

**MINUTES OF SPRING GROVE BOROUGH
COUNCIL/BUDGET MEETING
October 19, 2020**

The Spring Grove Borough Council met electronically via Zoom for Regular Session on Monday, October 19, 2020. President James D. Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

James D. Graham
Peter A. Lombardi
Rebecca J. Stauffer
Larry McConnell
David B. Kile (Arrived at 6:40 pm)
Joshua D. Moore

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Andrew N. Shaffer, Borough Manager
Velda Frey, Adm. Assist/Recording Secty
Matt Warfel, (ARRO Inc.)
Peter Ruth, Solicitor
Lou Verdelli

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Vincent Catalano

ALSO ABSENT:

None

Public Comment / Visitors

None

Treasurer's Report- September 2020-Expenses Totaling \$315,913.96

Motion was made by Joshua D. Moore, second by Rebecca J. Stauffer to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2020 in the amount of \$315,913.96. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Consider Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Debt and Refinancing of Existing Debt – Lou Verdelli of RBC Capital Markets gave a summary of the refinancing as discussed in the September 14th Council Meeting. Motion was made by Larry McConnell, second by Peter A. Lombardi to approve the Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of Debt and Refinancing of Existing Debt. Motion carried unanimously.

Benecon Renewal Information – Manager Shaffer presented Council with 2021 renewal information for Benecon health, vision, and dental insurance. At this time, the Borough is on track to have a surplus at the end of this year. The premium for 2021 has increased 8.8%.

Consider Approval of the LERTA Application for 50 North East Street – Motion was made by Joshua D. Moore, second by Larry McConnell to approve the LERTA Application for 50 North East Street as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider Renaming of First Avenue – Manger Shaffer reviewed the information presented at the Council meeting of September 14th. After discussion, the consensus of Council was to get more information on Private Beck’s story before making a decision.

Manager Shaffer informed Council that a food truck event will be held at the VFW on October 27th, and they have requested that First Avenue be blocked off from Water Street to Elm Avenue. Council had no objection to doing so.

New Business

Consider the Approval of hiring Becky Magnani for Administrative Assistant – Manager Shaffer reported to Council that Becky Magnani accepted the offer of employment as discussed in Executive Session at the October 5th Council Meeting. Motion was made by Rebecca J. Stauffer, second by Peter A. Lombardi to approve hiring Becky Magnani for the position of Administrative Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:35 PM to discuss personnel and borough owned property.

Council reconvened into Public Session at 7:48 PM.

2021 Budget Review

During this time, Council reviewed proposed revenues and expenditures for 2021. The following items were discussed:

- An increase of ¼ mil was proposed for the real estate taxing, bringing the milage to 6.0.
- Earned income tax revenue is expected to decrease due to COVID-19.
- An increase to user fees within the sewer fund

Council **recessed** at 9:30 and will reconvene on October 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM to continue discussing the 2021 Budget Proposal.

Council reconvened into public session on October 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM to discuss the 2021 budget. The following were in attendance:

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

James D. Graham
 Peter A. Lombardi
 Rebecca J. Stauffer
 Larry McConnell
 David B. Kile (Arrived at 6:40 pm)
 Joshua D. Moore
 Vincent Catalano

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor
 Andrew N. Shaffer, Borough Manager
 Velda Frey, Adm. Assist/Recording Secty.

ALSO ABSENT:

None

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

None

2021 Budget Review

During this time, Council continued to review proposed revenues and expenditures for 2021. The following items were discussed:

- How to save money within the Sewer Fund.
- Fund Balance Policy approved at the September 14, 2020 meeting.

Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:01 PM. Council reconvened into Public Session at 9:04 PM. The proposed 2021 Budget will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 2, 2020 via Zoom.

President James Graham reported that they still need a Spring Grove resident to serve on the Recreation Board. He clarified that they have turned some of their programs over to the YMCA, but the YMCA is not becoming part of the organization. Spring Grove funds are not going to fund any YMCA programs. The "Before & After Care" program is self-sustaining and would not require any funding from the Recreation Board.

Mayor Hilt reported that Peter A. Lombardi attended the last West Central Regional Emergency Management Agency (WCREMA) meeting and has volunteered to serve on the committee. Council needs to appoint him. Motion was made by Rebecca A. Stauffer, second by David B. Kile, to appoint Peter A. Lombardi to the WCREMA committee. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Council Meeting will be conducted Monday November 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The 2021 Budget Presentation will be distributed to Council Members for their review prior to the meeting. Any questions or comments are to be directed to Rebecca A. Stauffer. Council adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Velda Frey
Recording Secretary