

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, February 7, 2019 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
Robert Metzgar (Absent)
Jack Malandra (Absent)

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; OIC 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 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 3, 2019 Council Meeting and the January 23, 2019 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. 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 2019. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. 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 Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that Mr. Tucci was unable to make tonight's meeting but sent their 2018 year-end report and their January 2019 report. Both are attached to everyone's e-mail.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that Mr. Renshaw was unable to make tonight's meeting but sent their January 2019 report which is attached to everyone's e-mail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the only item is the Township if Spring's Annual Trout Rodeo Donation. He stated that the Borough always gives a donation of \$500.00. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve donating \$500.00 to the Trout Rodeo again this year; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

FEASIBILITY STUDY:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that at the last meeting we decided to pursue a Feasibility Study for the Police Department. He stated that he wanted to officially create a new committee to take care of that feasibility study. He stated that he would like Mr. Metzgar, Mrs. Stine and Mr. Miller to serve on that committee and get that study completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**H. DAVID MILLER – SEWER AND SANITATION:**

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Smith if he had a proposal or work order for the Broad Street work. Mr. Smith stated that it was approved at the December 6th, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Eagelman stated that she would send a copy to Mr. Miller.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine had nothing to report.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the Memorial Day Parade will be in Wernersville this year. She stated that the Annual Breakfast will be held on April 13th at the Fire Company along with the Egg Hunt that will take place at 10 a.m. She mentioned that she has started contacting the Playground Leaders from last year to see if they want to return. She mentioned that the start date for playground isn't set yet but mentioned that it will run for nine (9) weeks. She stated that there will be two movie nights this year, one at the beginning of playground and one at the end. She also stated that we will be doing the Bulldog Blast with the school district again. She mentioned that we would like to get a newsletter out by the beginning of April.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that the Library fees have increased quite a bit and that the increase is from the central office.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli stated that the Police Department is looking into shredding service for their old records. He stated that they have a quote from VRC for \$39.00 per month and that they will waive the normal transportation fee of \$24.95 for pick up. He mentioned that they have a lot of boxes of old records that need to be shredded and that OIC Oxenreider must be present for the shredding. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the quote from VRC; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. Discussion ensued concerning the front offices shredding contract with VRC. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he has been working on getting extensions for the three grants that we have. He stated that they are moving forward but mentioned that there is a threat that we may lose one of the grants because it has already been extended for the maximum five year term. He stated that he is trying to work it so that we can apply it towards engineering costs instead of construction costs. He mentioned that he has a conference call next week with PennDOT and others regarding all of the different grants.

Mr. Hart mentioned that they had a meeting with Pennvest concerning the Sewer project and that he also contacted Concord Financial to look at a regular bank loan. He stated that the Pennvest loan has a low interest rates but has a lot of other costs associated with it as far as filing for payments and a lot of extra work since we have the grant. He is looking to see which will be best for the Borough.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER (Cont.):

Mr. Hart mentioned that Mrs. Beck will not be running for tax collector and that she will be done at the end of this year.

ELIZABETH EAGELMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Eagelman mentioned that the Auditors were here Monday and Tuesday and that everything went well.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned that we received our Draft NPDES Permit from PA DEP and that we have until March 4th to make comments on it. He stated that none of our limits changed and there was some addition to some of our limits. He stated that we now have an instantaneous maximum for fecal coliform and that they did add two new compounds to the permit to be tested for. He briefly went over the report.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that they had budgeted \$7,000.00 to replace the one HVAC unit at the WWTP. He stated that he got some quotes and that the lowest came in at \$6,800.00 from Sunrise Heating and Cooling. He asked for Council's approval to proceed with the work. Mrs. Stine made the motion to authorize contracting with Sunrise Heating and Cooling to replace the HVAC unit; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that he has been looking into a replacement for our TV Truck and that he and Mr. Hart did a site visit looking at some equipment. He stated that they had budgeted, over the five years, \$160,000.00 total for a TV Truck. He stated that the one that they feel best suits our needs comes in at \$175,000.00 and they are planning on doing a five year lease and are looking into financing. He stated that he is looking for approval to move forward with the process since it takes about four months to build the truck. Mr. Miller asked if they needed to replace the whole truck or if they can just replace the camera unit. Mr. Zohner explained that it is a 1996 box truck that was retrofitted and has seen better days. Discussion ensued. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Zohner to get some hard numbers for the lease information for Workshop meeting.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that Mrs. Marsha Stout came into work on January 31st and resigned.


OIC OXENREIDER:

OIC Oxenreider went over the Police Report for January 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eagelman
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