

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuillo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuillo
TJ Huckleberry (Absent)
George Butkus (Absent)
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson (Absent)
Brian Hoffa

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli, Charles Haws, 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.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that Mr. Ludgate put together a memo of all the efforts that are going on to try to implement Phases 3 and 4 of the project. He stated that the e-mail was sent out to everyone today. He also mentioned that a few year ago Mrs. Shade had put together a forecast over the next five (5) years of what our tax problem was going to be. He stated that he e-mailed Mr. Hart today asking if he could update it for the next five (5) years. He stated that it is a crucial point that we need to let the legislatures and PennDOT know how vital this project is and that we can't wait until 2028.

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that Mr. Loth received a letter from DCED about the Multi Model Grants that are coming up for next year. He stated that Mr. Loth will be at the next meeting to propose that Council pass a Resolution to authorize him to make the application for the next round of Grants. Mr. Ludgate mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Loth today concerning the grants. He briefly went over his memo.

REVITALIZATION (Cont.):

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that they had a small meeting with the Economic Development Committee and Mr. Hart. She stated that they discussed all the grants that they could apply for like Green Space and Gateways. She stated that all the grants are matching grants. She mentioned that between Mr. Hart, Mrs. Bohn and Mrs. Eagelman, we are going to try to make a list of what is already on the books to see what years they come due and what we are already committed to and see when we could possibly afford to go for more grants. She also mentioned that it will help with budget too.

Mr. Pachuillo asked about the TIF and what the next steps are since the Borough agreed that they wanted to do it. Mr. Ludgate explained that the TIF requires a partnership between the School District, the County and the Borough because each would move forward by borrowing against future income. Mr. Hart stated that he hasn't heard anything yet. Mr. Hoffa mentioned that once the property acquisitions are done and the roads are put in there will be some real estate left over that the Borough will be able to sell and recoup some of our funds. Mr. Ludgate stated that all the Borough could do with surplus property is put it up on auction but the Redevelopment Authority has the authority to bargain with developers and future property owners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the first item is the Demolition Bids. Mr. Ludgate mentioned that the bid was accepted here on Wednesday, June 15th. He mentioned that one bid was provided and it was under budget. He stated that the bid conformed with the technical specifications. Mr. Haws stated that the bid seemed to be in order to him. Mr. Ludgate recommended that Council award the bid to Empire Wrecking Company at a cost of \$235,160.00. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to award the demolition bid to Empire Wrecking Company for \$235,160.00; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next item is the TCC Executive Committee Resolution. He explained that Council passed this Resolution previously but only listed Deb Scull as the primary with no alternate. He stated that they would like us to appoint Cheryl Johnson as the alternate as did Lower Heidelberg and Spring Township. Mrs. Stine made the motion to redo the Resolution listing Mrs. Scull as the primary delegate and Cheryl Johnson as the alternate; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo asked if we had a draft Ordinance for the RV parking. Mr. Hart stated that he has not moved any further with it because he was waiting to see if he got any feedback from Council. He stated that now we can work on getting it together in an Ordinance form and get it advertised.

CHIEF SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that they usually replace a police car every five (5) years and going along with that, the 2011 Ford Explorer is coming up and the extended warranty runs out tomorrow. He asked Council's permission to lease a 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD. He mentioned that it is a left over and is available at Milham Ford in Easton. He stated that the cost is \$32,658.00 and includes the extended warranty. He also mentioned that the lease would start next year. He stated that he does not have a price for outfitting the car/changing the radio, siren and everything else over from one car to the other which will cost a couple thousand and can be figured into the lease. He mentioned that if he signs the Agreement for the car then they will hold it until we are ready for it. Mrs. Stine made a motion to authorize Chief Schweyer to sign the Agreement; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried. Chief Schweyer stated that the 2011 Ford Explorer will go to Mr. Hart to replace his older vehicle. He also mentioned that he would like to install Kevlar in the front doors and that it is already figured in the price.

Chief Schweyer mentioned that he applied for the COPS Hiring Grant and that he received an invitation from the White House to appear June 30th to participate in the Presidents 21st Century Policing Task Force.

Chief Schweyer mentioned that Mr. Zohner did a survey of all the Crime Alert signs in the Borough that are faded and he ordered him new ones to put up.

BRYCE Zohner – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that they have been doing some repair work on the collection system and when they went to install some repair liners that were already approved they found some more issues. They suggested lining from manhole to manhole in front of V & S. He stated that the work will need to be done at night and the additional cost is \$16,500.00. He stated that they budgeted \$60,000.00 for the repairs and he estimates that we have spent about \$34,000.00 so far. He asked for permission to move forward with the repairs but he wants to see their hard numbers for stuff they have done already. Mrs. Stine made a motion to authorize Mr. Zohner to move forward with the additional repairs as long as it is within the \$60,000.00; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith stated that the Penn Avenue Interceptor Crossing Bid is going out tomorrow and we will be getting bids in on July 22nd. He mentioned that the pre-bid meeting is in July 15th which is mandatory at the site.

CHARLES HAWS – BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Mr. Haws mentioned they had a productive meeting with representatives from Lower Heidelberg Township.

Mr. Haws mentioned that he saw a notice from Andy George, solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board, that there was an application submitted by FM Brown's to increase the bin heights on the silos from 63' to 73'. He stated that Borough Council could take no position, a position in support or could oppose that variance. Mr. Pachuillo gave some background on their prior variance and stated that we could send a letter of support. Mrs. Stine made a motion to support FM Brown's Variance Request; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried. Mr. Pachuillo stated that they will a draft a letter of support.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart stated that he had put in the budget to purchase a new Leaf Vacuum to replace the current one. He stated that he was looking for Council's approval tonight to move forward with that at a cost of \$38,000.00. He also mentioned that it is reimbursable by the Grant that he got. Mrs. Stine asked how much we will get back. Mr. Hart stated that he believes it is 75%. Mrs. Stine made a motion to authorize Mr. Hart to purchase the new Leaf Vacuum at a cost not to exceed \$38,000.00, seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

Mr. Hart mentioned that we received the first round of reimbursement in the amount of \$79,027.00 for some of our recycling stuff that we had applied for and mostly covered the two trucks that we bought.

Mr. Hart stated that he sent everyone a copy of the letter that he received from PPL about their proposed line going down Broad Street and right through the heart of everything. He stated that the map is worse than what we were first told and that it heading West further than what he anticipated which is going to consume a lot more ground of the Golf Course that cannot be built upon. Mr. Pachuillo stated that some residents have called him and that there is going to be a grass roots effort set up. He stated that with the detriment to the building of our Downtown he feels Council should support the grass roots effort coming about from our residents. Mr. Ludgate mentioned that when he received this information he sent an e-mail to Senator Argall office to Mr. John Hopcraft asking for help because they had said that they would do what they could to help us with this. Mr. Hart mentioned that Mr. Hopcraft did respond to that e-mail and stated that he and Senator Argall will be convening in Harrisburg to directly talk with PPL about this project. He stated that if it does go through it is going to greatly impact our Downtown development. Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that a lot of residents will be coming to the Council Meeting on July 7th.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that the Police Department received a \$2,000.00 donation from the Sinking Spring VFW. He stated that they would like to purchase a Hot Tub Sonic Cleaner for the weapons and laser sights for the three (3) rifles. Mrs. Stine made a motion to authorize Chief Schweyer to purchase those items with the grant money; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried. Mr. Pachulo stated that a thank you letter should be sent. Chief Schweyer stated that it was already sent.

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that he was approached by one of the women from the Library concerning a mailing for their fundraiser. Mrs. Gantner mentioned that Mr. Nelka approached her about space in the Borough Newsletter for the fundraiser. Mayor Cirulli also mentioned that the Library is in need of copy paper boxes to store books and that Mrs. Eagelman stated that she would take them over when they had some.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that they get new registrations in every day and currently they are at 112 at the Brookfield Manor Playground and 48 at the Main Playground. Mrs. Gantner mentioned that they started purchasing some new equipment with the \$3,500.00 donation they received from the Fritztown Fire Company. She reminded everyone that the first Movie Night is this Friday and the movie is Mrs. Doubtfire. She also mentioned that everything went well with the church renting our blow up movie screen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for a personnel issue.

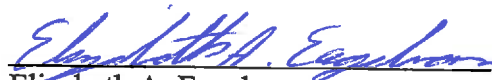
RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 8:09 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary