

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on July 22, 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
Denise Stine (Absent)
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa (Absent)
Robert Metzgar (Absent)

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

PUBLIC HEARING – COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL:

Mr. Hart stated that the hearing is for public feedback to see if anyone had any complaints about service or rates. Mr. Pachuillo asked if Council had any comments on it since no one from the public is in attendance. There were no comments. Mr. Pachuillo closed the hearing.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that he signed an Amendment to the Police Pension Agreement. He stated that we passed a Resolution at the end of 2019 that listed the Police contribution to their pension at .5% for 2020. He stated that PMRS contacted Mrs. Eagelman and notified her that from now on we must do an Amendment to the Plan Document instead of Resolutions.

REVITALIZATION:

Mrs. Gantner stated that they did meet on July 16th and discussed the Green Light Go Grant that we applied for and that it was put on hold due to the COVID-19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the only item is the Fireworks Ordinance. He asked if anything was done on it. Mr. Haws stated that he e-mailed it to Mr. Hart the other day and that he used the same form that West Reading used and that it reiterates the state law. Mayor Cirulli stated that he would like to limit when they can be set off also. Lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Pachuillo suggested that the Public Safety Committee look over it with Mr. Hart, the Chief and the Mayor and come back with a recommendation.

Mr. Miller mentioned the new tapping fee calculation and asked if anyone had any comments on it. Mr. Smith stated that his recommendation would be to round it down to the nearest hundred. Mr. Hart mentioned that the Golf Course just sent in plans and asked about a reservation agreement. Discussion ensued concerning the additional costs and other options. Decision was made to table it until the August Council meeting. Mayor Cirulli asked if we are going to need to add on to the plant in the near future. Mr. Zohner stated that we are not near capacity and it would be years down the road. He stated that we are only running at 55% of capacity right now.

NEW BUSINESS:

New business was discussed under correspondence.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she is working with Mr. Hart and Mr. Zohner about making a pickle ball court. She also mentioned that she is working with Mrs. Kim Underwood to see if we could do a Field Hockey camp.

Mr. Pachuillo asked about renting the blow up movie screen and projector to use for a get together at his house in September. Mrs. Gantner stated that it should be fine and that we would get him the application form.

JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Pachuillo asked about the Lidl opening on the 29th and that they wanted a statement from him or the Mayor. Mayor Cirulli stated that he has tried to call but keeps getting voice mail. Mr. Hart stated that the ribbon cutting is at 7:40 a.m. on July 29th.

Mr. Pachuillo asked about the settlement for the Butkus property. Mr. Hart stated that it is scheduled for July 29th at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Pachuillo asked about the Golf Course and if we can do anything about them not cutting the grass because it is very bad. He asked Mr. Hart to send him Mr. Don Robitzer's number and he will call him.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that the Library is open and that it seems to be going well at this point. She also mentioned that they had an Admin meeting and will be setting up a time for the next meeting.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart stated that the Zoning Hearing for Mrs. Farrell has been rescheduled for August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hart mentioned that ARRO submitted the Phase II HOP Plans on July 10th. He also mentioned that he had a skype meeting today with PennDOT regarding Phase IV which is route 724 and Penn Avenue. He stated that they came up with four different plans of how to design that road way and one is somewhat close to what our map shows. He stated that they will be having another skype meeting in the near future.

CHARLES HAWS – BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Mr. Haws mentioned that after a long delay we have a hearing on the Robitzer matter next week. Mr. Pachuillo asked if the Planning Commission met yet. Mr. Hart stated that they are meeting on Tuesday, July 28th at 7 p.m. if anyone from Council is interested.

BRAD SMITH - ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING:

Mr. Smith mentioned that they have a pre-construction meeting for the Broad Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project scheduled for Tuesday, July 28th at 9 a.m.

Mr. Smith stated that he has agreements to sign with Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc. for the televising of the shared right-of-way. He stated that he did verify with Spring Township that they are still ok with sharing the cost of the contract. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize Mr. Pachuillo to sign the agreement with Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc.; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that the radiator in the large generator at the plant has started to leak. He stated that he got two price quotes. One from Dyna-Tech, who they typically use for service at the plant, which came in at \$16,411.81 for the swap out. The second price quote came in at \$31,000.00. He stated that he would like to move forward with having Dyna-Tech swap out the radiator. Mrs. Peterson made the motion to authorize moving forward with Dyna-Tech; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (Cont.):

Mr. Zohner mentioned that Mr. Joseph Dalton, one of the operators at the plant, got his CDL and that he would like to move him up to the full 2020 Operators rate. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to approve Mr. Dalton's rate increase; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary