

**MINUTES OF SPRING GROVE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 2019**

The Spring Grove Borough Council met in Regular Session on Monday, October 7, 2019. President James D. Graham led those in attendance in a word of prayer and Pledge to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

James D. Graham
David B. Kile
Peter A. Lombardi
Larry McConnell
Joshua D. Moore
Rebecca J. Stauffer
Kristyn Stouch

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Andrew N. Shaffer, Borough Manager
Melissa J. Helm, Adm. Assist/Recording Secty
Matt Warfel, (ARRO Inc.)
Peter Ruth, Solicitor

ALSO ABSENT:

None

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

None

Public Comment / Visitors

- A. Ann Jones, Glatfelter Memorial Library, was present to thank Council for their continued support in the past and to give them an update on services they have provided to the Community.
- B. Kate King, Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center, was present to highlight the center's budget proposal for 2020.

Mr. Dan Miller, N. Main Street, resident of Spring Grove Borough and an officer with York Area Regional Police Department, was present to express his hope that Council looks carefully at the numbers when choosing a police department.

Mr. David Lash, Deputy Chief with Northern Regional Police Department was present to answer any questions that Council might have and he explained the area they presently serve.

Mr. Mark Bentzel, Chief of Police with Northern Regional Police Department, was present and stressed that Northern Regional has a strong relationship with the Spring Grove Area School District.

Mr. Ron Smith, Dallastown Borough and York Area Regional Police Department, was present to answer any questions Council might have regarding their services.

Mr. Tim Damon, Chief of Police for York Area Regional Police Department, was present to answer any questions Council might have regarding the services they provide.

Ms. Brandy Goodling, President of the Southwest Regional Police Association was present to request that Council try to get their residents more involved and keep them informed about the current situation regarding their police coverage.

Mrs. Willa Lefever, North Codorus Township, was present to point out that the people who are mainly going to be affected by Council's decision will be the residents and the Southwestern Regional Police officers. She pleaded for Council to find out what their residents want and to find out just what each of the police departments considering has to offer their residents. She stated that the residents of North Codorus Township did not have that chance.

Ms. Kim Reimold, North Codorus Township, asked that Council be as transparent as they can be when choosing police services.

Mr. Bill Kessler, 407 Monocacy Trail, was present to express his hope that Council is planning to hold a public meeting to hear the residents opinion on which police department they want before Council votes.

Approval of Minutes

September 2019

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 3, 2019 and the Committee Meeting held September 16, 2019 were presented to Council for their review. Joshua Moore made a motion, seconded by Larry McConnell, to approve the minutes for September as amended after corrections were made. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

September 2019

The Treasurer's Report for September 2019 with expenses totaling \$190,314.30 was presented for approval. Peter A. Lombardi made a motion, seconded by David B. Kile, to approve the report as presented. Motion Carried.

President's Report

President Graham took this opportunity to explain to the audience why revenues in the Borough have not gone up in the past few years. Also, Spring Grove Borough has had to address the MS4 stormwater requirements. Unfortunately, York County was reported to be one of the worst contributors for the stormwater issue to the Chesapeake Bay. Fortunately, Spring Grove Borough was able to obtain a grant for \$300,000.00 that will help cover MS4 requirements.

Spring Grove Borough also had to build a new treatment Plant, which caused the Borough to take out an approximately \$9 million bond.

The Borough is still dealing with the amount of stormwater getting into our sewer collection system. This places stress on the treatment facility in the Borough.

President Graham pointed out to those present that Borough Council takes the implementation of its Budget very seriously. They try to do all they can to keep costs down. He said that the Borough will be working on the budget for 2020 later this month, which is open to the public.

President Graham stated that Spring Grove Borough supports Southwestern regional Police Department. Unfortunately, over the last six months, Mayor Hilt and Mr. Robert Whyland, Representative Citizen at Large, have put many hours into trying to come up with solutions to save this department and move forward. At this point, based on the financials coming out, we cannot afford to support a police department as it is today. To continue supporting this police department, would mean an increase in the Borough's tax millage rate. Council is looking at all options, between the police departments that are here tonight and State Police coverage. Also, if a dissolution of Southwestern Regional Police Department happens, it is still unknown what costs may be incurred.

President Graham took this opportunity to personally thank Mayor Hilt and Mr. Whyland for all of the work they have done so far.

Mayor's Report

Parking Enforcement Officer's Report –September 2019

The Parking Enforcement Officer's Report for September 2019 was presented to Council for their review.

Southwestern Regional Police Activity Report –August 2019

The Police Activity Report for August 2019 was presented to Council for their review. Officer in Charge Jaimie Stalcup was present to answer any questions.

Southwestern Regional Police Financial Report – August 2019

The Financial Report for August 2019 was presented to Council for their review.

Southwestern Regional Police Board Minutes - August 2019

The Minutes of the Southwestern Regional Police Board for the month of August 2019 were presented to Council for their review.

Manager2020 Draft Budget

Manager Shaffer presented a draft budget for 2020 to Council for their review.

Spring Forge Development – Speed Table Locations

Manager Shaffer presented quotes obtained for the installation of crosswalks in Spring Forge Development. They were from Yohe Paving; \$15,400, Shiloh Paving; \$22,100, and H&H Contractors; \$12,900. Kristyn M. Stouch made a motion, seconded by Joshua Moore, to approve the lowest quote from H&H Contractors for the installation of speed tables. Manager Shaffer noted that the timetable for the installation will be toward the end of October. Motion Carried.

Crosswalk Installation Request - Pixelle

Manager Shaffer informed Council that Pixelle has requested that the Borough place thermoplastic crosswalk at the intersection of South Water and West Church Street. Larry McConnell made a motion, seconded by Rebecca J. Stauffer, to approve the placement of a thermoplastic crosswalk at the intersection of South Water and West Church Street. Pixelle will be billed for the materials. Motion Carried.

Community Center Asbestos Removal Quote

Manager Shaffer reported to Council that he received a quote from First Capital Insulation, Inc. for the removal and disposal of asbestos floor tile and mastic from the middle office at the Community Center. Rebecca J. Stauffer made a motion, seconded by Joshua Moore, to approve Option #1 in the amount of \$950.00, with the test results to come in within three days after completion of the job. It was noted that the additional \$600 that would give immediate test results was not included in the motion. It was noted: Nay votes came from James D. Graham, and David B. Kile. Motion Carried.

Southwestern Regional Police Situation

President Graham updated the audience regarding the Police situation. He reported that Council has been looking at the Borough's options and the costs to the Borough and realistically trying to move forward. As it stands today, under the municipal agreement, the Borough cannot realistically afford it. Therefore, Council directed the Borough representatives on the Police Board to vote yes to the dissolution of the department if it came up for a vote. There were reasons for this decision. If the contract continued into 2020, the Borough would be responsible for much more costs as well as Heidelberg and Manheim Townships. He pointed out that Northern Regional and York Area Police Departments were present tonight giving presentations. Another option to be considered is State Police coverage, possibly only for a brief period of time until the dissolution process is completed. He also reported that in order to move forward an ordinance needs to be passed quickly by all of the municipalities and time is running out. As a result, they have asked the Solicitors to draft an ordinance.

ARRO Engineering

Main Street Improvements

Engineer Warfel reported to Council that ARRO is continuing to work with PennDOT.

East Railroad Street Improvements

Consider Approval of Contract Change Order #2

Rebecca J. Stauffer made a motion, seconded by Peter A. Lombardi, to approve Change Order #2 to H&H General Excavating in the amount of \$11,130.22. Motion Carried.

Consider Approval of Payment Request #1-H&H General Excavating

David B. Kile made a motion, seconded by Kristyn M. Stouch, to approve Payment Request #1 for state wage work in the amount of \$15,704.38 to H&H General Excavating. Motion Carried. It was noted that this money will be paid from Borough funds.

Consider Application for Payment

Joshua Moore made a motion, seconded by David B. Kile to approve Application for Payment for federal wage work in the amount of \$60,831.64 to H&H General Excavating. It was noted that this money will be paid from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds on behalf of the Borough.

Campus Avenue Stream Improvements

Engineer Warfel reported to Council that this project has been closed out and considered complete.

Stormwater/ MS4

Engineer Warfel reported to Council that the MS4 Report was submitted on behalf of the Borough. It was noted in that report that all six requirements were met.

Engineer Warfel also noted that they are reviewing stormwater plans for Spring Forge Development. They have also put together some easement plans for 410 Spring Forge Drive.

Community Park – Phase Three

Engineer Warfel reported to Council that they have had discussions with Manager Shaffer and have put together a schedule that reflects the design for the Community Park – Phase Three for later in 2020 and construction in 2021.

Small Water and Sewer Grant Opportunity

Engineer Warfel reported to Council that there are two new grant programs that were issued by the state that may be of interest to the Borough. They are the Small Water and Sewer grants through DCED that covers projects up to \$500,000. There is also the H2O grant program that covers projects from \$500,000 to \$20 million dollars.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Ruth had nothing new to report.

Zoning & Code Enforcement

Zoning Report- September 2019

The Zoning Officer's Report for September 2019 was presented to Council for their review.

Code Enforcement Report-September 2019

The Code Enforcement Report, which shows code violations in the month of September 2019 as well as the status of any outstanding violations, was presented to Council for their review.

Recreation

Spring Grove Regional Parks & Recreation Center Meeting Minutes –August 2019

The Minutes of the Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Meeting for the month of August were presented to Council for their review.

Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center Financial Report – August 2019

The Financial Report for the Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center for the month of August was presented to Council for their review.

Committee Reports

Personnel Committee

Rebecca J. Stauffer reported to Council that she reached out to Robin at Kocman Insurance regarding employee benefit options. As of tonight's, meeting she had not received a response.

Highway Committee

Kristyn M. Stouch reported to Council that she has been researching some solutions for the parking issue on Main Street. She stated that she has some websites she would like to pass on to Council for their review.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Consider Approval of the 2020 Animal Care and Housing Agreement with the SPCA

Kristyn M. Stouch made a motion, seconded by Peter A. Lombardi, to approve the 2020 Animal Care and Housing Agreement with the SPCA in the amount of \$1,116.52. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

PSAB Pension Plan Statement – Month Ending August 2019.

The PSAB Pension Plan Statement for the month of August was presented to Council for their review.

York County Boroughs Association Invite – November 9

Council was presented with an invitation to the York County Borough's Association Meeting to be held on November 9, 2019.

Executive Session

At this time Council convened into executive session at 9:13 PM to discuss Personnel. Council reconvened at 10:20 PM.

After Executive Session, a meeting date for Budget Meeting (originally scheduled for October 21, 2019) was discussed due to the fact that some of the Council members would not be able to attend. It was decided to hold the regular Committee Meeting on October 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM, because it was already advertised for that date, and then Council will **recess** until Budget Meeting to be held on October 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Committee Meeting to be held Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment was at 10:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa J. Helm
Recording Secretary