

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

James Pachuillo
Tracy Peterson
H. David Miller
Denise Stine (Absent)
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar
Jack Malandra (Absent)

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; OIC James Oxenreider, and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Paul Miller from 1100 Ruth Street addressed Council concerning the Borough's vacant position for Fire Marshall. He stated that he had a discussion with the Mr. Troy Hatt who is the Fire Marshall for Spring Township. He stated that Mr. Hatt also serves as Fire Marshall for Wyomissing Borough and they are going to be assisting West Reading Borough. He stated that Mr. Hatt could also serve as the Borough's Fire Marshall and that we would need an intergovernmental agreement with Spring Township. Mr. Pachuillo stated that he is already in discussions with the Borough's Fire Commissioner, Mr. Jared Renshaw, and they will be setting up a meeting with Mr. Hart.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that we received information from Lower Heidelberg Township concerning the Annual Community Shredding Event. He stated that it will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Lower Heidelberg Township Building located at 720 Brownsville Road. He stated that this year it will be sponsored by Tompkins Vist Bank.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that Senator Argall and Representative Cox received notification of the Grant Award and notified the News Paper. He also mentioned that they discussed Phase Two at their meeting and also about extending the grants. He mentioned that they are planning on having the PDC at the Workshop Meeting on April 24th and that he also invited the Revitalization Committee. He stated that he believes it will be a good idea to have them come here to tell us what their thoughts are and what to expect at the end. He also mentioned that Mr. Loth has a template of a Zoning Plan we could use. He stated that there was some discussion about the little leftover

REVITALIZATION:

pieces of land once we realign the roads. He stated that the Redevelopment Authority is going to look into that.

Mr. Metzgar mentioned the community questionnaire that asks people to list five things that they would like to see when we do this work. He asked if it could be placed on the Borough Web Site. Mrs. Gantner also mentioned that we could put it in the newsletter.

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that he thought all of Council had agreed that BOSS 2020 should go to bimonthly meetings to save some money. Mr. Hoffa stated that Mr. Pachuillo should send an e-mail to Mr. Coleman and Mr. Loth. Mr. Pachuillo stated that if needed it can be changed back to monthly but he would like to try bimonthly.

Mr. Hart mentioned that last Monday the plans were submitted to PennDOT for the HOP. He stated that once they were sent he contacted Mr. Mike Rebert by e-mail to let him know. He stated that he received an e-mail response back the next day letting him know that the plans were pulled and they started reviewing them right away.

Mrs. Gantner asked about the one grant that we cannot extend again and if we heard anything on it. Mr. Hart stated that he has not heard back from them yet but they seemed positive.

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that on Tuesday, April 23rd, Senator Argall and Congresswoman Houlihan will be coming here for a meeting to discuss the status of the redevelopment. He stated that they are hoping that they will be able to find us some more money for the projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that Mr. & Mrs. Miller came in last meeting and presented Council with some information about outdoor wood burning fire pits. He mentioned that there is one in their neighborhood that is being problematic to them. He stated that they also presented Council with a copy of an Ordinance that South Heidelberg Township passed against the wood burning fire pits. Discussion ensued concerning wood burning fire places. Mr. Miller made a motion to not pursue this Ordinance at this time; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. More discussion ensued concerning a nuisance issue. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried. Mr. Haws stated that it could be treated as a trespass and dealt with civilly.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

OIC JAMES OXENREIDER:

OIC Oxenreider asked if anything was decided about what we are going to do with animals. Mrs. Peterson asked if anyone had contacted Spring Township. Mr. Hart stated that OIC Oxenreider did and Spring Township has a cage but the animals are only placed there until the ARL can get there. He stated that Spring did contract with ARL. OIC Oxenreider stated that they have gotten a few calls on stray cats but we don't do anything with them.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith stated that the Chapter 94 Reports are complete and ready for signatures. He stated that there is no hydraulic or organic overload at the plant. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the Chapter 94 Report and authorize Mr. Pachulo to sign them; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith stated that he has the permit forms for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement that need to be signed and notarized. He stated that they would like to get them in to PaDEP as soon as possible. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize Mr. Hart to sign the permit reports; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart stated that they found an Operator for the sewer plant position. He asked Council's permission to hire Mr. Joe Ravert. He stated that he has passed all of the background checks and already has all of the licenses that we need. He stated that he would be hired at the Operators rate but we would hold \$.50 until he gets his CDL. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to hire Mr. Joe Ravert; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

LISA GANTNER – PARKS & RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she is working on Playground Leaders and should hopefully have names by next meeting. She also mentioned that she has put up a lot of posters for the Breakfast and Egg Hunt. Mrs. Eageman stated that she has the Newsletter almost ready to go.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pachulo stated that they will need to go into executive session for a land acquisition discussion. Council went into Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.


RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 7:58 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary