



Borough of Spring Grove

Mayor Beverly R. Hilt

Borough Committee Meeting Minutes Borough Office – 1 Campus Avenue July 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Borough Council

Kevin. E March, *President*

Peter A. Lombardi, *Vice-President*

Robert W. Whyland, *President Pro-Tempore*

Kristina N. Ruby

Phillip M. Klocek

Tyler S. White

Darrell Ledford

The Spring Grove Borough Council met for a Committee Meeting on July 1, 2024. President Kevin March called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT:

Kevin March

Kristina Ruby

Robert Whyland

Darrell Ledford

Peter Lombardi, Via Phone

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor

Scott Miller, Operations Manager

Nicolle Ruth, Business Manager

Danielle Robison, Administrative Assistant

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Phillip Klocek

Tyler White

Visitors

Teri Miller

Brian Winemiller

Kim Martin

John Bailey

Teena Curnow

Public Comment

Teena Curnow from SEK explained the borough audit process and findings of the 2022 audit. She stated the 2023 audit is almost completed but will need to go through internal checks.

John Bailey expressed his concerns about the lease agreement between the Borough and Polli Equities. He also spoke on Borough code violations on Hoke Street.

Teri Miller spoke on the quality of life for residents on Water Street.

Meeting Items

1. The check detail report for May/June 2024 was presented. No discussion occurred.
2. Robert Whyland raised concerns over the 6/17/2024 regular council meeting minutes, requesting more detailed documentation.
3. Council and staff discussed Borough-wide code enforcement expectations.

4. Darrell Ledford and staff met to discuss the landscaping in the roundabout. The proposed plan is to remove the juniper bushes, replace them in the islands with river rock, and place topsoil in the center of the roundabout.
5. Staff announced the winners of the 2024 Façade Program. Kristina Ruby and Kevin March selected Friendship Fire Hose, 30 S Main St, and 23-25 S Main St.
6. York County History Made Here Event has requested municipalities in York County to pass a resolution supporting York County's events over the next 4 years. They are also asking that municipalities participate by being a part of their parade and sharing what makes their community unique.
7. Staff proposed three options to the council on 55 S East St. project.
 - 1) Purchase and lease property as a parking lot.
 - 2) Have the homeowner be responsible for the demolition.
 - 3) The homeowner sells to an interested party to bring the building up to code.
8. Staff proposed switching the office phones to a 3CX system.
9. Staff is currently working with the borough solicitor to improve the quality of life on Water St., all legal avenues are being pursued.
10. Robert Whyland expressed concerns about species selection for the 6.7-acre greenspace; staff clarified that only fall planting was approved with no species agreements signed.
11. A report was received about sewage coming out of a manhole located on Oak Alley. USG came out and performed a scope which showed a blockage due to tree roots. They cleaned out the manhole to prevent further incidents. DEP was notified of the leakage.
12. Staff and council discussed property maintenance concerns at 45 Highland Ave. Code enforcement letters and fines will continue until all concerns are properly addressed by the homeowner.
13. Due to recent sewer blockages, staff would like to have Highland Ave scoped and cleared if necessary.
14. Staff updated council that YCSPCA will no longer accept stray dogs from anyone other than the police and/or dog warden.
15. Staff brought up concerns about the manhole located at Main St and W Jackson St. The manhole is below grade. Council member Robert Whyland asked if a metal plate can be placed over it until it can be fixed. Staff will be checking with H&H to see if this can be done.
16. Staff updated council that the railroad crossing at the bus lot will be closed from July 8, 2024, to July 12, 2024, for repairs. The railroad company will be fixing the railroad ties while the borough is responsible for the macadam. A quote was received from H&H for the emergency repairs.

Adjournment

Robert Whyland made a motion to adjourn. Darrell Ledford seconded the motion. President Kevin March adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Robison, Administrative Assistant