

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachulo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachulo
T.J. Huckleberry (arrived @ 7:28)
George Butkus
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson
Brian Hoffa

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

Mr. Pachulo requested a moment of silence to honor our Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel that protect us here and our Armed Forces that are continually fighting for us here and abroad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachulo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2017 Council Meeting and the February 22, 2017 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:

Mr. Pachulo mentioned that we received another letter from Lower Heidelberg Township disputing the Strong Waste charges for January. Mr. Zohner stated that he contacted the Lab (Suburban) after receiving the letter from Lower Heidelberg Township. He stated that he and Mr. Hart will be meeting with Suburban on Monday to discuss some of the issues that Lower Heidelberg Township did have to try to alleviate this situation. He mentioned that the lab believes that they were accurate samples.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for February 2017. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that Mr. Jared Renshaw was unable to make the meeting and that his report is attached to everyone's e-mail. He mentioned that the station in Lower Heidelberg sustained some damage during this past weekend's storms. He stated that they are assessing the damage and the trustees are discussing what they are going to do with the building.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the first item is the Employee Handbook. Mrs. Peterson stated that they are going to meet to go over it again prior to the Workshop Meeting. Mr. Pachuillo stated that they would table it until then.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

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 – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

TOM LUDGATE – BOROUGH ENGINEER

Mr. Ludgate mentioned Phase Four/the tie in at 724. He stated that, today, a sub-committee of RATS agreed to put the preliminary engineering in to next year's budget, so July of this year. He stated that if the overall committee of RATS agrees to that two weeks from now then come July 1st there would be preliminary engineering underway for Phase Four.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner asked Councils permission to go out for bid for the excavation of sludge from the Reed Beds. He stated that it would be a two-year contract for 2017 and 2018. Mrs. Stine made a motion to authorize going out for bid for the excavation of sludge; seconded by Mr. Butkus. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that Wexcon is planning on starting the project next Monday and will begin excavation on Thursday.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned that they are working on the Chapter 94 Report.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that the contractor working for Pennsylvania American Water is going to start up their project again on March 7th on the West end and work towards the East end.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli stated that he and the Chief changed some of the wording for the Snow Ordinance. Chief Schweyer explained that there was a lot of confusion in Part A for the Odd side of the Street. Discussion ensued. Mr. Pachuillo stated that they will continue to work on the wording for the Ordinance and then it will have to be advertised. He stated that we will have it ready for the Fall Newsletter. Mayor Cirulli explained that the wording has to be clear or they will not be able to cite anyone because the District Justice will throw it out.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the Borough Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt are all set for Saturday, April 8th. She mentioned that they are working on how they are going to change the Playground Leader situation. She stated that they would like to have some College age kids and also some High School kids. She mentioned that they do have some leaders returning from last year.

GEORGE BUTKUS – SEWER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Butkus mentioned that the Sewer Committee will be meeting on Monday evening. He asked Mr. Haws to attend if he is available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. for a personnel matter related to the Sewer Department and property acquisition issues.

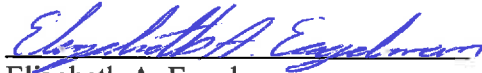
RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 7:49 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Butkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary