

MINUTES – November 1, 2021

Borough of Cambridge Springs

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, November 1, 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, Marci Dickson, Delores Hale, Pat Mahon, Larry Morrow and Brian Harmon. Also present were: Attorney Alan Shaddinger and Manager/Secretary Sandy Pude.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the October 18, 2021 Borough Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mahon. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	6 Yes 1 Abstain
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	abstain	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

Solicitor's Report

Shaddinger asked the Council to have an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss possible litigation and also a possible real estate transaction.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Jeff Kordes submitted the Church Street Culvert Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$70,682.41 for Ray Showman Jr. Excavating, Inc.

Committee Reports

1. Administration & Finance – None
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

1. Water Service Termination Agreement with the Cambridge Area Joint Authority

Attorney Shaddinger said the Authority met earlier this evening and agreed to have Section 5 on page 3 removed from the Agreement. Shaddinger will add to the Agreement the \$25.00 fee the Borough charges for shutting off/restoring service.

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the Agreement with the stated changes. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 YES
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

New & Other Business

1. Ordinance – Weight Restriction on Glen Avenue Bridge

Based on the Engineer’s report submitted last month concerning the condition of the bridge, it was agreed to establish a weight restriction.

Mahon made a motion to establish a weight limit of 15 tons on the Glen Avenue Bridge. The motion was seconded Morrow. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 YES
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

Shaddinger said the final draft of the Ordinance will need to be advertised before Council votes to adopt.

2. 2022 Budget Discussions

Pude provided the Council with a draft of the 2022 Budget.

At the October Administration and Finance meeting, the Committee discussed transferring \$8,000 in ARP Funds to the General Fund instead of raising real estate taxes and transferring \$14,000 to the Water Fund instead of raising water rates. Also discussed was transferring \$14,000 to the Water Fund and also raising the base water rate by \$1.00 starting in July 2022.

After discussion, Council decided to not raise Real Estate Taxes in 2022, but to transfer \$8,000 to the General Fund. For the 2023 Budget, they will consider increasing the Real Estate Taxes.

Council also decided to raise the base water rate by \$1.00 per month starting January 1st. The base charge for the first 1,000 gallons of usage is currently \$11.00, that would raise to \$12.00.

Pude will make the changes to the proposed budget and provide copies to Council at the next meeting.

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	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 YES
MORROW	-	yes	HARMON	-	yes	MOTION CARRIED
GORSKE	-	yes				

Adjournment

Gorske stated that the Council would be adjourning into an Executive Session and would not reconvene back into the regular meeting

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

HOWELL	-	yes	DICKSON	-	yes	RESULTS:
HALE	-	yes	MAHON	-	yes	7 YES

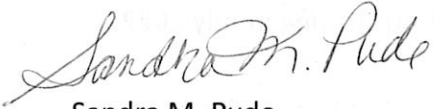
MORROW - yes
GORSKE - yes

HARMON - yes

MOTION CARRIED

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude
Borough Manager/Secretary