

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by President James Pachuillo. Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuillo
Tracy Peterson (Absent)
H. David Miller
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner (Absent)
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar
Jack Malandra (Absent)

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

Mr. Pachuillo requested a moment of silence to honor our Police, Fire and EMS personnel and our Armed Forces who protect us every day here and abroad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2019 Council Meeting and the July 24, 2019 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2, ABSTAIN – 1 (Mr. Miller). Motion carried. Mr. Miller abstained from voting because he did not receive the e-mail and was not able to read the minutes.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that we received a letter from Mr. Paul Roth. He stated that Mr. Roth is resigning from the Zoning Hearing Board effective August 1, 2019. He mentioned that we now have two vacant seats on that board. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to accept Mr. Roth's resignation; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for July 2019. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report as written. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as written; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2, ABSTAIN – 1 (Mr. Miller). Motion carried. Mr. Miller abstained from voting because he did not receive the e-mail and with the report.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that their report is attached to everyone’s email.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he was just notified that the Columbia Avenue Railroad Crossing will be closed starting Monday, August 5th for repairs. He stated that it should only take about a week. He also mentioned that Spring Township will be closing S. Hull Street/Martins Road at Hillpoint Circle for paving from where S. Hull Street turns into Martins Road in Spring Township on Monday, August 5th.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith stated that they are waiting for one more form from the County to submit to DEP. He stated that hopefully we will be able to go out for bid and start the project in the new year.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Zohner asked for Council’s approval to move forward with the installation of the video surveillance system that was budgeted for the Public Works Garage. He mentioned that they had \$15,000.00 budgeted and it came in at \$13,251.00 from ATS which is the company we use for our surveillance and security throughout the Borough Hall. Mrs. Stine made the motion to authorize the moving forward with the installation of the surveillance system at the garage; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

OIC OXENREIDER:

OIC Oxenreider went over the Police Report for July 2019.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine stated that she is looking at Saturday, September 28th to have the service adding Chief Schweyer's name to the Fallen Hero Memorial.

BRIAN HOFFA – ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that some of their committee will be going to Narberth next Friday to look at how they laid out their Traditional Neighborhood Development.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that they had another meeting concerning the possible police consolidation. He stated that Spring wanted to have an independent financial planner review both sides to see where we stand. He stated that they found out that DCED will do it for free and that they just need a letter of intent to engage them in the survey. He asked for Council's ok to sign it and send it off as far as out intent to move ahead with the project. He mentioned that Spring already did theirs. Mr. Metzgar made a motion to authorize Mr. Hart to sign and send the letter of intent; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried. He mentioned that he has no idea on a time frame.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pachulo stated that they need to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and possible litigation. Council went into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

RECONVENE:

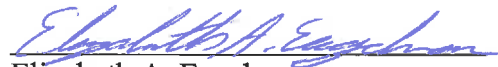
Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m. The following action was taken.

Mrs. Stine made a motion to hire Denise Curtis as the new police clerk at a rate of \$18.00 per hour; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary