



Borough of Spring Grove

Mayor Beverly R. Hilt

**Spring Grove Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Borough Office – 1 Campus Avenue
February 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.**

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 A. Ledford

Borough Secretaries

Nicolle E. Ruth

Scott P. Miller

The Spring Grove Borough Council met for a regular session on February 17, 2025. President Kevin March called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Miller, Operations Manager-Via Phone
Nicolle Ruth, Business Manager-Via Phone
Danielle Robison, Administrative Assistant
Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Steven Ahlbrandt, Solicitor
Collin Fox, Engineer

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Tyler White

Visitors

Garrett Strouse, Friendship Hose Fire Co.
YCRPD
Kevin Lain
Bryon Eby
Dan Nell
David Caputo
Rynn Caputo
Giovanni Caputo
Matteo Caputo
Hannah Bollinger
Ron Bollinger
Paula Bollinger
Anthony Beverly
Mieke Driscoll
Sharon Stittart
Rachel Smith
Noah Reaver
Michael Rios
Ray
Michele

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Mieke Driscoll from CGA Lawfirm presented Caputo Brothers counter proposal to borough council. This correlates to action item number 2 under old business. In short, Caputo Brothers would like to purchase an additional 5 EDU's to bring them to a total of 13. They are asking for a partial refund on the additional purchased EDU's when they disconnect from our sewer. Caputo Brothers is asking the borough to use the test results from November as they yielded lower numbers for BOD5, TSS, and oil and grease. The last request from their counter proposal is that the borough use a third party lab for testing moving forward.

Bryon Eby spoke in favor of accepting Caputo Brothers counter proposal as presented under action item number 2 old business.

Rynn Caputo spoke in favor of accepting Caputo Brothers counter proposal as presented under action item number 2 old business.

David Caputo spoke in favor of accepting Caputo Brothers counter proposal as presented under action item number 2 old business.

Michael Rios spoke in favor of accepting Caputo Brothers counter proposal as presented under action item number 2 old business.

Meeting Minutes

The December 2, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes were presented. Darrell Ledford made a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Whyland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The December 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes were presented. Phillip Klocek made a motion to approve the minutes. Kristina Ruby seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

September, October, November, and December Reconciliation Reports were provided. Expenses are as follows: September \$288,339.17, October \$138,050.99, November \$827,690.70, and December \$135,128.23. Robert Whyland suggested all reports get approved as a whole. Peter Lombardi made a motion to approve. Robert Whyland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

January's Reconciliation Report was unavailable. This item was tabled until March's meeting.

Administrative Reports

President

No Comment

Mayor

Mayor Beverly Hilt read a proclamation recognizing January 27, 2025, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Spring Grove Borough.

Mayor Beverly Hilt provided all council members in attendance with the York County Rail Trail Authority's 5–10 year strategic plan.

Friendship Hose Fire Company

Garrett Strouse stated the department responded to 261 calls in 2024. 97 of those calls were in Spring Grove Borough. This number was a 27% increase from 2023. The increase in calls resulted in a 67% increase in calls handled in Spring Grove Borough from 2023.

Police

An officer from YCRPD was present. He stated the department responded to 46 calls in the month of January.

Solicitor

The Solicitor Report was provided prior to the start of the meeting. An executive session was held from 8:12 PM-9:04 PM to discuss potential litigation pertaining to Caputo Brothers.

Engineering Report

Rental Property Management-This year's registration had the highest number of landlords registered prior to the deadline of January 31, 2025. Only 3 registrations were outstanding as of February 1, 2025.

MS4-DEP opened comments pertaining to the new MS4 permit cycle. Comments are due by March 19, 2025. ARRO will provide a summary of the changes at the March council meeting.

Sanitary Sewer-ARRO is working on the Chapter 94 Report which is due at the end of March. The report will be sent to borough staff for approval prior to the submission.

Zoning, Code, & Parking Enforcement Reports

Zoning, Code and Parking Enforcement reports were provided. Darrell Ledford asked if Columbia Gas will be back to repair the black top from work they performed at 144 W Hoke St. Staff advised they should repair the road from where work was performed. Staff will reach out to confirm.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

USG inspected sewer lines on Walnut St due to lateral backups. Roots were found in the line, but overall, they were in good condition.

Recreation

Mayor Beverly Hilt stated Spring Grove Regional Parks and Rec was dissolved at their last meeting. They are now officially part of the YMCA. Kristina Ruby, Rebecca Stauffer, and herself are the board members representing Spring Grove Borough.

Committee Reports

The Halloween Parade will meet in March.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Committee has no updates at this time.

The 250th Celebration Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the Borough Office. Meetings are open to members of the public. Committee members would like to host an event monthly to raise funds for the celebration.

There are no updates on the YMCA Committee as all updates were covered under recreation.

New Business

- 1) Council considered approval of making Danielle Robison the official borough BCO, Building Codes Officer. Peter Lombardi made a motion to approve. Darrell Ledford seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 2) Council considered approval of the PennDOT crosswalk signal agreement at E. Church St and Route 116. Robert Whyland asked if we are currently responsible for the light. Nicolle Ruth advised yes. Robert Whyland made a motion to approve. Peter Lombardi seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 3) Council considered approval of Resolution 01-2025: Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement. This is tabled until the March meeting.

Old Business

- 1) Council considered approval of hiring Matt Bollinger as the part-time Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator.
- 2) Council reviewed Caputo Brother's counter-proposal to determine a course of action for their sewer connection. This is tabled until council has more time to review the proposal.
- 3) Council considered a course of action on the next steps for the Bus Lot after reviewing John Polli's counter-proposal. Council tabled the discussion until Peter Ruth provides a contract for council to review and discuss.

Correspondence and Other Business

Adjournment

President Kevin March adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Borough Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Robison, Administrative Assistant