

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by Council President James Pachuiolo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuiolo
Tracy Peterson
H. David Miller
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar (Arrived at 7:10)
Jack Malandra (Absent)

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

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Pachuiolo stated that we have some Boy Scouts here from Troop 459 which is out of Wernersville. He stated that their pack leader had contacted us to see if they could attend a meeting to ask some questions of the elected officials. There were four boy scouts in attendance that asked a variety of questions of Council and the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to report.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they had the BOSS2020 Meeting last week and that they also had a meeting with the Gateway Committee. He stated that they are looking at starting a banner program again and they are looking at an electronic billboard to put at the intersection of Phase 2. He stated that they are looking at doing something with the Railroad, maybe a banner across it or decorate the inside of it to spruce it up as an entry way into the Borough. He also mentioned that they are looking at rebranding because 2020 is going to be here really soon. He mentioned that Mr. Loth sent out information by e-mail concerning the PDC and what they are willing to do to come in and run our community meetings to start to get some input from the community and basically put a steering committee together from the borough and from involved businesses. He stated that they instructed Mr. Loth to contact the PDC and set up a meeting with us so they can explain what they see the benefits of doing this is.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

BRYCE Zohner – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that last meeting we had discussed getting a new televising truck for the sewer plant. He stated that he figured out which financing will be best for the Borough. He stated that the final price is \$175,000.00 and that it will be spread over a five year lease. He mentioned that it is \$15,000.00 over what had been budgeted. The yearly cost will be \$37,981.00 which is a \$6,000.00 difference from what was budgeted per year. He stated that for this year's budget his intention is to make up that difference by selling the components from the old televising truck. He asked for Council to approve him moving forward with getting the financing and ordering the truck because it takes four months to come in. Mr. Hart mentioned that the financing would be through Fulton Bank the same as the police vehicles. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to approve Mr. Zohner to move forward with the financing and ordering the televising truck; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Mrs. Peterson asked what the interest rate is. Mr. Zohner stated that it is 4.23% and that he looked at Ford Finance and two other lenders and they were all high 4's and low 5% and Fulton was the best way to go. Mr. Miller asked if specs were available for the camera. Mr. Zohner stated that he could send that to him. Discussion ensued about the software and what else was looked at and benefits. Mr. Miller stated that it is hard to make a decision on something that they have no information on in front of them. Mr. Zohner stated that he can provide all of the material. Mr. Metzgar stated that he would like to hear a committee recommendation before we go on. Mr. Pachulo stated that Mrs. Gantner can rescind her motion and we can table it until committee review and recommendation. Mr. Zohner stated that he will e-mail everything to Council tomorrow and then we can discuss it next week. Mrs. Gantner stated that she will rescind her motion.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that we have some right-of-way sewer line work that he would like to work with the committee and ARRO to look at putting it out for bid to working with Spring Township. He stated that it is the Reedy Road Interceptor in the right-of-way and the Cacoosing Creek Interceptor are coming up in the five year cycle and we don't have the equipment to get in there to televise. He mentioned that Spring Township's line runs parallel to ours and thought it would make sense to have both lines done at the same time. He stated that he has spoken to Paul at Spring Township.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned the draft NPDES Permit and that there are two chemicals that have been added to the testing sequence. He stated that Mr. Zohner has begun testing for them but has only been able to take two samples and that is not a significant amount of data. He stated that he spoke with DEP and they suggested that the Borough submit to DEP a request for an extension of the comment period to allow the Borough to collect more data on the contaminant. He stated that if Council agrees he will draft a letter on behalf of the Borough to DEP requesting an extension of the comment period so we can get more testing data. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize ARRO to send a letter to DEP requesting an extension of the comment period for the NPDES Permit and continue their sampling regiment to determine either the source or the detection of those two chemicals; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith mentioned that after much discussion and research their recommendation is that the Borough pursue a Pennvest loan to pay for the Broad Street Sewer Line replacement. He stated that it will be 1.4% for the first 5 years and 2.008% for the remainder of the term. He asked for authorization from Council to start working on the application for that. Mr. Metzgar made a motion authorizing ARRO to begin work on the Pennvest application; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he has been working on the grants. He stated that the \$1.1 million grant has been extended for a one year period and that he will need signatures so he can send it back. He mentioned that this is the first extension for this grant. He stated that the other grant from DCED for \$275,000.00 will not be extended again because we have reached our max. He stated he has been working with a woman from Harrisburg and that they are trying to figure out a way that they can apply the money towards the project in a manner that they will agree with. He stated that the other grant is the multimodal grant for \$785,000.00. He stated that he called Mr. Loth in to give him a hand.

JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Pachuillo questioned parking of vehicles on grass and if we had an ordinance that they had to be parked on stone or macadam. Mr. Hart stated that it is only for RV's. He stated that the property maintenance code would cover vehicles that are not licensed or inspected that are on private property.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that Officer Skelton will be back on March 4th. He mentioned that Council had agreed to let him carry over his vacation time from 2018 that he didn't get to take but stipulated that it had to be taken by April. He asked Council to allow Officer Skelton to use his 160 hours of vacation time from 2018 at any time in 2019. Mrs. Peterson made the motion allowing Officer Skelton to use his 160 hours of 2018 vacation time by the end of 2019; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

LISA GANTNER – PARKS & RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she received a call from the Wernersville office stating that they would like us to take the Memorial Day Parade back. She stated that their Mayor is away and they don't have any volunteers or a VFW. Mrs. Gantner stated that she usually has the invites out by the end of January beginning February. Discussion ensued as to road construction and other issues. Mr. Pachuillo suggested that she reach out to our VFW to see if they would be on board with it. Mr. Miller made a motion to cancel the parade but there was no second. Mr. Miller rescinded his motion.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine mentioned that they are going to work on something for the spring to get Chief Schweyer's name added to the Memorial and have a service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that they will need to go into executive session for a possible litigation issue. Council went into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary