

MINUTES – December 21, 2020

Borough of Cambridge Springs

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Springs Borough Council on Monday, December 21, 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 were: Manager/Secretary Sandy Pude and Water Plant Supervisor, Ken Dine. Justin Gaines was absent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Morrow to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Borough Council meeting. 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

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. Pude provided an update on the high water meter readings. She contacted the Engineer and asked if a “surge” in the water system could have caused this and he said no because after the water goes through the meter, it would need to go somewhere in the house. She said Ken Dine was in attendance to answer questions.

Hearing of Citizens and Taxpayers

Residents from Pleasant Hills attended the meeting to discuss with the Borough Council the high water bills they received this month.

Ken Dine said he has not found a common issue with the high readings. He has talked with some of the residents of Pleasant Hills that had a high reading and some that didn't. He spoke with a company that installs water softener/filtration systems and they said in some cases the backwash valve can get stuck open which will allow water to flow through and into a drain. He has tested two meters so far and both have tested 100 – 101% accurate. There were 2 customers that had leaky toilets. Some of the residents were not home so he was unable to speak with them.

One of the residents asked at the previous meeting about their high base rate for the water.

Pude said after some research she found that the \$39.10 base charge for the Township customers was put into place to pay debt. That debt, the PNC Loan will be paid off in July 2026. At that time CAJA would need to decide to lower the base rate.

Council stated that the residents of Pleasant Hills are technically customers of CAJA and they would need to attend the next meeting of CAJA in January to ask if there would be any forgiveness or credits given to them. The Borough Council could not do that. The Borough will continue working to test meters and talk with the residents.

Unfinished Business - None

New & Other Business - None

Approval of monthly invoices

A motion was made by Mahon to approve payment of the invoices. 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

Adjournment

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

HOWELL	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	RESULTS:
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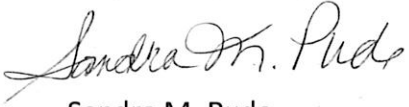
MAHON - yes
HARMON - yes

MORROW - yes
GORSKE - yes

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MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude
Borough Manager/Secretary

