

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall by Vice-President T J Huckleberry. After the Pledge to the Flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

James Pachuillo (Absent)
TJ Huckleberry
George Butkus (Absent)
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson
Brian Hoffa

Other officials present were: Charles Haws, Borough Solicitor; Robert Ludgate Sr. , Ludgate Engineering; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Police Chief Lee Schweyer, Regina Shade, Borough Manager and Elizabeth Eagelman who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Sam Loth, who addressed Council during the Revitalization portion of the meeting.

BUSINESS:

The first item was the Waiver of Subdivision for Fabric Mart and VFW for Phase II. Mr. Ludgate recommended Council waive subdivision planning approval for the right-of-way taking along the relocated Cacoosing Avenue for the Fabric Mart property and also for the right-of-way taking along the relocated Columbia Avenue for the VFW property. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to waive the subdivision planning approval for both the Fabric Mart and the VFW; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was ratifying \$2,526.89 for Lighting at the Sewer Plant. Mrs. Shade explained that Mr. Hart would like to move ahead with updating the lighting at the Sewer Plant but we haven't received the grant money from PPL in the amount of \$2,526.89 yet. Mrs. Stine made a motion to move ahead with updating the lighting and paying PPL's portion which will be reimbursed at a later date; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was the Resolution for Benecon. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the Resolution for health insurance which authorizes the Borough to join PMHIC; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

BUSINESS (Cont.):

The next item was the Delineators. Mrs. Shade explained that we received copies of the new proposed maps from PennDOT showing different placement of the delineators. Discussion ensued concerning moving the delineators back so businesses could get deliveries. Mr. Huckleberry suggested leaving the delineators as they are until we receive a formal written complaint from the businesses. Mr. Huckleberry also suggested that Mrs. Shade contact Mr. Thomas Walters of PennDOT to see if they have more flexible delineators as these just keep popping off when hit and don't seem to flex.

The next item was the Shredding Event. Mr. Huckleberry stated that it will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the National Penn Bank in Robesonia from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He also mentioned that it is open to all Borough residents and that no businesses are allowed.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa and Mr. Loth addressed Council concerning the Market Study and went over a Memorandum from the BOSS 2020 Committee and the Borough Economic Sub-committee.

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to move forward and award the Market Study contract to Fourth Economy Consulting per their Amended Proposal dated September 22, 2015 with a cost not to exceed \$49,275.00; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 4, NAYS – 1 (Mrs. Stine), ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to enter into a contract with Fourth Economy based on the Revised Proposal timeline which is extended to January 2016; seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to authorize the BOSS 2020 Revitalization Committee to apply for funding from the PA DCED for partial funding toward the cost of the Study; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to authorize the BOSS 2020 Revitalization Committee to apply for funding from the Alcon Foundation and/or other private foundations that offer funding for this type of community improvement planning activity; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

CHIEF SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that Officer Oxenford has handed in this letter of resignation and that he is taking a position with the Pennsylvania State Police. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept Officer Oxenford's resignation; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

ROBERT LUDGATE SR. – BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mr. Ludgate mentioned that the South Hull Street construction is to start next month.

CHARLES HAWS – BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Mr. Haws mentioned that the Trash Bids went out and that the Bid opening will be October 28th at the Workshop Meeting.

REGINA M. SHADE – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mrs. Shade stated that she will need Revitalization Budget numbers soon.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that Mrs. Bohn is now doing Passports.

Mrs. Peterson questioned the Yard Sale Permits and mentioned that the property on Penn Avenue that was the issues is still having them almost every week. Mrs. Shade stated that neither her nor Mr. Hart live in the immediate area so they were not aware. She suggested that maybe the Police Officers that are on duty could check on it and report to Mr. Hart.

BRIAN HOFFA – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that PPL is reviewing the powerline plan.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner stated that the Newsletter should go out by the second week in October. She also mentioned that Mr. Hughes from McDonalds is doing a Tree Lighting this year so we will not compete and we will just light our tree with the other decorations. She also mentioned that we will be having a Fall Festival on October 24th and that more information will follow.

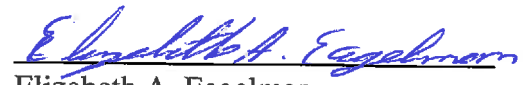
DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine mentioned that the Committee met with the Police to discuss their contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,


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