

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring was called to order on Thursday, May 12, 2022 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
Lisa Gantner (Absent)
Brian Hoffa
Robert Metzgar (Absent)
Patrick Giambalvo

Other officials present were: Mayor Gary Cirulli; Charles Haws, Barley Snyder, Borough Solicitor; Brad Smith, Engineer, ARRO Consulting; Michael Hart, Borough Manager; 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 April 14, 2022 Council Meeting and the April 27, 2022 Workshop Meeting. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0, ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Miller stated that the only correspondence was an email from Mr. Ed Baetzel, Operations Superintendent of Pennsylvania American Water concerning their rate adjustment request to the PUC. The email states that any new rates set would not be effective until 2023.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve the bills for April 2022. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Miller asked for a motion to approve the Treasures Report for April 2022. Mrs. Stine made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 3. Motion carried.

WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Jared Renshaw went over their April activity report and pointed out a few items. First being that they were awarded a \$14,270.00 Grant from the OSFC for the replacement of AED's and Portable Radio Batteries and the second being an award of \$30,749.78 in FEMA Reimbursement for additional labor costs due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. He also mentioned that they were selected to participate in the 6ABC Operation SAVE-A-LIFE Campaign and that they received smoke and CO detectors at no cost. He also touched on a fire call they had this past weekend at a medical agricultural grow facility in South Heidelberg Township where they had a fire loss of 1.5 million dollars because of the amount of product lost from smoke contamination. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Renshaw for his efforts in pursuing the grants.

WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

There was no Unfinished Business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

Mr. Miller stated that the first item is the approval for the replacement of the Grading at the Headwork's Building at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Hart stated that it is a structure that is in there that has failed and fell in. He mentioned that Ms. Cherry was working on getting multiple quotes for that and the only one we received was from Descoco with a cost of \$8,092.50. Mrs. Stine made a motion to accept the quote from Descoco; seconded by Mr. Giambalvo. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

The next item was approval to rebuild RAS Pump #1 at a cost of \$21,302.00. Mr. Hart explained that they installed the spare and now need to rebuild this one so we have a spare on the shelf. Mr. Miller asked if they priced a new one. Ms. Cherry stated that a new one would be \$50,000.00 without the motor. Mr. Miller stated that this is essential and asked for a motion to approve having the RAS Pump rebuilt. Mrs. Stine made the motion; seconded by Mr. Miller. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (Cont.):

The next item was to authorize ARRO to prepare bid docs for the roof replacement at the Borough Hall and the Sewer Plant Office Building. Mr. Hart mentioned that he did put in the budget to have the roofs replaced and that we are having new leaks pop up every rain storm. He stated that he would like to get moving on this. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Smith if he had a price for it. Mr. Smith stated that he did not have a detailed scope yet but mentioned that it will probably be between \$12,000.00 and \$14,000.00. Mrs. Stine made motion to authorize ARRO to prepare the Bid Docs for the roof replacements at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.00; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

The next item was an Ordinance to adopt the 2018 Property Maintenance Code and limit weed and grass height to 8 inches. Mr. Hart stated that the current maintenance code we are using is outdated and that the 2018 is the most recent version of it. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Stine made a motion to adopt the 2018 Property Maintenance Code and to have Mr. Haws and Mr. Hart review any other changes in addition to grass height and then advertise adopting the Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Hoffa. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

The next item was the hiring of the 2022 Summer Playground Leaders. Mrs. Eagelman mentioned that Mrs. Gantner sent her the list of hires which are Zoe Peterson and McCord Peterson at \$15.00 per hour; Andrew McConnell, Mitchell Ostergaard, Caitlin Haws, Julia Weaver, Brook Stewart, Ben Winkler-Quigley, Jack Foster and Catherine Arentz all at \$12.00 per hour; Aiden White, Max Wartluft, Bella Mancias, Tatiana Perez, Jacob Rodrigez, Rachel Roberts and Ellie Winkler-Quigley all at \$10.00 per hour. Mr. Hoffa made to motion to approve hiring the leaders; seconded by Mr. Giambalvo. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried.

REVITALIZATION:

Mr. Hoffa mentioned that they are working with the Fire Company to put together the festival that they want to have in September and that he could use some help from Borough Council and Revitalization and that they have a lot to get done. He stated that they are having two meeting a month and the next one is Monday, May 16th at 6:30 at the Fire Company.

BRAD SMITH – ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER:

Mr. Smith mentioned that we received Change Order No. 2 from Empire for the Reed Bed Refurbishment. This change order is to increase the contract time by 28 days and decrease the project cost by \$4,043.54. Mr. Hoffa made the motion to approve Change Order No. 2; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 4, NAYS – 0 ABSENT - 3. Motion carried. Mr. Smith stated that we have not received the Payment Application as of yet.

Mr. Smith mentioned the Downtown Ordinance and asked if Council would like the Engineer to review it. Mr. Hart stated that it should get reviewed against the SALDO to make sure there are no conflicts between the two and that what is projected within the new Downtown Zoning doesn't conflict with anything within the SALDO. He stated that he believes it would be helpful to

BRAD SMITH – ARRO CONSULTING – ENGINEER (Cont.):

have it reviewed by the engineer. Mr. Miller asked if they needed a motion for that. Mr. Haws stated no.

Mr. Smith gave an update on the intersection project. He mentioned that PennDOT is requiring an additional level of certification on the structures (inlets, manholes, etc.) because of the funding source. He stated that ARRO is working with PennDOT and Construction Master Services to resolve the issue and that currently structures may not be delivered until July or August and cost more than the bid amount. He stated that he will keep Council updated. Mr. Miller stated that he would like to see a change order. Discussion ensued. Mr. Smith mentioned that they are working with CMS to determine if sanitary sewer manhole #95 needs to be rotated to avoid the proposed curb. He also mentioned that they had a utility meeting on May 10th to coordinate construction.

POLICE CHIEF JAMES OXENREIDER:

Chief Oxenreider went over his report for April 2022. There were no questions.

ELIZABETH EAGELMAN – BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Eagelman thanked Council for the Administrative Assistant day gift that they received. She stated that it was much appreciated.


DENISE STINE – PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Stine mentioned that the sign out back has not been changed to the new meeting dates. Mr. Hart stated that he will have that updated.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Giambalvo.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth A. Eagelman
Borough Secretary