

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on September 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., by Council President James Pachuillo. After the pledge to the flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2020 Council Meeting and the August 26, 2020 Workshop Meeting. Mrs. Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no visitors in attendance.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the bills for August 2020. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Peterson. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to accept the Treasures Report for August 2020 as written. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that their report is included in everyone's e-mail packet or available at the Borough office if needed.

**WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:**

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned that their report is also included in everyone's e-mail packet or available at the Borough office if needed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was not Unfinished Business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pachuillo stated that we have the 2021 Police and Non-Uniformed Pension MMO's to approve this evening. He stated that this is standard for this time of year. Mrs. Egelman explained that this year the Police Pension MMO for 2021 is \$0.00. She mentioned that PMRS sends the MMO worksheet and that it states that since the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits is less than the Actuarial Value of Assets to enter the MMO as \$0.00. Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the Police Pension MMO for 2021 in the amount of \$0.00. Mrs. Peterson made the motion; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried. Mr. Pachuillo stated that the next one is the Pension MMO for the Non-Uniformed employees in the amount of \$56,526.00. Mrs. Egelman explained that the Non-Uniformed Pension MMO is 10% of the estimated payroll for 2020. Mr. Pachuillo asked for a motion to approve the Non-Uniformed Pension MMO for 2021 in the amount of \$56,526.00. Mrs. Stine made the motion; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**POLICE CHIEF JAMES OXENREIDER:**

Chief Oxenreider went over his monthly report for August.

**BRYCE Zohner – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

Mr. Zohner mentioned that he met with South Heidelberg Township on August 20<sup>th</sup> concerning the flooding issues on Park Avenue. He stated that they went back over their line and pulled some manholes and they agreed that the flows were higher than they expected them to be. He stated that his last correspondence was with their engineer earlier this week stating that the Township employees are going to be doing some right-of-way clearing so they can get in there and check it all out. He stated that they have been very cooperative and helpful and doing everything they can to try to track it down because it is going through their meter and they are paying for it.

**JAMES PACHUILO – COUNCIL PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Pachuillo mentioned the Blue Lagoon property on Penn Avenue and that they are blocking the alley between their building and the residence next to it. He asked Mr. Zohner to mention it to Mr. Hart and to keep an eye on it because he believes that it is not supposed to be blocked off.

**BRAD SMITH – ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER:**

Mr. Smith stated that the first item he has is concerning the Broad Street Project. He stated that the contractor has been notified by their pipe supplier that the pipe manufacturer is unable to make pipe because the Hurricane took out the plant that makes the resin. He stated that the pipe supplier has the pipe in stock so the contractor would like to order the pipe and get it delivered now so they can stay on schedule. He mentioned that the contractor would like to get paid for the pipe now but the contract doesn't allow for that so he is going to do a change order. Mr. Zohner mentioned that the contractor called him this afternoon and they decided to store the pipe at the treatment plant and it should be delivered on Wednesday.

Mr. Smith stated that his next item is concerning the metering of plant influent flow being required by PaDEP. He mentioned that he has prepared a Professional Services Agreement for ARRO Consulting, Inc. to provide professional engineering services to the Borough for design and bidding services associated with modifications of the WWTP to meter influent flow. He stated that the total value of the contract is \$22,400.00. Mrs. Stine made a motion to proceed; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 2. Motion carried.

**ELIZABETH EAGLEMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:**

Mrs. Eagelman asked about getting some information together for a Fall/Winter Newsletter. Everyone was in agreement to try to get something out.

**ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that their next meeting will be Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that he had asked about legal options for insuring that we had public access to walking paths to Village Greens. Discussion ensued. Mr. Haws stated that the Borough has a sidewalk Ordinance that requires that they put sidewalk in. He stated that if they ask for a waiver to not put in the sidewalk then the Borough can make them put it in the plan that there is public access to the walking paths.

**LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:**

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that the Rec. Board met and they are trying to figure out what they can do for Halloween. She mentioned that Halloween is on Saturday this year so they were thinking about moving the trick-or-treating to daylight hours, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and maybe have people who want to participate waiting in their driveways. She stated that it is voluntary so anyone who doesn't want to participate doesn't have to. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Gantner also mentioned that it would be rain or shine.

Mrs. Gantner also talked about the Holiday Open House and the possibility of not having it. She stated that we will wait and see when it gets closer. Mr. Pachulo mentioned that we could drive Santa around the neighborhoods on a fire truck. Mrs. Peterson mentioned that they still want to do the Decorating Contest again this year.


**CHARLES HAWS – SOLICITOR:**

Mr. Haws mentioned that he sent an e-mail to everyone after the last meeting concerning the proposed conditions to allow granting a variance to Mrs. Farrell. He asked if it was good to send out to the Zoning Hearing Board. Everyone in attendance agreed with the proposed conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elizabeth A. Eagelman  
Borough Secretary