

**MINUTES – December 7, 2020**

**Borough of Cambridge Springs**

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, December 7, 2020, 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, Delores Hale, Pat Mahon, Larry Morrow and Brian Harmon. Also present was Manager/Secretary Sandy Pude. Justin Gaines was absent.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2020 Borough Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mahon. A poll vote was taken:

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

**Solicitor’s Report** – None

**Engineer’s Report** – None

**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**

Scott Hoover and Will Boozer, residents from Pleasant Hills attended the meeting to discuss with the Borough Council the high water bills they received this month. They both said their bills were more than double what they normally pay.

Pude said there were approximately 15 or 16 homes in the Pleasant Hills subdivision that had high readings in November. She said once we discovered the high readings we made sure to have the readings checked in case there was an error. If the readings were correct the Streets Department tried to talk with the homeowners to see if they had any issues with leaks in the

house. Some did have issues with toilets running. They were not able to talk with everyone because some of the homeowners were not available. The meters were read again on the first of December.

Pude also said that Ken Dine contacted L/B Water, where the Borough purchases meters from to see if they knew of any issues with meters that could speed up and give false readings. They stated that when meters get old or are faulty, they slow down or stop registering completely.

Council asked Pude to contact the Engineer to see if a surge in the water lines could have cause this or if they have any other ideas on what may have caused this.

Council told the homeowners for now they could pay their monthly average until we do some further investigation into the situation.

Shane Hull who is a resident on Parkway discussed with the Council the sidewalks and crosswalks that are not getting plowed properly.

Pude said she will talk with the Streets Department about that issue.

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New & Other Business**

**1. Ordinance #837-2020 – Levy of Taxes for 2021**

A motion was made by Mahon to adopt Ordinance #837-2020 setting the tax rates for 2021. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

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

**2. Ordinance #838-2020 – Adoption of the 2021 Budget**

A motion was made by Morrow to adopt the 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

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

**3. Resolutions #606-2020 through Resolution #610-2020 and Resolutions #612-2020 through Resolution #615-2020 – Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions**

A motion was made by Morrow to adopt Resolutions #606-2020 through Resolution #610-2020 approving appointments to various boards and commissions. The motion was seconded by Mahon. A poll vote was taken:

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

**4. Resolution #611-2020 – Authorization for Online Access to Computershare Account**

A motion was made by Morrow to adopt Resolution #611-2020 which will authorize online access to the Borough's account through Computershare. The motion was seconded by Mahon. A poll vote was taken:

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

**5. Agreement with Crawford County – CARES Act Funding**

Mahon made a motion to approve the Agreement with Crawford County which awards the Borough a total of \$39,374.32 through the Municipal Aid Program to reimburse Police Department wages. The motion was seconded by Harmon. A poll vote was taken:

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

**Approval of monthly invoices**

A motion was made by Morrow to approve payment of the invoices along with the Pay Request from XL Excavating in the amount of \$75,750.39. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

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

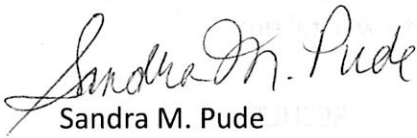
**Adjournment**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude  
Borough Manager/Secretary