

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on July 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., 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  
Robert Metzgar

Other officials present were: Mayor Cirulli, Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Brad Smith, Engineer, ARRO Consulting; Bryce Zohner, Public Works Director; Police Officer William Skelton, and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2020 Council Meeting and the June 24, 2020 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES –6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

#### **VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Gerri Sensenig of 121 South Hull Street addressed Council concerning fireworks being set off illegally in the Borough. She asked if Council was going to do anything about it. Mr. Pachuillo explained that Council is working on creating an Ordinance to deal with that. He advised her to call the police when it is happening. Mayor Cirulli advised the Police Department to enforce it and fine anyone that they catch. Officer Skelton mentioned that most of the calls they are getting about fireworks are happening just outside the Borough. Lengthy discussion ensued. Mrs. Sensenig thanked Council for their time.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the only correspondence is a letter from PPL about their rebuild project. The letter states that they will be replacing existing wooden transmission line poles with taller and thicker steel poles that will be much stronger and more resistant to wind and strong storms.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for June 2020. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

**WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that Mr. Renshaw was not able to attend tonight's meeting but did submit their monthly report which is in the e-mail packet.

**WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that their report is also included in the e-mail packet.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report as written. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the first item was ARRO's Professional Services Agreement for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project that was submitted to the Borough at the June Workshop meeting. He stated that Mr. Hart had looked over it and that it is a standard agreement. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to approve the Agreement; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next item would be the Draft Fireworks Ordinance. Mr. Haws stated that he did not receive anything on that but mentioned that Wyomissing and West Reading both passed Ordinances regarding the use of fireworks in their Boroughs. He stated that we can reiterate all the setback requirements and state that there is to be no fireworks launched from public property without the owner's permission. Mayor Cirulli asked if we could put in the Ordinance that they can't sell fireworks in the Borough either. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Sensenig asked if she should get a petition together. Mr. Haws stated that it might be helpful to help convey that this a community based concern. Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the petition could go to our District Justice so if cases come before her she knows. Mayor Cirulli stated that it could go to Judy Schwenk also who is trying to get the ruling reversed so that those fireworks would be illegal in Pennsylvania. Mr. Pachuillo stated it could go to all our State Representatives.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business to discuss.

**LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:**

Mrs. Gantner stated that everything is going well with the playground program. She mentioned that a family in the Borough donate 150 masks to us for the kids.

**TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:**

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that the library will be opening on July 13<sup>th</sup> and that there is a limit of fourteen (14) people, including staff, allowed in at one time. She stated that everyone will have to wear masks. She also mentioned that books that are being returned must be quarantined for three (3) days. She stated that they will still be offering curb side pick-up for anyone that does not feel comfortable coming in.

**BRAD SMITH - ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING:**

Mr. Smith gave an update on the HOP. He stated that he spoke with Earl Felty, the surveyor, and he should have all the changes to the right-of-way plan to ARRO early next week and then they will be able to submit the plans to PennDOT.

Mr. Smith mentioned the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project and that they received the Agreements back from Barrasso Excavating. He stated that everything appears to be in order so they would need approval to have the agreement signed. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to authorize signing the Agreement with Barrasso Excavating; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried. Mr. Pachulo asked what the possible date of construction would be. Mr. Smith stated that they would not be able to start until mid-August because we have to settle with PENNVEST first.

Mr. Smith stated that they received bids for the Cleaning and Televising of the Sanitary Sewers Project which is in conjunction with Spring Township. He stated that he spoke with Mr. Paul Darrah of Spring Township and he is ok with the price. He stated that the low bidder was Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc. with a total bid of \$128,272.63. He mentioned that the Borough's portion would be \$52,771.28. He stated that he will need a motion to proceed with a notice of intent to Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc. pending their submittal of the original documents to ARRO. Mr. Hoffa made that motion; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

**BRAD SMITH - ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING (Cont.):**

Mr. Smith mentioned that they are almost done with the Reed Bed Clearing Specifications and that he needs to go over it with staff but, he stated that he would like to advertise it upon approval from staff. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve advertising for the Reed Bed Cleaning upon review and approval from staff; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith stated that his last item is the Tapping fee calculation. He mentioned that, as requested, they updated the fee calculation and based on that information the board has the authority to increase the tapping fee up to a maximum of \$3,892.32. He advised against charging up to the last dollar and cent in case of errors. The current tapping fee is \$2,500.00. He stated that if Council would like to proceed with increasing the Tapping Fee they would need to authorize Mr. Haws to start putting together the Ordinance for that. Mr. Pachuillo asked if it went through the Committee. Mr. Zohner stated that it has not. Mr. Pachuillo stated that since Mr. Miller is not here he would like the Sewer Committee to look over it and make a recommendation at the Workshop meeting. Mr. Zohner also mentioned that the calculation changes the GPD per EDU from 192 to 216.

Mr. Smith stated that PADEP is requiring the Borough to monitor influent flow into the treatment plant for the annual Chapter 94 reporting. ARRO is working with staff to develop a plan to address equipment alternatives for monitoring the influent flow to meet the requirements. He stated that they will be presenting a proposal to Council next month.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eagelman

Borough Secretary