

SELINGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Pres. D. Mengel, V. Pres. W. Hetherington, C/P S. Christine, C/P C. Handlan, C/P M. Inch, C/P G. Kinney, and C/P W. Reuning

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COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mgr. J. Bickhart; Treas. Sharon Badman, Mayor G. Beaver; Solicitor R. Cravitz, Police Chief T. Garlock; Mayor Elect Pete Carroll, Borough Employees Richard Kline and Gary Klingler

Deleted: Recording Secretary A. Wochley;

OTHERS ABSENT: None

Deleted: Borough Residents Dave Bowersox, Sue Kinzer, Matt Lutze, Tom Ryder, and Dr. Sean Wise;

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

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Pres. Mengel called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., noting that the meeting was advertised as a Selingsrove Borough Council Meeting to include a Budget Work Session

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Work Session – 2005 Budget – Council Meeting recessed to a Work Session at 7:01 P.M. to discuss the 2006 Budget

¶ These oaths were administered by Mayor Beaver prior to the meeting. Sworn in were C/P Carol Handlan, V. Pres. William Hetherington, Jr., and C/P Wilhelm Reuning.¶

Council meeting reconvened at 9:06 P.M.

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Consideration of Sewer Rate Increase for 2006 – Noting a \$118,000.00 increase in the charges by ESCRA for 2006 and an estimated \$48,531.00 deficit for 2006 without a rate increase and without any capital improvements, Council discussed Option #2 and Option #3 of the options outlined in a Memo from the Finance Committee dated November 15, 2005. Option #2 proposed the increase of the minimum sewer charge from \$21.00 to \$24.00 per quarter and an increase in the additional charges from \$7.00 per 1000 gallons to \$8.00 per 1000 gallons, or a 14% increase in the rates. Option #3 proposed the increase of the minimum sewer charge from \$21.00 to \$27.00 per quarter and an increase in the additional charges from \$7.00 per 1000 gallons to \$9.00 per 1000 gallons, or a 14% increase in the rates. The estimated yearly additional revenues are \$125,188.08 for option #2 and \$252,816.08 for Option #3.

Motion by C/P Inch to raise the sewer rates as outlined in Option #3. Seconded by C/P Mengel. Pres. Mengel called for a roll-call vote on the motion.

C/P Inch	AYE	C/P Handlan	NAY	C/P Christine	AYE
C/P Kinney	NAY	C/P Reuning	NAY	C/P Hetherington	NAY
Pres. Mengel	AYE				

AYES: TWO (2) NAYS: FIVE (5) MOTION DOES NOT CARRY

Motion by C/P Kinney to raise the sewer rates as outlined in Option #2. Seconded by C/P Handlan. Pres. Mengel called for a roll-call vote on the motion.

C/P Inch	AYE	C/P Handlan	AYE	C/P Christine	AYE
C/P Kinney	AYE	C/P Reuning	AYE	C/P Hetherington	AYE
Pres. Mengel	AYE				

AYES: SEVEN (7) NAYS: ZERO (0) MOTION CARRIES

Call for the Resignation of the Borough Manager –

Motion by C/P Kinney calling for the resignation of the Borough Manager. Seconded by C/P Mengel.
(Note: See minutes of December 5, 2005 meeting for an explanation that should have gone along with this motion)

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council Meeting recessed to an Executive Session at 9:20 P.M. for discussion of Personnel Issues related to the Borough Manager.

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Council meeting reconvened at 10:13 P.M.

Pres. Mengel restated that there is a motion on the floor calling for the resignation of the Borough Manager. Mgr. Bickhart indicated that it was sort of a silly motion, as he had not intention of resigning. C/P Inch asked if Council wasn't in the position to renew the contract every two years? Solicitor Cravitz responded that it is something that is done at the re-organizational meeting in January.

C/P Kinney revised his motion and the revised motion was restated by Pres. Mengel as calling for the resignation of John amended to the dismissal effective December 31, 2005. The revised motion was seconded by Pres. Mengel.

Pres. Mengel called for a roll-call vote on the motion.

C/P Inch	AYE	C/P Handlan	NAY	C/P Christine	NAY
C/P Kinney	AYE	C/P Reuning	NAY	C/P Hetherington	AYE
Pres. Mengel	AYE				

AYES: FOUR (4) NAYS: THREE (3) MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 PM.