

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, June 26, 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 (Absent)
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa (Absent)
Robert Metzgar
Jack Malandra (Absent)

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

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that Mr. Hoffa will have a report for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to discuss.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that they had their Sewer Committee meeting prior to this meeting and that they discussed right-of-way televising projects that they would like to do. He stated that in the meeting they came to the agreement that they would go out for bid for the project instead of doing co-stars because of the complexity of the project being in the right-of-way along the stream. He asked for Councils approval to have ARRO move forward with putting bid specs together and drawing up a contract because the work is going to be between us and Spring Township because the lines are right next to each other. He stated that he wants ARRO to draw up the contract with ARRO doing the engineering work and splitting the engineering cost with Spring Township and then Spring Township being responsible for their part of the televising. Mrs. Stine made that motion; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. Mrs. Peterson asked if Spring Township was aware if this. Mr. Zohner stated yes and that he already has footages and information from them and that we just need to make it formal. Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Haws make the formal contract. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith mentioned that the Borough's revised draft permit is under administrative review at DEP. He also mentioned that tomorrow will be the last due for public comment on the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement for the planning module so we will be able to approve that at the July 11 meeting.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that last week Ludgate finalized the HOP submission and sent it off to PennDOT so we should be in good shape for the Phase II Project. He also mentioned that he notified Senator Argall's office to ask for whatever help they could give us.

Mr. Hart stated that we have an agreement between the Borough and the VFW regarding the property so at this point we just need Council's approval to spend the cost associated with that to finalize it. He stated that Mrs. Joan London is putting the legal packet together to get this finalized. Mrs. Peterson made the motion; seconded by Mrs. Stine. Mr. Metzgar asked where we would be paying it from. Mr. Hart stated that it would come from the loan that we took out for this project. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Hart stated that the last thing he has is concerning Village Greens. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Don Robitzer yesterday and he asked if he could come in here for a public meeting. He stated that they are looking to do it on July 24th at the Workshop meeting. Mr. Pachuillo asked about advertising for it. Mr. Hart stated that we could put it on our social media sites. Mr. Pachuillo recommended putting it on our sign and on the next sewer bill that goes out too. Mr. Hart stated that Mr. Robitzer is looking for public comment and that he wants to know if there is interest because he doesn't want to keep spending time and money and not get anywhere.

JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that he received a letter informing him that Ms. Bonnie Zerbe is retiring as of August 30, 2019. He stated that she has 37 years here with the Borough Police Department.

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that it was discussed previously about adding Chief Schweyer's name to the Fallen Heroes plaque at Memorial Park. Mrs. Stine asked if we also wanted to add Mr. William Falter because he also was a Borough police officer for some time. Mr. Pachuillo stated that they should discuss it in Committee. He stated that he would like to get it done before the weather gets cold.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that we need to get another Secretary in place as soon as possible so that Mrs. Zerbe can train them. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to advertise for a Full-Time Police Secretary; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that they had someone resign at the library. She made a motion to hire Ms. Rebecca Meyer to work about 20 hours per week at \$9.00 per hour mainly doing passports; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson stated that the Drag Queen Story times that have been going around at different libraries have been causing quite an uproar. She stated that after we had ours here it came to her knowledge that he did not have clearances. She stated however that the state does not require performers to have clearances if they work with children, but we have now set a policy for our library that anyone that comes in and is performing has to have clearances.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE:

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that they did not have their meeting this week because Mr. Hart just got back from vacation. He stated that they will now meet on Monday July 1st at 10 a.m.

Mr. Metzgar asked how we made out with all the rain. Mr. Zohner stated that he only had three sewer related calls. Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the fire company did put the pump in again in the alley between Elwyn and Park and that there were a few calls from Sioux Court, Park.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner thanked OIC Oxenreider, Mr. Zohner and the Public Works Department for all the support they have given for the playground. She mentioned that things are going well and that they currently have 287 children registered for the Summer Playground Program.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pachuilio mentioned that the next Council meeting will be Thursday, July 11th and the 24th will be the Workshop.

Mrs. Stine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary