

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, June 7, 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 (Absent)
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar (Absent)
Jack Malandra

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws and Keith Mooney, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitors; Ed Overberger, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an Executive session at 7:02 p.m. for a personnel issue.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 7:17 p.m. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2018 Council Meeting and the May 23, 2018 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first visitor was Mr. Jamie Moyer from 303 Broad Street. Mr. Moyer stated that he didn't have anything to say.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.):

The next visitor was Donald and Linda Good from 201 Keller Avenue. Mr. Good addressed Council concerning the Baseball Fields behind his house again. He stated that it keeps getting worse. He was advised to talk to the Trustee's at the Fire Company Social Quarters. Mr. Miller stated that he will try to contact them. Chief Schweyer stated that he spoke with Mr. Zohner and that they are going to repaint the lines on Dougherty.

The next visitors were Ron and Pat Tiderman of 309 Broad Street. They addressed Council concerning the sewer back up and the damage it did to their basement. Mr. Tiderman stated that they received a letter from the Borough's Insurance Company stating that they rejected the claim. He stated that they contact their insurance company and they will not pay the claim either because the blockage was on the Borough's side of the line. Mrs. Tiderman stated that this is the second time that their house was affected and that the first time was twelve (12) year ago. She asked Council to come together and help the community because they can't afford to pay for the restoration on their own.

The next visitor was Audrey Mooney of 27 Krick Avenue. Ms. Mooney addressed Council concerning the road project and wanted to know when the Borough would be taking her house. She stated that her house on Krick doesn't meet the needs of her family any more and she is looking to move. She stated that it will be difficult to sell her house because of all the publicity out there about the BOSS2020 project. She wanted to know where things were at because she put an offer in on a house today. Mr. Hart stated that at this point we do not have a timeline and that we do not have funding right now to purchase any other properties on Krick. She stated that she wanted it to be noted that if there is some process decided on that she would like to be the first to volunteer to sell her property. Mr. Hoffa stated that he would speak to Mr. Loth and try to get her better information to stop the rumors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Peterson stated that we received a donation of \$100.00 for the Brookfield Playground in memory of M. J. Short from his grandmother Jackie Campbell. She stated in her letter that he loved to play there. Mr. Pachuillo asked that a thank you letter be sent out to her.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for May 2018. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report as written. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that their report was included in the meeting info e-mail. Mr. Stine reported that they had 106 calls last month. Mr. Pachuillo asked if they had hired anyone yet. He stated that he is not to familiar with that but knows that applications are coming in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hart stated that he would like to discuss the trash since it was left hanging last month. Discussion ensued concerning receptacle size and the number of days. Decision was made to stick to single day for trash and recycling and to use the 65-gallon cans. Mr. Hart also mentioned that we do get grant money from the State for recycling. Mr. Pachuillo stated that Mr. Hart will continue to work with the committee on the specs.

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

Mr. Miller stated that he didn't have anything else.

DENISE STINE - PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine reported that she has some dates to give to Officer Oxenreider for meetings.

BRIAN HOFFA – ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Hoffa stated that he didn't have anything.

JACK MALANDRA – JR. COUNCIL PERSON:

Mr. Malandra stated that he spoke with the school representative about BOSS2020 and that they are really excited about it and want to get students involved next year.

TRACY PETERSON – PARKS & RECREATION & LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that we had a successful Memorial Day Parade and that it will take place in Wernersville next year. She stated that they received some calls about the route and they are looking to maybe change it to include more of the Borough. She also mentioned that they had a successful first Movie Night and that they have 160 kids signed up so far for playground. She stated that the playgrounds both now have chrome books and hot spots are set up there. She stated that the next Movie Night is Friday June 29th and they will be showing High School Musical 2.

Mrs. Peterson stated that she needed to make a motion to hire Chris Perez as a part time playground leader at \$7.55 per hour; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peters mentioned that by the end of this month they should be full service for the Passports as they will be able to take the photos also. She mentioned that there has been a change in the funding formula that comes down from the state and that it has hurt some of the smaller libraries. She stated that Wernersville Library has invited us to a meeting. She stated that they have come up with a different funding formula that they would like to propose to the State and would like to discuss it with us.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that they started a year ago with the Joint Comp Plan review through the Berks County Planning Commission and that they held their last formal meeting 2 months ago. He stated that they put all the information in a book and the County has it out for their review and then it will go to each Council for review.

Mr. Hart mentioned the Hill Terrace Escrow. He stated that he wasn't sure what the additional \$10,000.00 was for but found out that it was for their NPDES Permit. He stated that once we receive the close out for that permit we can release the \$10,000.00 also.

Mr. Hart stated that he received a letter from the Secretary of Transportation regarding the letter that he sent to them. He stated that they are very willing to work with us. He also mentioned that he had a meeting with STV and Mr. Tom Ludgate to review our plan and where we are at this point. He stated that he also wanted to clear up the phasing of what we are doing. He stated that they also addressed the 11-page comment letter from PennDOT. He mentioned that, last week, they went to Allentown and met with the key people at PennDOT and the consulting firm that did the review on our permit applications. He stated that everybody understands where we are going and what we are looking at. He stated that we are going to separate Phase 2 into 3 phases and 3

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER (Cont.):

HOP's. Phase 1 will just be the new alignment of the curb and the relocation of one of the traffic signals and getting ready to move into the phase 2 sweep.

Mr. Hart also mentioned that they are having a meeting with the Senator in Harrisburg on the 20th of June to discuss the next round of funding and the Grant that has no matching funds.

Mr. Hart informed Council that he received correspondence from the County and the State rejecting our bid for the project on the Broad Street Storm Water Swale. He also mentioned that the time extension for the Pedestrian Safety Grant was accepted and extended another year.

ELIZABETH EAGELMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Eagelman announced that the Spring/Summer 2018 Newsletter would be mailed out tomorrow.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – Ed Overberger:

Mr. Overberger introduced himself to Council and stated that he is the Manager of the Wyomissing Office and is filling in for Mr. Smith. Mr. Overberger went over the monthly report. He mentioned that the grant application for the Broad Street sanitary sewer upgrade was submitted and that they are contacting the State Senator and Representative in support of the application. He also mentioned that they met with the engineer and owner of Miller Lumber to discuss options for sewage disposal for the property. He stated that ARRO is providing technical assistance in researching the feasibility of accepting hauled waste at the treatment plant.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner asked if the Sewer Committee is available to have their meeting on Wednesday, June 27th at 6 p.m. prior to the Workshop Meeting. Everyone agreed.

CHIEF LEE SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that the Apple Dumpling Festival is starting next Tuesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into an Executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss the hiring of a police officer.

RECONVENE:


Council reconvened at 8:24 p.m. The following action was taken.

Mrs. Stine made a motion to hire Ms. Maryanna Marusyak as a Full-Time Police Officer; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary