

MINUTES – February 5, 2024

Borough of Cambridge Springs

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 161 Carringer Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Delores Hale at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Jennifer Howell, Amber Livermore, Randy Gorske, Larry Morrow and Brian Harmon. Also present was Manager Sandy Pude. Jeremy Ball was absent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the January 15, 2024 Borough Council Reorganization Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	LIVERMORE	-	yes	RESULTS:
GORSKE	-	yes	MORROW	-	yes	6 yes
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED

Solicitor's Report – None

Engineer's Report – None

Committee Reports

Administration & Finance - None

Police Committee – None

Land Use & General Safety – None

Public Works – None

Report on Operations – A written report was submitted

Hearing of Citizens and Taxpayers

Unfinished Business - None

New & Other Business

1. Purchase of additional Christmas decorations

Council discussed purchasing additional Christmas decorations to have on hand as replacements. It was decided to purchase three additional decorations at a cost of \$268.95 each. A motion was made by Morrow to purchase the decorations. The motion was seconded by Harmon. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	LIVERMORE	-	yes	RESULTS: 6 yes MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes	MORROW	-	yes	
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	

2. Cell Tower Discussion

Hale said the Borough has been approached by a company that is interested in installing a cell tower on the recreation area off of Lura Road and at this time it is just in the discussion stages.

Pude said she pulled the deed for the property and it states, "Title to the land hereby conveyed shall revert to the Penncrest School District if and when it is no longer being used for municipal authority purposes" so that may not allow the tower to be installed. She contacted Attorney Shadinger to get his opinion on the wording.

Leo Olszewski of 812 Lura Road opposes the project and presented the Council with a list of concerns that he as well as the other residents of Brink Drive and Lura Road have: 1. Potential unknown health risks, 2. Halting future expansion of the recreation area, 3. The damage to Brink Drive as well as the driveway into the recreation area, 4. The unsightliness of cell tower, 5. Decreased property values of the nearby homes. Leo submitted a petition to the Borough Council opposing the construction of a cell tower signed by residents of Brink Drive and Lura Road

Morrow said that if the tower doesn't get built on the Borough's property it probably will on either the Fire Department or Penncrest property.

Hale said the Council also had concerns about the road and driveway being damaged, health risks and decreased property values which were passed along to the construction company. The company responded to those concerns as follow:

1. Damage to the streets and the driveway – Heavy equipment would only be for the install itself. The towers are rarely visited once up. The tower company will improve the road and driveway with input from the Borough.
 2. Potential long term health risks – There are antennas pretty much every 2 miles throughout the country. The FCC governs this and has much information on their website. I know of no such health issue ever occurring.
 3. Additional funds for the Borough from additional carriers – There could possibly be an extra \$100 per month for each additional carrier that would be on the tower.
- They also stated that any Borough services that need antenna placement like 911, local fire, police etc. the tower company routinely donates space when possible to accommodate.

Hale said that this is just in the discussion phase and no decision has been made yet. The Borough's Attorney is reviewing the proposed lease and checking into the stipulation on the deed to the property.

3. Garden Area – Main Street Bridge

Pude said she received a call from PennDot regarding the empty lot next to the Main Street bridge. PennDot asked if the Borough would be interested in leasing the property because that might be an option.

Livermore said she had a conversation with Rep. Kathy Rapp about the property. Rep. Rapp suggested that the Adopt A Highway Program might be an option to allow for the upkeep of that area.

Council decided that they would consider a lease agreement for twenty years at a cost of \$1.00.

Approval of monthly invoices

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

HOWELL	-	yes	LIVERMORE	-	yes	RESULTS:
GORSKE	-	yes	MORROW	-	yes	6 yes
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED

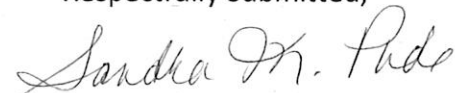
Adjournment

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

HOWELL	-	yes	LIVERMORE	-	yes	RESULTS:
GORSKE	-	yes	MORROW	-	yes	6 yes
HARMON	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude, Borough Manager

