

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, May 3, 2018 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 (absent)
Robert Metzgar
Jack Malandra (absent)

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Robert Ludgate Sr., 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. 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 April 5, 2018 Council Meeting and the April 25, 2018 Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Stine made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first visitors were Donald and Linda Good from 201 Keller Avenue. Mr. Good addressed Council concerning the Baseball Fields behind his house. He stated that the fields have multiplied in the last couple years and there is no where for them to park and that they are parking illegally. Mr. Pachuillo stated that it is the Liberty Fire Company property and that they lease it out to the league that is using it. He stated that the Borough can take care of the illegal parking and suggested that he attend one of the Fire Company's Trustee meetings. Mr. Miller stated that he and Mrs. Gantner would volunteer to facilitate a conversation with a trustee from the Fire Company and the organizers of the Baseball League to see if they can come up with some kind of solution to help get some of the traffic off the street and relieve some of his concerns. Mrs. Good mentioned that she always parks as close as she can to the corner of Dougherty otherwise someone will park her in. She asked if the Borough could paint yellow lines.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.):

The next visitor was Mr. Justin Doyle of BCIAFA (Berks County Irish American Fraternal Association). He mentioned that they have a Celtic Fest at the Willow Glen Park every year and this year they would like to do a 5K run and a 1-mile fun run the morning of the event. He stated that they would need to close off a few streets and would like to get approval before they pay to design the course. Mr. Pachuillo stated that Council would need to know the route before any approval is given. Mr. Doyle stated that it would be Saturday, July 21st from 8 am to 10 am. Mr. Pachuillo stated that he could just come into the office and talk with Mr. Hart and Chief Schweyer and they can bring it to the next meeting for approval.

Mr. Good asked if they could get flashing reflector lights to put on the stop signs so people see them. Mr. Hart stated that they are only put on new stop signs.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence to report.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for April 2018. Mrs. Peterson 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. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that their report was included in the meeting info e-mail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he sent the letter out to Secretary Richards in Harrisburg and also to Mr. Rebert in Allentown. He stated that he did receive a call from Mr. Rebert already and the will be here on the eighth to meet with us.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that there was no new business to report.

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

Mr. Miller stated that work on the trash specs is on going and that they should have something to present at the next Workshop Meeting.

LISA GANTNER – PARKS & RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that stated that she has the balance of the Part-Time Leaders to hire this evening. She made a motion to hire Emma Maurer at \$7.55 per hour as a Part-time Leader and Rachel Rodriguez and Andrew Maurer at \$7.55 per hour as Part-Part-Time to fill in; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE:

Mr. Metzgar stated that there is nothing new and that they will be meeting on May 14th at 9:30 am.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson stated that she would like to make a motion to hire Jennifer Weiser as a Passport Agent at \$12.00 per hour; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he was approached by PennDOT firm that is doing the line striping on Penn Avenue. He stated that in their plans it called for them to put parking spaces in front of the little strip malls that we have in the 4400 block. He stated that after they painted the lines they realized that there are no parking signs there. He asked Council if they wanted to change the Ordinance to allow some of the parking spaces there. Discussion ensued. Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to take down the No Parking Signs and allow parking there but wait to change the Ordinance until a later date. Mrs. Gantner made the motion; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 5, NAYS – 1 (Mr. Miller), ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith stated that there is nothing new on the report but reminded Council that back on April 29th we celebrated the fact that our NPDES Permit has been under technical review for the last four years. He also reminded Council that should we ever get a new NPDES Permit for the Waste Water Treatment Plant we may have to do some additional testing or upgrades to comply with the new discharge limits.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner asked for approval to order a new cable for the TV truck camera. He stated that the cost is \$6,468.00 for a 200-meter cable. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize Mr. Zohner to purchase the cable; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that JD Eckman will be working during the day next Monday and Tuesday and then they will be paving at night on Wednesday and Thursday.

MIKE HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that we may have settlement on 4 Krick Avenue by the end of the month.

CHIEF LEE SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that the engine in the 2014 SUV went and that we do have an extended warranty so it should be covered. He also mentioned that they are due for another new car in their five-year plan. He stated that the oldest car is going on six years and is out of warranty so he would like to replace that car and get a 2018 Interceptor Sedan. He stated that the price of \$34,975.19 includes a 5-year 75,000-mile warranty and outfitting it with the equipment from the old car. He stated that he would like Council to approve that with a 3-year lease program that would start next year with the first payment being due next year. Mrs. Peterson asked which car we would be getting rid of. Chief Schweyer stated that he would like to keep the old car to use for surveillance since it is unmarked. Discussion ensued concerning keeping the old car and insurance costs and parking space. Mr. Pachulo suggested that the Safety Committee discuss it at their next meeting and come up with a plan for the old vehicle. Mrs. Stine made a motion authorizing Chief Schweyer to move forward with the 3-year lease on the 2018 Interceptor Sedan; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

Chief Schweyer mentioned that cars were being damaged at the Railroad Tracks on Mt. Home Road. He stated that Mr. Hart contacted the owner of the railroad and that they came out and made repairs the next day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an Executive session at 7:47 p.m. for possible land acquisition.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary