

The workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., by Council President Tracy Peterson. After the pledge to the flag, Elizabeth Egelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

Tracy Peterson
H. David Miller
Denise Stine
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar
John Egelman

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Police Chief James Oxenreider; and Elizabeth Egelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceedings.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no visitors that wished to speak at this time.

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Peterson stated that we will start off with the Hiring of the Summer Playground Leaders for 2025. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to hire Brook Stewart and Ellie Winkler-Quigley at \$17.00 per hour as the head leaders, Rachel Roberts, Zoe Peterson and Ryan Sekulski at \$15.00 per hour as assistants; Andrew McConnell, Ben Winkler-Quigley, Jack Foster, Catherine Arentz, Bella Mancias, Audrey Miller, Caitlin Trickett, Cole Lavin, Mia Riccitelli, Bryn Williams, Natalie Riccitelli, Avery Peterson, Abby Thomas and Bodie White, returning leaders at \$14.00 per hour, and Ian Miller, Malia Ostergaard, Angie Rodriguez, Connor Waibel, Grace Chisholm, Maureen Arentz, Emma Staron, Nolan Moyer, Luke Giering and Owen Geng, as new leaders at \$12.00 per hour; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR PENNDOT BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PRESENTATION:

Mr. Stefan Eskesen, Consultant Project Manager with PennDOT addressed Council and the audience. He stated that the purpose of this meeting is to present the project and get feedback, discussion and comments from the public on the project. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Todd Trabucco of Gibson-Thomas Engineering who is the lead design engineer on the project. Mr. Trabucco stated that the project involves the replacement of the bridge that carries 422 over the Cacoosing Creek and is located at the western boundary of Sinking Spring Borough.

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Mr. Trabucco stated that the existing single-span, reinforced concrete, T-Beam structure was built in 1934 and is a span of 40 feet over the Cacoosing Creek and it was widened to add a sidewalk along the eastbound shoulder in 1946. They are going to replace the bridge with a single span structure that will have a span width of 54 feet with 2 12-foot driving lanes and a 12-foot center turning lane. There will be sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. The new bridge will provide a safe and efficient crossing with a structure that meets current design standards. Two lanes of traffic will remain open during construction. They proposed that Park Road be closed to traffic, and they will be detouring that traffic up Wynnewood Avenue and down Ralph Avenue. He mentioned that the Cacoosing Creek is listed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as Class A wild trout stream so because of that they are prohibited from doing any physical construction activity in the creek between October 1st to April 1st. for any calendar year. The construction schedule and staging will have to accommodate that in stream restriction. He stated that this project is scheduled to be publicly bid in the fall of 2026 and physical construction on site will most likely happen in the spring of 2027 through fall of 2028. They opened the meeting for questions. Local business owners, Esterly Concrete and Konopelski Katering, asked questions concerning tractor trailer deliveries to their businesses on Park Avenue. Discussion also ensued concerning increasing water capacity of the creek with the wider bridge. Mr. Egelman asked about the pedestrian crossing that is currently right at the bridge from north to south and if they are planning on putting in any signage or flashing lights to make it more noticeable and safer for pedestrians. Mr. Trabucco stated that they will look into it. The plans are available on line <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pennDOT/projects-near-you/district-5-projects.html>.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary