

**MINUTES OF SPRING GROVE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021**

The Spring Grove Borough Council met electronically via Zoom for Regular Session on Monday, April 5, 2021. President James D. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

James D. Graham
Peter A. Lombardi
Larry McConnell
Joshua D. Moore
Vincent Catalano (joined 7:10pm)
Rebecca J. Stauffer
Joshua D. Moore

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

David B. Kile

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Kim Hackett, Borough Manager
Becky Magnani, Adm Asst/Recording Secretary
Scott Miller, Director of Community Development
Matt Warfel (ARRO Inc.)
Peter Ruth, Solicitor
Sargent Joel Good, YARPD
Kristyn Stouch
Joy Strausbaugh

ALSO ABSENT:

None

Public Comment/Visitors

None at this time

Approval of Minutes

To be provided at the April 19th meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The report will be provided at the April 19th meeting.

Administrative Reports

President

President Graham asked if school was back in session physically in school. Rebecca Stauffer reported that they are back in school four and a half days per week with quarantines as necessary based on contact or classroom. President Graham asked Manager Hackett to look at speed signs (Water Street and south part of the Borough).

President Graham also asked Manager Hackett to devise a plan to reopen the Borough Office.

Sargeant Joel Good

YARPD is aware of a few speeding issues in the residential neighborhood behind the strip mall. There was also an increase in thefts within the last two weeks.

Mayor's Report

Spring Grove Ambulance has completed their move to Heidelberg Township and York Airport.

Manager

The Main Street project has begun and we are doing the best we can to remedy any parking issues which arise. We started billing for sewer for York New Salem.

Smoke in the Grove – teams have been filled and there is a waiting list; planning is going well.

Community Development

ARRO Engineering – the notification system is up and running and working smoothly.

The Municipal Map & Directory has been printed and will be mailed out in the very near future.

The clothing bins continue to be an issue; Scott will work on having them removed from the property.

Engineer – ARRO – Matt Warfel

No action items for council

Main Street Improvements

Work has restarted and this week should start the pouring of the stamped concrete on the east side of Main Street.

MS4

ARRO continues to train with Borough staff and the stormwater survey is on the Borough website.

Sanitary Sewer SystemsNorth Loop Interceptor

ARRO is working with the railroad to run a new line under the railroad tracks.

Chapter 94 Report

It was submitted to DEP on March 1, 2021.

GIS

ARRO developed a notification system using email and text messages and Mr. Miller reported, there are a significant number of users in the program.

Strategic Management Planning

An in-house meeting is scheduled in the next few weeks to discuss the planning.

Code Enforcement Services

There is a link to the report; 3 inspections were performed in March, 4 re-inspections, 3 property violations, 1 Quality of Life ticket issued. Rental inspection continues with self-inspections by property owners.

President Graham inquired about the possibility of auditing the self-inspections; Engineer Warfel indicated that would be appropriate based on the ordinances. Manager Hackett will put together a follow-up survey to residents along with Scott Miller.

Solicitor

No action items to discuss.

Recreation

They did receive a new approximate \$49,000 PPP loan. Summer camps are being planned at this point, but they are unsure of what will actually happen – it depends on how many are signed up.

Unfinished Business

Polli Equities lease – Rebecca Stauffer made a motion to approve the lease agreement, Larry McConnell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New BusinessResident Concerns

Rebecca Stauffer requested this correspondence added to meeting minutes:

Dear Mr. Drzymala,

Thank you for writing to express your concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety. I can tell how passionately you care about the community in which we live. I have reviewed all 33 emails and videos you sent on March 29, 2021, as well as the March 31 video. Per our February phone conversation, August will be an appropriate time for us to make specific budget requests (such as additional speed tables) for the upcoming year. As the 2022 budget begins to take shape, the Council plans to review all the Borough streets, prioritize the highest risk areas, and address additional traffic calming measures as necessary.

I understand that this is a frustrating timeline. Sharing your concerns with me was a good first step, but you must make your voice heard to the entire Council. The Council

wants to hear from residents so it can make informed decisions. Please come to the next meeting to speak. The meeting is virtual and will be held Monday, April 5 at 7 PM. The Zoom registration link is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllc-CoqD0qGN0pOvTWnMplE-toUXwtHQHO>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Every meeting begins with time for public comment. You always have the option of emailing Manager Hackett and requesting that your concern or statement be added to the agenda. As of today, Council has received a copy of your December 10, 2021 email to Mr. Shaffer. I have copied the rest of the Council on this email and have attached one email you sent me March 29 so every member is aware of your concerns

Please talk to your neighbors and encourage them to come to the meeting as well. The Council is eager to hear from residents so we can make informed decisions and faithfully serve our community. Our municipal government cannot effectively function without the participation of residents like you.

Regarding your questions about the upcoming election and vacancies: There are 4 Council seats (and the Mayor's position) with terms ending on December 31, 2021. I have pasted details from the Borough website below. The May primary election will determine who appears on the ballot in November.

Borough Council Member	Position	Term Expires
James D. Graham	President	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>
Rebecca J. Stauffer	Vice President	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Peter A. Lombardi	President Pro-Tem	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Josh Moore	Council Member	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>
David B. Kile	Council Member	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>
Vincent Catalano	Council Member	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Larry A. McConnell	Council Member	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>
Beverly R. Hilt	Mayor	<u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections/primary-candidates.html> provides the official list of candidates who have filed petitions to appear on the ballot for the 2021 Municipal Primary.

I look forward to hearing from you [April 5](#).

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stauffer

From: [jhndrzuml](mailto:jhndrzuml@comcast.net) <jhndrzuml@aol.com>

Sent March 29, 2021 at 10:14 AM

Blink video

Hi Becky, Warmer weather and less COVID restrictions = more motorist speeding. Blink doesn't have a consolidate option, so I will send multiple videos. Please view them. I am also going to send you an email that I sent to Andrew, excuse the tone. I was tired of talking after years of pleading, even before the present speed bumps throughout the borough were placed. It outlines my logic and also radar results requested, to compare the justification of bumps on other streets. These bumps effectively moved more traffic to Hamlet drive and connects two other major communities for use of our street. We talked about a maybe in the August budget, but our residents should be a priority now. Without the residents there is no Springgrove or need for a committee, as you know. The job needs to be finished. The borough had 4,000 for a new sign, surely it can come up with the original allocated funds of 2,200 for the original price of two more bumps. Seems like a simple, low priced safety measure to insure that we are in line with the same safety measures as on Springforge and Glenview. If done, it would cutdown on speeding drastically and maybe save injury to the multiple pedestrians enjoying Hamlet drive. Maybe even a life! Seems like this should be a no brainer for the borough. Thank you for listening to me on the subject. The new street lights was a good move. I asked the borough (Shaffer) years ago for this safety improvement!

On another subject, but connected, I thought I heard that the positions of President and Mayor were up for vote in Mays election. If accurate, is anybody running against the current officials? I never see anybody's running credentials. Hope you have a great day. John

York Area Regional police is aware of the complaint on this street. Manager Hackett and Mayor Hilt will be at the YARPD meeting later in the week.

A resident contacted Rebecca Stauffer about land subdivision and zoning ordinances. Scott Miller will follow up with the library to instruct them on finding Borough ordinances.

Statement of Financial Interests form for Council Members- everyone will need to complete it and return back to the Borough office.

Blighted property at the Fire Department – Manager Hackett will reach out to the York County Landbank Authority and Solicitor Ruth will assist if requested.

Discussion of zoning changes in the Borough from single to multiple units in regard to Inspection and code enforcement.

Review process required if Borough Council needs to reduce the number of members from seven to five – Solicitor Ruth reported to start the process, 5% of the registered electors in the borough to sign a petition and then outlined the entire process. Solicitor Ruth shared the following links:

<https://www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections/CandidatesCommittees/RunningforOffice/Documents/GENERAL%20INFORMATION%20ABOUT%20RUNNING%20FOR%20PUBLIC%20OFFICE%20Rev%201.12.18.pdf>

https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/election/Forms/Petition_Directions.pdf

There was discussion regarding the house that burned down in the Spring Forge Development. The Borough office has received several phone calls about the home owners looking into possibly getting a modular home built on their property.

Solicitor Ruth said this is a private deed restriction and regarding a Borough zoning ordinance – he can't find anything that prohibits a manufactured or mobile home.

The Borough is not a party to a private deed restriction.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Magnani
Recording Secretary