

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Sinking Spring Borough Hall by Council President James Pachuiilo. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuiilo
Tracy Peterson
H. David Miller
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar

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 Oxenreider, and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors or public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Pachuiilo stated that Mr. Ron Dentzer sent in a request for a leak adjustment for his property located at 3951 Penn Avenue. Mrs. Eagelman explained that there was a leak between his two buildings back in March. She stated that Pennsylvania American Water gave a credit of 43,876 gallons and asked Councils permission to do the same which would come to a credit of \$197.44. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve giving Mr. Dentzer a credit of \$197.44; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa stated that he was not at the last meeting and mentioned that they are working on a few things. He stated that he should have a report at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pachuillo stated that there were a few items to discuss. The first item was the Comcast Cable renewal. Mr. Hart explained that this is just for informational purposes and that it is open for public comment.

The next item was the Zoning Amendment Ordinance for the Village Greens Development. Mr. Robitzer stated that he was asked to come back and try give an explanation of the things that they would be seeking relief from in order to move forward with the proposed development. He mentioned that they left a proposed Ordinance with Mr. Hart and Mr. Haws that should have been distributed. Discussion ensued concerning the Ordinance. Mr. Haws also mentioned that he would draw up a draft for an escrow agreement to cover legal and engineering costs incurred by the Borough. Mr. Pachuillo suggested that everyone look over the Ordinance and we can go over it next week. He also suggested that they form a Committee to sit down and go over the proposed changes with Mr. Hart and Mr. Haws. Mr. Robitzer recommended that his engineer from Rettew also attend the meeting to answer any questions.

The next item was the Uniformed Pension Ordinance to update and restate the pension documents. Mr. Haws stated that we would need to authorize advertising the Ordinance before adoption. Mrs. Stine made a motion to advertise the Ordinance; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES -7, NAYS - 0, ABSENT - 0. Motion carried.

The next item was the Ordinance limiting parking in the 3900 block of Penn Avenue. Mr. Hart explained that this needs to be done as part of the HOP. He stated that it will remove parking from the new radius of Cacoosing 230 feet west on the north side and 265 feet west on the south side. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to advertise this Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES -7, NAYS - 0, ABSENT - 0. Motion carried.

BRIAN HOFFA:

Mr. Hoffa thanked Council and the Mayor for the fruit basket that was sent while he was in the hospital.

MAYOR CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that he spoke to Dohner Memorial about adding Lee Schweyer's name to the Memorial. He stated that it should be done within the next two weeks. Mrs. Stine mentioned that she was looking at the last Saturday in September for the service.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he received confirmation that the Pedestrian Safety Grant was closed out. He also mentioned that Woodrow Avenue will be shut down starting September 9th for track repairs. Mayor Cirulli mentioned that Mt. Home will also be closed at the Railroad Tracks for repairs on September 9th and 10th.

CHARLES HAWS – SOLICITOR:

Mr. Haws mentioned a tax claim dispute that was discussed last meeting in executive session. He stated that Fox Rothchild's insurance carrier requires them to get a letter from the Borough waiving any potential conflict by representing Wilson School District and the Borough. He stated that he needs Council to make a motion authorizing him to sign the requested conflict waiver letter. Mr. Hoffa made a motion authorizing Mr. Haws to sign the letter; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith gave an update on the Broad Street Project. He stated that DEP now has everything that they need to review the project. He stated that they are hoping to meet the end of October deadline for Pennvest.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that Mr. Joe Dalton has acquired his operator's certificate and asked Council's permission to move him up to \$20.37 per hour, which is the Operator Rate less \$.50 since he doesn't have his CDL yet, starting with his next pay check. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve Mr. Dalton's increase; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Zohner asked Council's permission to hire a temporary road crew employee so they can get caught up on some of the projects. He stated that they don't know when the other guy is going to be back. Mr. Hoffa made the motion approving hiring a temp for the road crew; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES –7, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Pachulo stated that they will need to go into executive session for a personnel issue. Council went into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

RECONVENE:


Council reconvened at 8:05 p.m. The following action was taken.

Mrs. Stine made a motion to hire Mr. Kevin Zieber as a Full Time Police Officer; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES -7, NAYS - 0, ABSENT - 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary