

MINUTES – August 16, 2021

Borough of Cambridge Springs

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 161 Carringer Street. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Delores Hale at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jennifer Howell, Pat Mahon, and Brian Harmon. Also present was: Manager/Secretary Sandy Pude. Randy Gorske and Larry Morrow were absent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mahon to approve the August 2, 2021 Borough Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Harmon. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	4 Yes
						MOTION CARRIED

Solicitor's Report – None

Engineer's Report

Pude said she had an update from Engineer Jeff Kordes about the water intake. He is currently waiting for a response from the DEP concerning the approval of the intake screen drawings and specifications that he submitted.

Committee Reports

- 1. Administration & Finance** – Mahon said the Committee discussed the 2022 budget, a real estate tax increase for 2022 and a water rate increase that would take affect July 1, 2022. The water rate increase would be \$1.00 per month added to the base charge.
- 2. Police Committee** – None
- 3. Land Use & General Safety** – None
- 4. Public Works** – None

Report on Operations – A written report was submitted.

Hearing of Citizens and Taxpayers

Sam Reese owner of the WXCS Radio Station attended the meeting to ask the Council if they would be willing to contribute money from their American Rescue Funds to help pay for the cost of the stations repairs to their emergency alert system. He said the cost for the CAP or Common Alerting Protocol system is \$1,050.00 which includes the equipment and installation.

Reese said he had spoke with Randy Gorske about the Borough contributing toward the cost. Gorske suggested he attend the meeting to discuss it with Council. Gorske also said if he were to receive the funding, in return he would need to agree to run public service announcements about the Covid-19 virus and urging the public to get vaccinated. Which, Reese said he has already starting doing.

Hale asked if he had approached Cambridge Township about contributing to the other half of the cost.

Reese said he talked with Kevin Cole, but would need to attend a Township meeting.

Hale said the Borough would be interested in using some of their funds to pay for half of the cost if the Township were willing to contribute as well.

Unfinished Business – None

New & Other Business

1. American Rescue Plan Act Funding – Discussion on Projects

Pude provided a list of projects for discussion which included the following:

1. Clearwell Tank at the Water Treatment Plant
2. Water Intake Improvements
3. Electric Drive Water Tower Replacement
4. Various pumps and valves at the Water Plant that need to be replaced
5. The boiler system at the Water Plant
6. Glen Avenue Storm Sewer Project
7. Fire Hall/Post Office parking lot improvements
8. Cummings Street/Spring Street parking lot improvements
9. Purchase of a new pickup truck

- 10. Church Street culvert replacement project.
- 11. Purchase video security system at the Borough Office/Police Department
- 12. Ace Watch Dog system for the K-9 Vehicle

Pude said she feels that the projects at the Water Plant and the storm water projects are the most important. She said the Water Plant is now 21 years old and there are pumps and valves that are in need of replacement.

Hale asked if Pude could provide the Council with a list of the projects and their priority.

2. Resignation of Council Member Justin Gaines

Justin Gaines submitted his letter of resignation from the Borough Council effective immediately. He is moving from the area to attend seminary school.

A motion was made by Harmon to accept the letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	4 Yes
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Hale said she would put a post on the Borough’s Facebook page asking for anyone interested to either call the Borough Office and submit their name or submit a letter. The deadline will be August 31st. The Administration and Finance Committee will conduct interviews and make a recommendation to the Council for a vote at the September 20th meeting.

Approval of monthly invoices

A motion was made by Mahon to approve payment of the invoices. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	4 Yes
						MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mahon to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Howell.

A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	4 Yes
						MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude
Borough Manager/Secretary