

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, May 2, 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
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 Police, Fire and EMS personnel 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 April 4, 2019 Council Meeting and the April 24, 2019 Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Shelley Chelius from Krick Avenue addressed Council concerning the property behind them. She stated that they are clearing out all the trees and coming very close to their property line. She stated that they are also blocking the alley. Mr. Hart mentioned that the gentleman is in the process of purchasing the property. He stated that he also spoke to the current owner and advised her of the easement behind the buildings.

Mrs. Chelius also mentioned the issues they are having with their neighbors that are rentals and stated that the Borough needs to do something about the landlord/tenant agreement. Mr. Hart stated that the Borough has nothing to do with the landlord/tenant agreement. He stated that we only require inspection and registration of a rental property.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that there are two pieces of correspondence in the packet. The first is an invite from Barley Snyder to attend a Reading Fightin Phils game on May 31st with a dinner buffet. He stated that the other is a letter from Noelle Long who is twelve years old and lives in Brookfield Manor. He stated that the letter asks Council to consider turning the Village Greens Golf Course into a community park. He stated that he would send her a reply e-mail.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for April 2019. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report as written. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that their report was e-mailed to everyone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:**

Mr. Smith mentioned that they visited Aluminum Alloys to clarify some things for their pretreatment permit.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson stated that she needs to make a motion to hire Cynthia Kershaw for the Library. She stated that she will be doing passports primarily and will be making \$9.00 per hour. Mrs. Gantner seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson stated that they are going to extend their hours for passports. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE:

Mr. Metzgar stated that their next Admin meeting will be May 13th at 10 a.m.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that they had a huge turnout for the breakfast and about 300 people for the Egg Hunt. She stated that the raffles basically covered the expenses. She also mentioned that Lynn from the Fire Company filled all the eggs. There was discussion concerning separating the events or having the egg hunt after the breakfast. The committee will discuss further.

Mrs. Gantner stated that they are ready to hire the part-time playground leaders. She asked for a motion to hire Rachel Rodriguez, Zoe Peterson, Caitlin Haws, McCord Peterson, Morgan Gadebusch, Sophie Hemlin and Jack Foster all at \$7.55 per hour. Mr. Miller made a motion to hire the part-time playground leaders as listed above; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried. She stated that the Web Site is up and running for the registrations and payments.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine had nothing to report.

H. DAVID MILLER – SEWER AND SANITATION:

Mr. Miller stated that he had nothing to add.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pachulo stated that they will need to go into executive session for a potential litigation issue. Council went into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

Mr. Tony Tucci gave their report for April.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary