

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 8:04 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James A Pachuiilo, Jr. After the Pledge to the Flag, Regina Shade called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuiilo
Edward Oswald
George Butkus (absent)
Christiana Stallone (absent)
Gary Cirulli
Denise Stine
Steven Suruskie (absent)

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. We had no quorum however an informal meeting was held until Mrs. Stine arrived at 8:04 p.m.

Other officials present were: Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor, Mayor Francis Butkus, Thom Ludgate, Ludgate Engineering, David Schlott, Jr., ARRO Consulting, Police Chief Lee Schweyer, and Regina Shade who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

VISITORS:

Mr. Ken Harting spoke to Council about the 100th Anniversary during the informal meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuiilo stated that Mr. Haws sent out to Council a copy of the Ordinance creating the position of Borough Manager. He suggested that the admin committee review it. Mr. Haws feels everybody should be on the same page. The Ordinance is based off the one Kutztown uses; however Mr. Haws did tweak a few items. Mr. Oswald said that Mrs. Stallone would be fine with passing this Ordinance. We are creating the position, no rate of pay or anything like that will be in there. After a brief discussion it was decided to table this and let everyone have a chance to review it. It was decided to let Council review it and have the admin committee discuss and weigh in with their thoughts.

The Mass Gathering Ordinance was next on the agenda. Mr. Haws spoke to Mr. Hart about this. Mr. Haws explained what the changes were in the Ordinance. A discussion ensued about the sewage and some of the other issues at Konopelski's area. This item was tabled to the Council meeting so Mr. Hart could have a chance to review the Ordinance.

The next item was the Fire Marshal. Mr. Roth resigned as our Fire Marshal effective April 1, 2013. Mr. Pachuiilo thought that Mr. Jeff Weidner of the Western Berks Fire Department was going to get back to us with some names. Mrs. Shade stated that when we had the hurricane, the Western Berks Emergency Management Agency's Director, Tom Bausher, had requested a meeting with all the key personnel and fire departments and Western Berks never showed up. She went on to say she contacted one of the Board members who finally got Mr. Weidner to call and speak to Mr. Bausher. This item was tabled as well. A discussion ensued about Western Berks Fire Dept.

NEW BUSINESS:

The first item was the Teamster's contract. The committee had meant with them. Council has had the contract for a couple of weeks. Mr. Pachuillo asked if anyone had any questions in regards to the contract. Mr. Pachuillo said if they didn't vote on it that evening, it was not a big deal as he talked to the union rep. It will be retroactive to April 1st. Mrs. Stine questioned if the contract could be given to the supervisor so they can see exactly what will be expected. Mr. Cirulli feels that Mrs. Shade, Mr. Hart, and Chief Schweyer should see the contract. Mr. Pachuillo said himself, Mrs. Stine, and Mrs. Stallone were the negotiating committee with them. Mr. Cirulli stated that was fine, but they should know what was proposed and if they can work with it. Mr. Pachuillo stated when their input is needed will be for the next contract. They would eventually like to have a three (3) contract but this one will run from April 1st this year to April 1st next year, then the next contract will run from April 1, 2014 to the end of 2014, and then the calendar years of 2015 and 2016. The Teamsters had a health care system that we could become part of as well. They could offer healthcare to everyone. Mrs. Stine questioned if the police contract was finished. Mr. Haws stated that it was in the process of being typed up. Mr. David Keller's secretary is typing it up.

The next item was the newsletter. Mrs. Shade stated that Mrs. Gina Knorr who did the graphic portion of our newsletter is giving it up. We had paid her \$500 a year for both newsletters. We are not going to get away with that cost anymore. Mrs. Shade stated Mrs. Knorr can supply us with names of people who might be willing to help us. Mr. Oswald knows someone as well. A discussion ensued as to how the newsletter should be bid. The new bidding "rules" are three (3) telephonic quotes at \$10,000.00 and specs at \$18,500.00.

Mr. Cirulli made a motion to accept Mr. Michael Siminiski's resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3 (Mrs. Stallone, Mr. Butkus, Mr. Suruskie); motion carried. Mrs. Stine made a motion to run an ad for the open seats on the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, and Fire Marshal; seconded by Mr. Oswald. Mr. Oswald stated we will also place it on Facebook as we are getting a lot of attention on those boards. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an executive session at 8:36 p.m. for personnel issues.

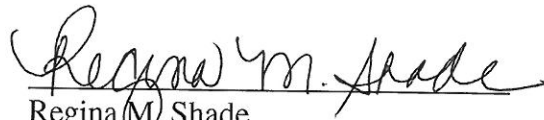
RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Oswald made a motion to begin looking into the process of honorably discharging Officer Moyer; seconded by Mr. Cirulli. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Butkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regina M. Shade". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Regina M. Shade
Borough Secretary/Treasurer