

MINUTES – October 7, 2024

Borough of Cambridge Springs

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, October 7, 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, Jeremy Ball and Brian Harmon. Also present was Manager Sandy Pude.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Howell to approve the September 16, 2024 Borough Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ball. A poll vote was taken:

HOWELL	-	yes	LIVERMORE	-	yes	RESULTS:
GORSKE	-	yes	BALL	-	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

Carl Archacki, President of C.R.E.A.T.E. invited the Council to attend the meeting with Chuck Copeland on Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Copeland will discuss the streetscape project he completed in Beaver. Carl also said that he has spoken with business owners about applying for grant funding to complete façade work on their buildings.

Hale said C.R.E.A.T.E. is also working on replacing the “Welcome to Cambridge Springs” signs at the entrances of the Borough.

Unfinished Business

1.Proposal for IT/computers/hardware/cyber security

The meeting with TechWorx will be on Thursday, October 10th. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

New & Other Business

1. Zilhaver Subdivision Request

A request was made by James Zilhaver to subdivide his property at 129 North Main and 131-133 North Main Street. The Borough Planning Commission has already approved the subdivision. Currently the garage at 129 North Main Street is located on two separate parcels and the duplex at 131-133 North Main is located on the third parcel. Mr. Zilhaver would like to subdivide the smaller parcel in the middle and add a portion to the parcel at 129 North Main and the other portion to 131-133 North Main Street. The garage will then sit on only one parcel instead of two. Harmon made a motion to approve the subdivision request. The motion was seconded by Howell. A poll vote was taken:

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

2. Resignation from Borough Council – Larry Morrow

Larry Morrow has submitted his resignation from Borough Council because he has moved.

A motion was made by Harmon to accept his resignation. The motion was seconded by Ball. A poll vote was taken:

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

3. Appointment to Borough Council – Marci Dickson

When Borough Council received the resignation of Larry Morrow, they asked any resident interested in the vacant position to submit letter of interest by September 30, 2024. The only letter submitted was by Marci Dickson.

A motion was made by Howell to appoint Marci Dickson to the vacant position on Borough Council. The motion was seconded by Harmon. A poll vote was taken:

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

4. Discussion on CATA Bus Donation

Kristen Hauser from the Crawford Area Transportation Authority (CATA) said that they are working on a plan to get service into Cambridge Springs for a least two days a week. Those two days would be different than the shared ride days. Residents would be able to schedule a trip either by calling or using the app. Two vans would be available for approximately six hours each day to take residents to appointments or shopping. They would like to start in January, but the funds are not in their current budget, their fiscal year starts July 1st. They already have committed funding of \$25,000 but would need an additional \$25,000 to meet the projected expenses for January through June. Expenses then could be added to their next budget. CATA is asking if the Borough would be able to contribute to help meet those expenses.

Hale said the Council would like to be able to discuss this to see if any funding would be available.

5. Water Rate Discussion

Pude had presented to Borough Council three different options for water rate increases. The first option would only meet the 2025 expenses. The other two options would allow extra funds to be placed into the capital improvement account to fund any expenses for repairs or replacement of equipment or water lines.

Council asked to have some additional options to consider. Pude said she would work on more options and send those by email for Council to review before the next meeting.

Approval of monthly invoices

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

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

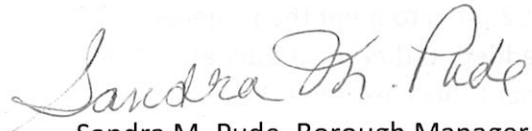
Adjournment

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sandra M. Pude, Borough Manager