

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 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
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Tracy Peterson (Absent)
Brian Hoffa

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Tim Malloy, Barley Snyder; 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.

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

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa thank Mr. Hart and all who helped get the mailing out about the PPL meeting and mentioned that they had a good turnout. He stated that he doesn't know where we go from here. He mentioned that part of where they want to run this line goes right along an earthquake line. He mentioned that they requested a copy of the list of who attended the meeting from PPL and they refused because of privacy issues. Mrs. Gantner mentioned that everyone she talked to was upset because it wasn't a situation where you could talk and every time you asked a question they referred you to another person. Discussion ensued concerning alternate routes, burying part of the line and replacing trees. Mr. Butkus mentioned issues with crossing Penn Avenue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Huckleberry mentioned that we received a letter from South Heidelberg Township concerning the annual Shred Event. He stated that it will be held at the BB&T Bank on Penn Avenue in Robesonia on Saturday October 29, 2016 from 10 AM until 2 PM. Mr. Butkus made a motion to approve participating in the Shred Event; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried. Mr. Butkus mentioned that it is for residents only, no businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for a litigation issue.

RECONVENE:

Council reconvened at 7:48 p.m. No action was taken.

CHIEF SCHWEYER:

Chief Schweyer mentioned that we should hear from the Federal Government about the Grant for the officer on September 30th.

BRYCE ZOHNER – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Mr. Zohner mentioned that he is looking to get Council's approval to get the Oxidation Ditches gear box and drive motor rebuilt. He stated that the motor is at a cost of \$2,400.00 and the gear box is at a cost of \$18,000.00. Mr. Butkus mentioned that these would be the spares on the shelf and that it is a lot cheaper than buying new ones. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize Mr. Zohner to go ahead with the repairs not to exceed \$22,000.00; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH:

Mr. Smith stated that with Council's permission they will pursue a grant to replace some sewer lines on Reedy Road to increase their size from 10" to 15". He mentioned that the grant application is due by October 31st. Mr. Butkus made a motion to authorize Mr. Smith to submit the grant as laid out at committee; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith mentioned that they got revised shop drawings back from the contractor for the Penn Avenue Crossing project. He stated that PennDOT rejected the barrier design that they did to protect the excavation so he is having his traffic engineer work on that.

SEWER ENGINEER – ARRO CONSULTING – BRAD SMITH (Cont.):

Mr. Smith mentioned that they received a letter from DEP about the Pump Station on Mt. Home Road. He stated that they are going to contest their belief that it is hydraulically overloaded because based on the data that we have we don't believe that it is.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that the letter that Mr. Hoffa spoke of earlier was an all-day joint effort by himself, Mrs. Eageman, Mrs. Bohn, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Gantner.

Mr. Hart mentioned that UGI will be starting their main replacement in the 3700 and 3800 blocks of Penn Avenue next week. Mr. Huckleberry suggested that we try to get more information and get it out to the residents.

Mr. Hart mentioned that he is looking to have the first round of the budgets done for next meeting.

Mr. Hart stated that the Federal Government requires us to comply with the NIMS certification. He stated that there are minimum requirements that everybody has to meet. He stated that the classes that Council needs to take can be done on the computer at home and that they need level 100 and 700.

MAYOR GARY CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli mentioned that they would like to do Coffee With a Cop on October 7th at McDonalds.

BRIAN HOFFA – ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they have been talking about a Park and Shade Tree Commission and they reached out to Wyomissing Borough. He stated that their Borough Manager, Marti Hozey, has been very receptive to us. He mentioned that they have a Joint Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hart stated that the Borough is part of that. Mr. Hoffa stated that she is looking at reestablishing that and get it going again.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that she is still working on the Newsletter and needs to know which articles to put in. She stated that she would like to get it out by the second week of October.

DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine mentioned that the Fire Department and the Red Cross will be installing fire detectors in the Borough on Saturday, October 8th. Mrs. Gantner stated that they were looking for installers to help out.


GEORGE BUTKUS – SEWER AND SANITATION:

Mr. Butkus mentioned that the Sewer Committee will be meeting next Monday. He thanked those who did make it to the Open House.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eageman
Borough Secretary