

**MINUTES OF SPRING GROVE BOROUGH
COUNCIL & COMMITTEE
December 16, 2019**

The Spring Grove Borough Council met in Committee Session on Monday, December 16, 2019. President James D. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

James D. Graham
David B. Kile
Larry McConnell
Joshua D. Moore
Rebecca J. Stauffer

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Andrew N. Shaffer, Borough Manager
Melissa J. Helm, Adm. Assistant
Solicitor Peter Ruth – Arrived @ 7:30 PM

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Peter A. Lombardi
Kristyn M. Stouch

ALSO ABSENT:

None

Due to the absence of the Borough's Solicitor, who will arrive round 7:30 PM and Councilwoman Kristyn Stouch, President Graham announced that Roll Call would be taken later in the meeting.

President Graham took this time to explain the results of the discussions held in previous Executive Sessions. At the conclusion of the last Executive Session, Council approved the hiring of Velda Nickell to replace Melissa Helm who will be retiring at the end of January 2020. Velda will start her employment the beginning of February 2020.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

- A. Southwestern Regional Police Notes – December 11, 2019.
The notes of the Southwestern Regional Police meeting held on December 11, 2019 were presented to Council for their review.

- B. Refuse Contract Update
Manager Shaffer updated Council that he has been working with Republic getting the information from Penn Waste to Republic with regards to different service locations and getting everything scheduled. Republic did provide a collection calendar that will be sent out to the residents with the January Newsletter.

C. Committee Reports**1. Employee Health Insurance**

Manager Shaffer reported that at the last meeting he was requested to look at the last proposed 2020 rate with Benecon as compared to the required weekly contributions and possible increasing those contributions and what percentage of the premium would remain. In addition, he was asked to look at deductible costs for the last three years and what the liability of the Borough was during those three years compared to what was actually paid. Rebecca J. Stauffer made a motion, seconded by Larry McConnell, to change employee deductible reimbursement from 50% to 33% beginning January 2020. Motion Carried. There was a NAY vote from David B. Kile.

D. Treasurer's Report – October 2019 – Expenses Totaling \$225,817.90

David B. Kile made a motion, seconded by Rebecca J. Stauffer, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2019 as presented. Motion Carried.

New Business**A. Railroad Street Improvement Project- Payment Requests****1. Change Order #3 (For Entire Project)**

Larry McConnell made a motion, seconded by Rebecca J. Stauffer, to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$10,092.00 to H&H General Excavating Company. This payment is for balancing of actual quantities used for the project. Motion Carried.

2. Application for Payment #3 (State)

Rebecca J. Stauffer made a motion, seconded by Larry McConnell, to approve Application for Payment #3, for state wage work, in the amount of \$8,571.51 to H&H General Excavating Company. Motion Carried. It was noted that this money would be paid from Borough funds.

3. Application for Payment #3 (Federal Wages)

Joshua Moore made a motion, seconded by David B. Kile, to approve Application for Payment #3 in the amount of \$56,159.92, for Federal Wages, to H&H General Excavating Company. Motion Carried. It was noted that this money would be paid from CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds on behalf of the Borough.

B. Consider Approving the Lease Agreement with the Spring Grove Area Historical and Preservation Society.

David B. Kile made a motion, seconded by Rebecca J. Stauffer, to approve the lease for the Spring Grove Area Historical and Preservation Society for 2010 at the Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center. Motion Carried.

C. Police Service Update

President Graham reported to those present that Council has received notice from Chief Damon, York Area Regional Police, that the actual cost for each PPU (Police Protection Unit) has increased from \$44,568 per PPU to \$49,069.00 per PPU, due to Heidelberg Township's decision to use Northern Regional Police Department. This puts the annual cost for services at \$392,552.00, which is approximately a 10% increase from the original quote.

There were residents that came forward with their concerns:

Mr. William Kessler, Monocacy Trail, Mrs. Joy Strausbaugh, Hamlet Drive, West, Mr. Dan Miller, North Main Street and Mr. Melvin Nace, Conestoga Lane.

David B. Kile made a motion, seconded by Larry McConnell, to ratify the change to the York Area Regional Police Department contract at a cost of \$392,552.00 for 2020. Motion Carried. There was a NAY vote from James D. Graham.

Correspondence

A. Stock and Leader – Municipal 101 – January 23, 2020

B. Lunch on Board Series – January 30, March 12, May 12

Executive Session

At 8:16 PM, Council convened into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation. Council reconvened at 8:42 PM.

Council adjourned at 8:45 PM until Council Meeting to be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa J. Helm
Recording Secretary