24th. She mentioned that they had a meeting with Dr. Flannery from the Wilson School District concerning the summer Bull Dog Blast. She stated that they are having another meeting in two weeks and that the School is looking to expand it to Brookfield and maybe some other sites in the school district. She stated that they are discussing making the summer program nine (9) weeks instead of eight (8) since they have had such a good response to the extra week. She also mentioned that Parade letters have gone out. Mrs. Peterson mentioned that they may need extra help with the Easter Egg Hunt because some of them will not be able to make it. Mr. Malandra stated that he would be able to help out.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report as written. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as written; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss a possible property acquisition and a personnel issue.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 7:43 p.m. No action was taken.

ELIZABETH EAGELMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Eagelman mentioned that it was discovered that there is a typo on the minutes from the Workshop meeting on January 24th. She stated that the time for the executive session should be 8:42 and was typed incorrectly as 7:42. Mr. Miller stated that he amends his motion to include the correction.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that they are discussing strategies for the News Letter and how to inform all of the residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary