

**MINUTES – August 2, 2021**

**Borough of Cambridge Springs**

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 161 Carringer Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Randy Gorske at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jennifer Howell, Justin Gaines, Delores Hale, Pat Mahon, Larry Morrow and Brian Harmon. Also present were: Attorney Tim Sennett, Cambridge Township Supervisors Charlie Bauer and Kevin Cole, Township Secretary Debra Merritt, CAJA Board Member Jodie Ellis and Manager/Secretary Sandy Pude.

Representatives from the Authority, Township and Borough asked to have Attorney Sennett present at the meeting to provide information about a recent discussion with Moody's Investors Service. Moody's provides the credit ratings for the Authority. Because the Authority had not met their required 120% debt ratio coverage for 2020, Moody's was reviewing the Guaranty Agreement between the Authority, Borough and Township. It was suggested by Moody's for all three parties to approve an Amendment to that Agreement which adds a section entitled "Declaration of Default Acceleration". In the event of a declaration of default acceleration if CAJA weren't able to make full and prompt payment, the Borough and Cambridge Township would guarantee full and prompt payment according to their pro-rata share amount.

Attorney Sennett said that the Trustee, Bank of New York has not been in contact with the Authority regarding a declaration of default acceleration, it was only Moody's that is reviewing their credit rating. Moody's stated they would not lower the Authority's credit rating if the amendment to the agreement is in place.

Sennett said if the Trustee, The Bank of New York or 15% of the Bond Holders were to authorize a declaration of default acceleration, the Authority would receive a written notice and have 30 days to provide a financial plan.

Attorney Shaddinger provided a memo to the Council stating his recommendation is to approve the amendment provided by Attorney Sennett.

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the Amendment to the Guaranty Agreement. The motion was seconded by Gaines. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL - yes                      GAINES - yes                      RESULTS:

HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 Yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the July 19, 2021 Borough Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gaines. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	GAINES	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 Yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

**Solicitor’s Report** – None

**Engineer’s Report** – None

**Committee Reports**

1. **Administration & Finance** – The committee will meet on August 10<sup>th</sup>
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** – None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New & Other Business**

**1. Bid Results – Glen Avenue Storm Sewer**

Bids were received until July 29, 2021 for the project. The following are the results:

- Ray Showman Jr. Excavating Inc - \$47,660.63
- Lindy Paving, Inc. - \$62,625.00
- Hudson Construction, Inc. - \$84,823.00

Engineer Tim Wells from Greenman-Pedersen reviewed the bids and made a recommendation to award to Ray Showman Jr. Excavating.

A motion was made by Morrow to award the bid to Ray Showman Jr. Excavating in the amount of \$47,660.63. The motion was seconded by Gaines. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	GAINES	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 Yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

## 2. Larry Morrow – Art Project Presentation

Morrow said after the last meeting when we were discussing the idea of art projects for the Borough he did some research on the hellbender in French Creek and came up with a couple of designs. These designs could be used for street signs or made larger for individuals or businesses to paint. He said they could be made locally at Craig Newell Welding.

Dave Kurcharski said he would like to have one of the drawings to see if he could cut it out using a laser at work.

### Approval of monthly invoices

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

HOWELL	-	yes	GAINES	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 Yes
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Gaines to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Morrow. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	GAINES	-	yes	RESULTS:
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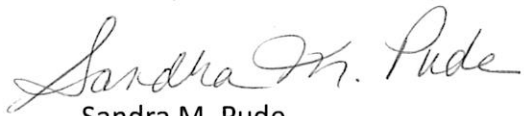
HALE - yes  
MORROW - yes  
GORSKE - yes

MAHON - yes  
HARMON - yes

7 Yes  
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude  
Borough Manager/Secretary