



Borough of Spring Grove

Mayor Beverly R. Hilt

Borough Council

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Robert W. Whyland, *President Pro-Tempore*

Kristina N. Ruby

Phillip M. Klocek

Tyler S. White

Darrell A. Ledford

**Spring Grove Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Borough Office – 1 Campus Avenue
August 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.**

Borough Secretaries

Nicolle E. Ruth

Scott P. Miller

The Spring Grove Borough Council met for a regular session on August 19, 2024. President Kevin March called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT:

Kevin March
Peter Lombardi
Robert Whyland
Tyler White
Kristina Ruby
Darrell Ledford
Phillip Klocek

ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Miller, Operations Manager
Nicolle Ruth, Business Manager
Danielle Robison, Administrative Assistant
Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Peter Ruth, Solicitor
Collin Fox, ARRO, Engineer

Visitors

Corey Sheaffer, YCRPD
Brent Auchey, Friendship Hose Fire Co.
Karen Gibson
Tracy Crouse
Connie Hamilton
James Hamilton
Tracy Gross
Rynn Caputo
Andy Warntz
John Bailey
Brittany Ross
Scott Thomes
Teri Miller
Brian Winemiller
Patrick MacDonald

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Rynn Caputo spoke on behalf of a code violation letter she received regarding the storage containers located at 245 N Main St. She feels Caputo's should not be required to obtain the required permits or remove containers because she was given permission from previous borough staff and was not advised of any ordinances or requirements.

John Bailey expressed his concerns regarding the lease agreement between the borough and Poli Equities. He stated that he attended the July 1, 2024, Committee Meeting and would like to know what is being done with the lease agreement. Mr. Bailey would like the current agreement to be terminated, so the borough can charge the current rate for a commercial bus lot.

Teri Miller spoke in favor of holding Wesley Sensenig responsible for paying all fines due to the borough in full. She would like Mr. Sensenig to be put on probation, so his properties will be inspected more than once every two years. She also expressed her concerns about 23 N Water St becoming a 4-unit apartment building which she is opposed to.

Scott Thomes spoke in opposition of 23 N Water St becoming a 4-unit apartment building.

Brian Winemiller inquired about the borough's parking ordinance for apartments. He expressed his concern over the lack of parking on Water St.

Patrick MacDonald spoke in opposition of 23 N Water St becoming a 4-unit apartment building.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the July 1, 2024, Committee Meeting was presented. Phillip Klocek made a motion to approve the minutes. Peter Lombardi seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes from the July 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting was presented. Phillip Klocek made a motion to approve the minutes. Tyler White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

July reconciliation reports were unavailable for the August 19, 2024, meeting. They will be presented at the next Regular Council Meeting on September 16, 2024.

Administrative Reports

President

No Comment

Mayor

No Comment

Friendship Hose Fire Company

Brent Auchey stated he felt the meeting between the fire department and some of borough council on August 14, 2024, went well. He would like council to consider giving money to the fire department to refurbish their truck. Robert Whyland stated he would also like council to consider giving Friendship Hose Fire Company the \$24,000 to refurbish the truck. Mr. Whyland asked to have this placed on the agenda for a topic of discussion at the September 3, 2024, Committee Meeting. The fire department

received a grant from Walmart to upgrade their iPads.

Police

YCRPD responded to a total of 49 calls between mid-July and mid-August. Officer Sheaffer provided updates on the incident that occurred Sunday, August 18, 2024. He stated the suspect was apprehended and taken into custody.

Solicitor

Refuse bids from Penn Waste and Republic Services were presented.

Mayor Beverly Hilt asked why an option for more than one trash collection per week was not included in the bid. Peter Ruth advised the bid options are what benefit the majority of the community. One trash collection per week is a better option as a lot of people would be paying for twice a week collection but not utilizing those services.

Kristina Ruby asked what residents should do if they have more trash than what their cart will hold as she has received some complaints from larger families. Andy Warntz stated residents can request a second trash cart, but they will be charged for double refuse service.

Engineering Report

MS4

- ARRO has completed the MS4 report required by DEP and it is ready for borough staff to review.

Rutters 50

- ARRO has provided a review letter of the latest Rutter's #50 preliminary development application. In the review letter, 27 comments remain. ARRO has forwarded the letter to the applicant. A meeting is scheduled for the 21st of this month with the applicant, borough personnel, and ARRO. ARRO intends to discuss items raised in the letter with the applicant at that time.

Zoning, Code, & Parking Enforcement Reports

Scott Miller updated council on Danielle Robison's training. He stated Danielle is assisting with permits and code enforcement.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

A waste and grease enzyme product is starting to be used as part of regular maintenance.

Robert Whyland asked how the plant did with the large amount of rain over the past couple of weeks. Nicolle Ruth stated the plant saw a large increase in water inflow. Staff stated there is an INI issue.

Tyler White asked if we were at risk of getting fined by DEP. Collin Fox advised not at this time.

Recreation

The June meeting minutes were presented. Mayor Beverly Hilt stated the YMCA will be taking over Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation effective January 1, 2025.

Committee Reports

The Halloween Parade Committee met on August 14, 2024, to discuss parade updates. They will meet again on September 25, 2024, to do a walk thru of the parade route and look at safety issues.

Danny Kissel has been secured for The Christmas Tree Lighting event. He will be doing live ice sculpting during the event.

Old Business

1. Council discussed Wesley Sensenig's fines. Peter Ruth recommended dropping the fines because Wesley's properties are now in compliance and inspections are paid. Mr. Ruth provided several options to council on how to proceed. He recommended going into an executive session to discuss how to proceed due to litigation.

New Business

1. Council considered approval of ratification of Resolution 06-2024, the submission of the Municipal Assistance Program Fund for creating a Comprehensive Plan. Staff explained this is a DCED requirement to apply for the grant. Robert Whyland made a motion to approve. Peter Lombardi seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Council considered approval of Friendship Hose Fire Company fire police to help with Spring Grove High School's Homecoming Parade. Robert Whyland made a motion to approve. Kristina Ruby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Correspondence and Other Business

1. Council discussed upgrades to the islands in the traffic circle. Two quotes were received. The first quote was for stamped concrete. The second quote was for river rock. Council gave the okay to get started with the river rock as \$10,000 was previously budgeted towards circle upgrades.
2. Council discussed current grant opportunities. Scott Miller stated he will be applying for multiple grants over the next couple of weeks.
3. Council went into an executive session at 9:12 PM regarding personnel and litigation. Council came out of the executive session at 10:12 PM.

Adjournment

Phillip Klocek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristina Ruby. The motion passed. President Kevin March adjourned the meeting at 10:12 PM. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Borough Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Robison, Administrative Assistant