

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuillo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth White called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuillo
Edward Oswald
George Butkus (absent)
Christiana Stallone
Gary Cirulli
Denise Stine
Steven Suruskie (absent)

Other officials present were: Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor, Bradley Smith., ARRO Consulting, Michael Hart, Public Works Director, Police Chief Lee Schweyer, Regina Shade, Interim Borough Manager and Elizabeth White who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Cirulli made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 6, 2013 Council Meeting; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Lisa Gantner addressed Council concerning the theater system for movie nights at the playground. She stated that Mr. Metzger did a lot of work on this and came up with two options. Option 1 is a packaged system for \$5,100.00 and Option 2 is to buy the equipment separately at a price range of \$3,106.00 to \$3,607.00 for the same or better items. Discussion ensued. Mr. Oswald made a motion to go with option 2 at a price not to exceed \$4,000.00; seconded by Mrs. Stallone. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried. Mrs. Gantner mentioned that this Friday's movie is Night at the Museum.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Oswald made a motion to pay the bills; seconded by Mrs. Stallone, AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that the report is in the binders.

MILLER ENVIRONMENTAL:

Mr. Juzyk gave the report for June, 2013. He stated that despite having almost eight inches (8") of rain the plant did fairly well. He mentioned that they had been diverting some flow into the ditch that they were in the process of taking out of service which allowed them to maintain a manageable flow through the rest of the plant. He mentioned that they had one service call during the month at 42 Spring Crest Blvd. He also mentioned that this property seems to have a lot of backups and that they do have a long lateral that exits the rear of their property to the alley that runs behind Spring Crest

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRADLEY SMITH:

Mr. Smith reported that the renewal application for the NPDES permit was submitted to DEP in advance of the deadline. He also mentioned that Mr. Schlott Jr. submitted his review letter dated June 25, 2013 to the Borough for the Sunset Land Development Plan.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Sam Loth stated that he is requesting a Resolution from Council this evening in order to apply for a combined grant to DCED for a total of \$275,000.00. He stated that \$225,000.00 will be used for the purpose of installing a new sidewalk; \$75,000.00 to be used for the southern side of Penn Avenue from Park Avenue to Wynnewood Avenue and the other \$150,000.00 to be used to widen the sidewalk from Hull Street to about 75 feet west of the Borough Hall its self. He stated that the second part of the grant is a \$50,000.00 request to DCED for a façade improvement grant program which is a pass through on behalf of the Borough and the Borough is not involved in terms of dollars. He mentioned that members of DCED along with our Northeast Regional representation were here on June 21st and they were very impressed with what we were able to provide them. Mrs. Stallone made the motion to pass the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Oswald. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that he did get a quote from Lasting Image for the 100th Anniversary books and that they are higher than Reick's Printing. He is waiting to hear back from them before he goes to talk to Reicks's Printing again. He reminded Council that July 20th is the next Concert in the Park and that Vertigo Vibe is playing at 8:00 pm. He mentioned that August 3rd is the Golf Tournament at Village Greens, Registration is at 6:30 am and T offs will be at 7:00 am. They are also working with the Chicken Pit to have a Chicken Dinner afterwards at the playground that will be included in the \$50.00 price. He mentioned that the festival is moving along and that they need

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volunteers. He stated that he is going to contact Mrs. Karli concerning the banners and where they are at.

Mrs. Shade stated that she has only gotten a few people for the Sinking Spring's got Talent contest and that they need to make decisions about prizes. She also mentioned that she is looking for items to raffle off to raise money. Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they have not heard from Alcon yet and that they wanted to donate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the first item is the Huron and Maria Stop Sign Ordinance. Mrs. Stallone made a motion to approve the Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Oswald. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next item is the Rental Ordinance. Mrs. Stallone made a motion to approve the Rental Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Oswald. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that the only item under new business is the Property Maintenance Inspector. Mrs. Shade mentioned that in the budget for this year that was approved in 2012 for 2013 we included the expense to start the process of hiring someone to do the rental inspections. She stated that the starting salary is \$15.00 per hour. She stated that right now they are just looking for the authorization to run the ad. She stated that she and Mr. Hart will work on the job description per the Ordinance. Mrs. Stallone made the motion to run the ad; seconded by Mr. Oswald. Mr. Pachuillo asked if the inspector would fall under Mr. Hart's department. Mrs. Shade stated yes. He then asked if we would be using this person to do Code Enforcement and be able to utilize them in other capacities. Mr. Hart stated that his plan is to have this person do the rental inspections and he is going to split the Borough up in to two segments because there are so many, and that is going to take a lot of time. He stated that the second part of their duties will be the Property Maintenance Code which is the weeds and building maintenance and all the stuff that consumes a lot of time which will free him up. He also mentioned that in the winter they can help with plowing snow. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF – LEE SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer stated that the Charger is in the shop again and that we have spent over \$18,000.00 since we got it in 2008 on repairs. He stated that we are coming up on the fifth year and instead of sinking more money into it we can get a left over 2013 police interceptor sedan fully equipped for \$28,950.00 which would be a lease and there are leasing options for a year so we wouldn't have to make payments until next year. He stated that it would be a black marked vehicle. He mentioned that he would also like to purchase a Nighttime Optical Thermal Imaging Camera. He stated that it hooks into the spot light and then hooks up into the computer. He stated that it can be used for locating hiding perpetrators in total darkness and you are able to see what they are

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wearing. It can also be used to find missing persons. He stated that the cost is \$4,000.00. Mrs. Stallone made a motion to approve the purchase of the new police interceptor and the camera at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00; seconded by Mrs. Stine. Mr. Pachulo asked for a roll call vote. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

LIBRARY – DENISE STINE:

Mrs. Stine mentioned that one of the part-time Library Assistant resigned and the Library would like permission to advertise for a part-time Library Assistant. Motion was made by Mrs. Stallone; seconded by Mr. Cirulli. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:**General Account**

Opening Balance – May 31, 2013	\$450,919.37
PLGIT	9,119.06
Invest	
Recreation	40,192.21
General	64,291.59
McDonald’s Escrow	4,003.62
100 th Anniversary Acct.	5,000.00
Fleetwood Bank Acct.	4,246.15
Deposits as of June 30, 2013	194,318.20
Checks Written	92,233.49
Payroll	74,331.90
Returned check	100.00
Ordered envelopes – Auto Debit	163.72
PENNVEST auto debit	2,785.50
To be Paid	<u>28,755.90</u>
Balance as of July 8, 2013	\$573,719.69

Sewer Account

Opening Balance – May 31, 2013	\$803,413.51
PLGIT	61,433.54
Invest	322,728.39
Deposits as of June 30, 2013	162,251.39
Checks Written	69,869.21
Returned check	100.00
PENNVEST auto debit	15,243.07
To be Paid	<u>12,098.65</u>
Balance as of July 8, 2013	\$ 1,252,515.90

Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report; seconded by Mr. Cirulli. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2; motion carried.


COUNCIL PRESIDENT – JAMES PACHUILO:

Mr. Pachuiilo mentioned that the load for the meetings is very light right now and asked if anyone would mind if they cancelled the Workshop Meeting for the month of July. Everyone agreed and the Workshop Meeting was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. White
Borough Secretary