

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., by Council Vice-President H. David Miller. After the pledge to the flag, Elizabeth Eagelman called the roll reflecting the following Council Members present:

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

Other officials present: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Brad Smith, ARRO Consulting; Police Chief James Oxenreider; and Elizabeth Eagelman, Borough Secretary, who recorded the minutes of the proceeding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024 Council Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

The first visitor was Terri Sanelli from The Residence at Village Greens. Ms. Sanelli addressed Council concerning their upcoming Grand Opening on September 25th. She stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for dignitaries will be from 1-2 p.m. and it will be open to the public from 2-5 p.m. She invited all of Council to the ribbon cutting ceremony and all their events.

The next visitor was Mr. John Bondarchuk from 301 Broad Street. Mr. Bondarchuk addressed Council concerning cars running the stop sign at Broad Street and Kirkwood. He stated that the police have been sitting there and have caught a few but it is not deterring them. Mayor Cirulli stated that we will have an officer stationed there more often. Mrs. Gantner asked if there was a certain time of day when this would happen. Mr. Bondarchuk stated that it is between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve the bills for July 2024. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve the Treasures Report for July 2024. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Miller stated that their July Activity Report is included in the email packet.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

Mr. Miller stated that their July Activity Report is also included in the email packet.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa stated that their next meeting will be in September and that Mr. Hart is working on the Job Description.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Miller stated that the first item is the Bus Patrol. Mayor Cirulli stated that he still has not received anything from Chief Powell at Spring. Mr. Miller stated that we will table it until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Miller stated that we have a few items under New Business labeled A through G. Mr. Hoffa stated that he had the list from Mr. Hart and that the first was item (A) was to authorize a letter of intent to purchase a new Tymco model 600 street sweeper at a costars price of \$364,064.00 on a 5 year lease and the old sweeper will be placed on Municibid for sale. The next item (B) was to approve Resolution 2024-04 allowing the Borough to apply for a CAT 4 Facilities Program grant for the purchase of a wheel loader for the yard waste site as well as general highway use. He stated that the grant is 100% and has no matching dollars and it will be

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (Cont.):

purchased under the Costars Contract #4400028107 for \$245,900.00 with the old machine being traded. The next item (C) was to approve advancing Shawn Ernst from Class 2 to Class 1 Public Works Employee. Mr. Ernst has met his requirements and training, and his rate would change from \$22.19 to \$23.23 per hour. The next item (D) was to get Councils approval to use Capital Funds to upgrade the outdated computer equipment as needed. The next item (E) was to approve the remainder of the roof repairs for Heritage Park Buildings. The low bid for cleaning and roof coating on the Freight Building was from Waterview Pro Services for \$18,720.00. The next item (F) was from Mrs. Peterson for the Library. She is asking for the approval to hire Victoria Houseman and Samantha Price for the Library. The next item (G) was from Ms. Cherry at the WWTP. She is looking for approval to purchase Headworks Gas Detection System. Mr. Miller stated that we are going to table this item and have Ms. Cherry revisit it. Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve items A through F. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve New Business Items A through F; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

BRAD SMITH – ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER/ POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Smith briefly went over his report. He mentioned the South Hull Street Pedestrian Crossing and that their survey crew will be out on Monday to prepare the base mapping for the project and while that are doing that, they will be surveying along Columbia Avenue to see if they can figure out how to get rid of the puddles. He also mentioned that the Sunrise Apartments plans are here to be signed.

CHIEF OXENREIDER:

Chief Oxenreider went over his Activity Report for July 2024.

ELIZABETH EAGELMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Eagelman mentioned that Mr. Cook from Hometown Press came in today and met with her and Mrs. Gantner. Mrs. Gantner mentioned that we need content and pictures to send them for the newsletter.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner mentioned that Summer Playground ended Tuesday afternoon and that she will get reports out to Council.

MICHAEL CARON – PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Caron stated that he had nothing for Public Works but mentioned that the Safety Committee will be meeting next week with the Police to work on their Contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Egelman
Borough Secretary