

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, July 10, 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
Lisa Gantner
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar (Absent)
John Eagelman

Other officials present: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Bill Bohner, 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 June 12, 2025 Council Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to approve the bills for June 2025. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Eagelman. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2025. Mr. Hoffa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mrs. Gantner. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Renshaw stated that his June 2025 Activity Report is included in the email packet and asked if there were any questions. He mentioned that at the June Board of Trustee's meeting they made the approval to go ahead with the purchase of a new fire engine. He stated that the price of the new fire engine is \$1,265,963.00 and they are expecting delivery in 2029. He mentioned that they are going with a ten-year lease purchase agreement through PNC Bank.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

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

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they are looking at grants that may be available to us.

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 review the trash bids and award the contract. She stated that we received bids from three (3) haulers, A J Blosenski Inc., Casella, and J P Mascaro with A J Blosenski being the low bidder. Mr. Miller made a motion to proceed with A J Blosenski Inc. at the listed price pending review of the documents by the solicitor; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council went into executive session for a Loudermil Hearing at 7:08 p.m. Mrs. Gantner made a motion to adjourn to executive session; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

RECONVENED:

Council reconvened at 8:00 p.m. The following action was taken. Mrs. Peterson asked for a motion to send a letter of reprimand to Chief Oxenreider for an incident that happened on April 23, 2025. Mrs. Gantner made the motion; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (Cont.):

Mrs. Peterson stated that the next item was to approve Resolution No. 2025-03 Authorizing the Disposition of certain records. Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize Resolution No. 2025-03; seconded by Mr. Eagelman. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER (Possible Action Items):

Mr. Bohner stated that he has one action item for tonight, the Chase Bank Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Approval. He mentioned that ARRO reviewed the land development plan and attended the Planning Commission Meeting. He stated that the Applicant is requesting preliminary/final land development plan approval and that the Planning Commission has recommended the plan for approval and that ARRO has no objection to that recommendation. Mr. Joe Gurney of First Capital Engineering was in attendance to answer questions. Mr. Haws stated that Council could entertain a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development plan for Sinking Spring OP Holdings subject to compliance with the items addressed in ARRO's review letter dated June 20, 2025. Mr. Eagelman made that motion; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSENT – 1. Motion carried.

CHIEF OXENREIDER:

Chief Oxenreider went over his June 2025 Activity Report.

MICHAEL HART – BOROUGH MANAGER:

Mr. Hart informed Council that the contractor is going to start working on the Tennis Courts on July 21st. He mentioned that a large sinkhole opened on Miller Drive, and he had to get a contractor in to do a spot repair. He also mentioned that our Electric Supplier contract is up at the end of the year, so he is getting a packet together for that. He stated that the last item he has is Village Greens and that they are getting very close to opening the first building, so he spoke with Mr. Robitzer and reminded him that he needs to pay the tapping fees before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for any of the buildings. Discussion ensued concerning the reserved capacity Mr. Robitzer paid in 2021 for one year but never renewed. Mr. Hart stated that Mr. Robitzer asked if the amount he paid in 2021 could be deducted from the total he owes in tapping fees, but the reservation fee is separate from the tapping fees.

JOHN EAGELMAN – PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Eagelman mentioned that he and Mr. Hart went out and looked at the speed tables at Bethany that he talked about previously and he thanked Mr. Hart for taking him on a tour of the public works facilities. He stated that as far as the traffic goes nothing has changed. Mr. Miller asked if there was going to be a 4-way stop at the back entrance of the apartments at Brookfield and Reedy Road. Mr. Hart stated that it would be a 2-way stop.

LISA GANTNER – RECREATION:

Mrs. Gantner reported that the Summer Playground Program is going well, and they are all set for National Night Out on August 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary