

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., by Council President Tracy Peterson. After the pledge to the flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

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

Other officials present: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Keith Mooney, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Lowell Leaman, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; Police Chief James Oxenreider; and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025 Council Meeting. Mrs. Gantner made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to approve the bills and the Treasurer's Report for July 2025. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bills and the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Eagelman. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. Peterson stated that their July 2025 Activity Report is included in the email packet.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

Mrs. Peterson stated that their July 2025 Activity Report is also included in the email packet. Mr. Miller mentioned the ongoing EMS Crisis and that Western Berks Ambulance is looking into the feasibility of forming an EMS Authority

REVITALIZATION:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Mrs. Peterson stated that the first item was to approve the Platelogiq Invoice in the amount of \$5,700.00. Chief Oxenreider mentioned that it is for the License Plate Reader, which is a 5-year lease, and this is payment number 2 of 5. Mr. Metzgar made a motion to approve the Platelogiq Invoice; seconded by Mr. Egelman. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was to approve Resolution No. 2025-04 Authorizing Lease Agreement No. 4000-33050 for the new street sweeper and Resolution No. 2025-06 Authorizing Lease Agreement No. 4000-33162 for the new 3500HD Pickup Truck, both through Fulton Bank. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-04 and 2025-06; seconded by Mr. Egelman. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 Authorizing an Application to the PA Local Share Account – Category 4 Berks for \$283,400.00 from the purchase of a Wheel Loader to be used for general highway use and yard waste site maintenance. Mrs. Gantner made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-5; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was to award the Park Road Sewer Main Repairs to Wexcon at a cost of \$23,550.00. Mr. Miller made motion to award the repair to Wexcon; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was to approve advertising the Street Ordinance that proposes to impose a weight limit for vehicles on Woodrow Avenue, Limit parking on the Northeast side of Cacoosing Avenue, Make North Hull Street One way and limit parking on North Hull Street. Mrs. Peterson stated that they would like to add to those changes by add the three (3) spaces in front of the Borough Hall, behind the Handicapped Parking space for Borough Business Parking Only

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (Cont.):

Monday through Friday 7 am to 9 pm. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve advertising the Ordinance amending Chapter 184 once the changes have been made by adding the Borough Business Parking Only on Penn Avenue in front of the Borough Hall; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was to reaffirm the approval of the Serve Pro additional repairs in the amount of \$44,000.00. Mrs. Gantner made the motion to approve the additional repair cost of \$44,000.00; seconded by Mr. Metzgar. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

The next item was to approve BOSS Forward opening a fundraising account for a fundraising page requesting donations to help with the Freight House repairs. Mrs. Gantner made the motion approving BOSS Forward to open the fund-raising account; seconded by Mr. Egelman. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER (Possible Action Items):

Mr. Leaman mentioned that the Pedestrian Crossing is out for bid on Pennbid and they hope to have a recommendation for next meeting. He mentioned that they also posted the Sludge Hauling project to Pennbid for the annual cleaning of the reed beds and they are coordinating with Empire to finalize the agreement for the Reed Bed Refurbishment.

Mr. Leaman stated that he also has the Hofmann Subdivision plan but they did not show up so it can be tabled. Mr. Mooney asked where they are at on the timetable because we may need to send them a letter asking them to provide an extension of time. He suggested that Council deny the plan for the reasons set forth in the latest review letter unless an extension of time is received before their plan expires. Mr. Miller made a motion to deny the plan per Mr. Mooney's recommendation; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

CHIEF OXENREIDER:

Chief Oxenreider went over his July 2025 Activity Report.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart mentioned that he has a meeting with a contractor on August 19th about the speed tables to get an estimate for what we are looking at. He also mentioned that he was approached by Pennsylvania American Water concerning purchasing ten acres of our land out at the sewer plant to build a water treatment plant. He stated that he is reluctant to sell them that land because we need the land for our own upgrades to the Sewer Plant. Mr. Miller suggested that we tell them no for now, and stated that he would give them a call.

TRACY PETERSON – LIBRARY:

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that the Summer Reading Program is over and there are lots of activities coming up.

MAYOR CIRULLI:

Mayor Cirulli thanked Chief Oxenreider, Diane, the Rec Board and Playground leaders for the excellent job they did for the National Night Out on August 5th.

ROBERT METZGAR – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Metzgar mentioned that they need to schedule an Admin meeting. He also mentioned a concern about Reedy Road and the need for a 4-way stop. Mr. Egelman mentioned that speed tables are being considered along there.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner reported that the Summer Playground Program has ended and that they had a great summer with 415 children registered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session at 7:58 p.m. for an ongoing litigation issue.

RECONVENED:

Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m. The following action was taken.

Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to execute the settlement agreement between the Borough and Christopher Sadowski. Mr. Egelman made the motion; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 2. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary