

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 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
TJ Huckleberry
George Butkus
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson
Brian Hoffa

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli, Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Robert Ludgate Sr., Ludgate Engineering; Brad Smith, 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.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that he received a letter from Mrs. Jan Roland thanking Council for the Borough's support and for the reception that they received at the last meeting. He stated that he also received copies of letters from BOSS2020 and Township of Spring that were sent to PP&L opposing their proposed transmission line.

Mrs. Gantner asked about the letter that was discussed that everyone could sign instead of sending hundreds of letters. She stated that we could have the letter here for people to come in and sign. Mr. Pachuillo stated that he will check with Mrs. Roland to see if they have done anything with that. He mentioned that he understands through the Senator that PP&L is open to discussion with the entities involved.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they had a meeting today with the owners of the Spring Town Center. He stated that the good news from them is that they have four (4) perspective tenants looking to move in and we are very encouraged.

Mr. Ludgate mentioned that he and Mr. Hart have scheduled a pre-construction meeting with the demolition contractor for next week. He stated that the first order of business is to remove the Asbestos.

REVITALIZATION (Cont.):

Mr. Pachuillo asked if there was anything in the old Borough Hall that is worth keeping. Mr. Hart stated that he didn't think so. He mentioned that Mr. Paul Miller from the Historical Society is taking the old railing above the second floor and the big window on the eastern end. Mayor Cirulli asked about the elevator. Mr. Hart stated that they could try to get it out before demo.

Mr. Hart stated that he just received paperwork this afternoon from Mr. Loth regarding the next round of MTF Grants. He stated that there is a Resolution that needs to be passed stating that the Borough requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$950,000.00 from the Commonwealth Finance Authority to be used for Phase 3, Segment 2 infrastructure improvements within the Sinking Spring central business district revitalization zone. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize and execute the application documents for the next round of Multimodal Transportation Grants; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the only item is the RV Parking Ordinance. Mr. Hart stated that he has not received any comments on it so we can make a motion to advertise. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize advertising the RV Ordinance and setting the date for the Hearing; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried. Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next Workshop Meeting would be the Hearing to pass the Ordinance.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that they received the updated numbers for the Library AC. He stated that the total including the electrical upgrades for the units, which has already been done, is \$8,630.00. He asked for permission to move forward with the installation of the actual units which is a total of about \$7,700.00. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize Mr. Zohner to move forward with the installation not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the total project; seconded by Mr. Huckleberry. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried. Mr. Hart mentioned that it is a dual system which has Heat and AC.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that Mr. Louis Angelisanti, from the Public Works Department, handed in his two (2) week notice last week. He asked for permission to advertise for a new Road Crew member. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize advertising for the open position; seconded by Mr. Peterson. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zohner mentioned that he was stopped by a resident on Keller Avenue concerning a sewer back-up at their property. He stated that they check it out and everything seemed to be alright on the Borough's end so he suggested they call a plumber to check their end. He stated that later that evening they received another call that there was a sewer back-up further down on Keller. He stated that they check the whole line and there was a bad main blockage. He stated that the first resident incurred a very high bill, \$650.00, from the plumber for having to come out. He asked Council for permission to reimburse the resident for half the cost from the plumber. Mr. Butkus

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR (Cont.):

made a motion to authorize reimbursing the resident half the cost of the bill; seconded by Mr. Huckleberry. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried. Mr. Zohner stated that the blockage was grease and that he would like to put something in the next Newsletter giving the residents grease and oil tips.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith stated that they did receive bids for the Penn Avenue Interceptor Crossing. He stated that they did come in significantly higher than expected and there were only three bidders. He mentioned that they are looking at some alternatives and would like to discuss it with the Sewer Committee before making a recommendation to Council. Mr. Butkus stated that they will be meeting next Monday.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that everything that he put out on the auction block sold and we netted over \$10,000.00.

Mr. Hart stated that they need to get together to discuss the Teamsters Contract. Mr. Hoffa stated that hopefully it will be next week.

Mr. Hart mentioned that he was approached by the Police Department and the Fire Department about using the old buildings for training. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize Mr. Hart and Chief Schweyer to coordinate it at their discretion; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. Mr. Huckleberry suggested that they notify the other residents in the area about what will be going on so they are not alarmed. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Peterson asked if they were any closer to doing the Cell Tower. Mr. Hart stated that they had a pre-construction meeting and finally submitted building plans last week. Mrs. Peterson asked if we start collecting the lease money when they start building. Mr. Butkus asked if we shouldn't have started collecting rent when they signed the Contract. Mr. Haws stated that we will have to see how the Contract reads.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli asked about when they are going to be doing Route 724. Mr. Hart stated that they are done in Shillington and that he will see what he can find out about when they will be in the Borough.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the Field Trips for playground are very well attended and the busses are packed. She also mentioned that they would like to extend Playground by one week because they have the staff. She stated that they are going to ask that they pay an additional \$20.00 per child if they would like to attend. She stated that it will include a hot dog lunch and a free Bowling Field Trip. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to offer an extra week of Playground and charge \$20.00 per child; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that one of our Head Leaders has been offered another job and her last day here will be Monday, August 1st. She mentioned that there are a lot of things that need to be done for the end of the year so she would like to promote Emily Nelson, who has been here three (3) years, to Head Leader till the end of the year and give her the \$9.50 per hour. Mrs. Gantner made the motion to promote Emily Nelson to Head Leader at a rate of \$9.50 per hour; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the last Movie Night is next Thursday and the movie will be Star Wars: The Force Awakens. She also mentioned that it will be the End of the Year Party even though they are extending another week.

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that Kendra, who is doing the BOSS2020 Website will be working on the Borough Website. She also mentioned that we will be doing a Newsletter to go out in October and she needs all articles by September 15th.

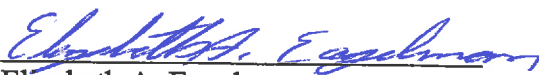
GEORGE BUTKUS – SEWER AND SANITATION:

Mr. Butkus mentioned that the Sewer Committee will be meeting on Monday evening. He asked when they would be discussing the numbers in the e-mail from Mr. Hart concerning the five (5) year analysis of our projected income and expenses. Mr. Pachuillo stated that we just received the information and we need to work on next year's budget which we have already discussed that we will possibly need a millage increase. Mr. Huckleberry mentioned the Capital Fund and possibly using that to help with the shortage. Discussion ensued. Mr. Pachuillo suggested taking a hard look at what next year's budget looks like.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary