

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, July 2, 2015 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
T.J. Huckleberry
George Butkus
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson (Absent)
Brian Hoffa (Absent)

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli, Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Robert Ludgate Sr., Ludgate Engineering; David Schlott Jr., ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Public Works Director; Police Chief Lee Schweyer, Regina Shade, Borough Manager and Elizabeth Eagelman who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

Mr. Pachuillo requested a moment of silence to honor our fallen heroes and those who serve us on a daily basis at home and abroad in the Armed Forces and our first responders.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2015 Council Meeting and the June 24, 2015 Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Stine made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that Mr. Loth was here with an explanation on the e-mails and the Resolution concerning the MMTF Grant for 2015. Mr. Loth stated that they came to Council back in April and got approval to begin working on the Grant for this year. He stated that at the time they didn't know how much they were going to request for the Grant but figured it would be around \$2 million. He stated that Mr. Ludgate did a preliminary budget on that which was \$4.6 million. He stated that \$2.8 million of that would be for the acquisition of the properties and the moving of people along Krick Avenue and \$1.8 million would be for construction that would link to Columbia Avenue and push through to the new Columbia Avenue Retail Street (Phase 3 Segment 1) through the Krick Avenue portion. He stated that the reason they thought they would do that is to help the people who live along Krick Avenue who are sitting in limbo and because they want to continue the construction and make sure the State and County see that we are serious about what we are doing. He stated that in order to apply for the Grant he needs a Resolution from Council stating that Council approves making an application and the amount we are going to apply for. He stated that the total amount is \$1.8 million but \$1.26 million of that would be the Grant and \$540,000.00 would be the 30% match, just like last year. He stated that he has a copy of the Resolution that says \$1.26 million. Mr. Pachuillo stated that we had discussed that even if we would obtain the Grant, Council

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont.):

has the option to decide if they want the Grant or not. Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to move ahead with Resolution for the Grant Application. Mr. Huckleberry made the motion; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried. Mr. Haws asked if there is any potential for going back and asking for additional funding for Phase 2. Mr. Loth stated that yes that discussion should be had and that is one of the things they would pursue. Mr. Haws asked if maybe we should add that to the Resolution because this one specifically says Phase 3. Mr. Loth stated that part of this money is going to finish what was originally part of Phase 2. Mr. Ludgate mentioned that there is a new administration in Harrisburg so there are new contacts to be made into PennDOT and hopefully they can arrange something this month yet. Mr. Loth mentioned that he and Mr. Ludgate talked about going to Senator Casey as well because they haven't done that yet and there is a need for some federal funding in this. Mr. Haws asked again if we could apply for another grant for Phase 2 since we didn't get what we had hoped for and we are already in it for Phase 2. Mr. Loth stated that you don't want to put in two grant requests and compete against ourselves. Mr. Ludgate stated that it is a good point and it would require some flexibility on the part of PennDOT and Department of Community and Economic Development.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that we received a letter from the Township of Spring. He stated that there was a meeting on August 22, 2014 with representatives of the different municipalities (Spring Township, Lower Heidelberg Township, Sinking Spring Borough and Wyomissing Borough) to discuss the fair share of a Resource Officer at the High School. He mentioned that the letter states that a representative from the Borough said that they were in agreement that it should be shared amongst all municipalities but did stress that it would have to come before Council to be approved. He stated that Spring Township has sent us a bill for our share which is \$4,738.00. He stated that we had no discussion on it so we can respond or table it until Workshop meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Butkus made a motion to respond stating that we believe that the financial burden of this Resource Officer rests with the School as all the other things connected with the operation of the school as it is part of their budgeting and tax burden not subdividing it a second time; seconded by Mr. Huckleberry. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for June 2015. Mr. Huckleberry made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Deputy Chief Sutliff addressed Council and gave the report for June. He reported that Mr. Jared Renshall has agreed to be the new Fire Commissioner and starts August 3rd. He also reported that they are going out to Wisconsin for the Engineering meeting for the new Ladder Truck. Mrs. Gantner stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Dave Pettis and the group over at Liberty for letting the Playground come over and giving them a tour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the only item is the Verizon Lease. Mr. Haws stated that he received a red line version and that they accepted all of our changes. He stated that he is waiting for the final version and wants to make sure that Verizon signs first. He hopes that we will have the Lease to execute at the Workshop Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CHIEF SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer stated that he had a meeting today with the commander of the VFW and they donated \$1,800.00 to the Police Department to purchase two more Body Cameras. He mentioned that he has a thank you letter ready to go from Council and the Mayor.

ROBERT LUDGATE SR. – BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mr. Ludgate stated that they should be ready to take bids for South Hull Street. He mentioned that they are still waiting for the PennDOT liaison to assign a number to the project.

MICHAEL HART – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Hart mentioned that the largest portion of the damaged curbing is being taken care of now but there may be about fifty feet of curbing that we may have to throw into the contract to get done because the people are not moving. He stated that we will invoice them and if they don't pay then we can place liens on their properties.

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that a mailer went out asking residents to pay \$20.00 to have their house number put on their curbs. Chief Schweyer stated that they did not have a solicitation permit and no direct contact number so we sent them a letter to cease and desist.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – DAVID M. SCHLOTT JR.:

Mr. Schlott stated that the Borough is still working under an administratively extended NPDES Permit. He mentioned that the first set of Reed Beds has been cleaned and the second set is scheduled to be cleaned in the fall. He also mentioned that ARRO assisted with the letter regarding the issues with the clog on 422 to Lower Heidelberg Township.

REGINA SHADE – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mrs. Shade mentioned that we may need to purchase more bulk time from Lynx because we are getting close to running out. She also mentioned that she has a meeting with Mr. Zimmerman next week to look over our insurance and fill out some applications to submit to other insurance brokers just to be on the safe side.

Mrs. Shade stated that she believes we are really getting over ridden with some of the Police Equipment. She stated that she knows it is for safety but doesn't believe the Borough needs a battering ram and a tint meter. Chief Schweyer stated that the money is specifically given and donated for protective items for the officers. Mrs. Shade asked if we couldn't request that the donations be used to help pay for other items like AED's for the Police Cars. Chief Schweyer stated that they are supplied by the Red Cross. Discussion ensued concerning the delineators for Shillington Road.

JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that we are having a meeting here on July 30th with Senator Argall and that he will be unable to attend. He mentioned that he received a card in the mail yesterday about a meeting Senator Argall is having on July 29th in Schuylkill County. He was wondering if we are going to any kind of advertisement for our meeting. Mrs. Shade stated that our meeting it is by letter invitation only and is not a public forum. Mrs. Gantner asked if it was a problem if more than four Council members were present at the meeting. Mr. Haws stated it would be fine because they will not be conducting any Borough business.

T J HUCKLEBERRY – FINANCE:

Mr. Huckleberry mentioned that some of his neighbors are complaining because a mowing crew comes in at 7 am on a Saturday. Mr. Pachuillo stated that they are allowed to start at 6 am. Mr. Butkus stated that was changed for the trash haulers. Mr. Huckleberry asked if we could amend that. Mr. Hart stated that the average normal starting time is 7 am.

REGINA SHADE – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mrs. Shade mentioned that she received a message from Genesis Preschool stating what a fabulous job the Sinking Spring Rec Board is doing.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the next movie night is next Friday and she needs Mr. Hart to put it on the sign.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine mentioned that they still cannot have negotiations for the Police Contract.

GEORGE BUTKUS – SEWER AND SANITATION:

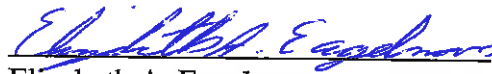
Mr. Butkus mentioned that they will be meeting on Monday with the Sewer Committee at the plant.

Mr. Butkus asked who is responsible for enforcing the Occupancy Permits for businesses in the evening hours. He stated that there is one business in particular where they are packed in like sardines. Mr. Pachuillo stated that he believes it would be the Fire Marshall. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hart stated that the Fire Marshall could go out and do a spot check and then contact him because it would fall under the Building Codes. He also stated that if the Police are there they could take a report and do a head count and give it to him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Butkus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eageman
Asst. Borough Secretary