

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuillo. Elizabeth Eagelman 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 (Absent)

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

Mr. Pachuillo requested a moment of silence to honor our fallen heroes and to honor our Police, Fire and EMS personnel and our Armed Forces who protect us every day here and abroad.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting, January 6, 2020 Council Meeting and the January 22, 2020 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that there are three pieces of correspondence from CELG. Two for different classes and the third is a save the date for the Municipal Official's Dinner on Thursday, March 26th.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for January 2020. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

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 Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

Sherry of Western Berks Ambulance addressed Council. She went over the highlights of their 2019 annual report. She thanked Council for continuing to support the ambulance.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that their report is in everyone's packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that Council needs to accept Mr. Kevin Zieber's resignation from the police department. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept Me. Zieber's resignation; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that we need to appoint Mrs. Lanette Dussinger to the Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Stine made a motion to appoint Mrs. Dussinger to the Civil Service Commission; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

CHIEF OXENREIDER:

Chief Oxenreider went over his report for January 2020.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned the Clarifier repairs that Council tabled last meeting. He asked Council's permission to move forward with Blooming Glen since they were the low bidder at \$20,938.00. He stated that he solicited for four bids but has only received two so far. Discussion ensued. Mr. Miller made the motion to move forward with the low bidder since it is strictly maintenance and not a capital item; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (Cont.):

Mr. Zohner mentioned that they need to make two sewer repairs on Elizabeth Drive. He stated that he received a quote from R & F Excavation for not to exceed \$10,500.00. Mrs. Peterson made the motion to move forward with the Sewer Main repairs; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

BRAD SMITH - SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING:

Mr. Smith mentioned that PENNVEST has made a funding offer to the Borough in the amount of \$1,750,000.00. He stated that once the offer and loan terms are finalized, the project can be bid. He also mentioned that we are submitting a road opening permit to Spring Township for Reedy Road.

Mr. Smith mentioned that we are still waiting on the Grant for the Septage Receiving Station.

CHARLES HAWS – BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Mr. Haws mentioned that he is working on the litigation issue as well as the real estate acquisition matter.

MAYOR CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that they are waiting for the applications to come in to set a date for testing. He stated that the deadline is Friday, February 14th.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she and Mr. Miller went to the Borough's Association Meeting last week and that it was concerning the Census. She mentioned that on March 12th postcards will be mailed out to everybody with the website on where everyone can go on and complete the questions. She stated that they are really basic questions and that they would like everyone to complete it online.

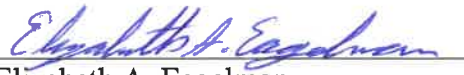
Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she would like to go to the Zoning Class and that she would have to miss the March Council meeting.

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that it is time to start getting information together for the Spring/Summer Newsletter. She mentioned that the Community Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 21st from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon and that the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4th. She stated that they decided to split them this year since we had some issues last year. She mentioned that they are looking for donations of food and raffle baskets.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Peterson.
AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary