

**MINUTES OF SPRING GROVE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 2021**

The Spring Grove Borough Council met at the Borough office for Regular Session on Tuesday November 1, 2021. President Rebecca Stauffer called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESENT

Joshua D. Moore
Rebecca J. Stauffer
Robert Whyland
Peter Lombardi
Larry McConnell

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Hilt, Mayor
Kim Hackett, Borough Manager
Becky Magnani, Adm. Asst/Recording Secretary
Scott Miller, Director of Community Development
Matt Warfel (ARRO Inc.)
Peter Ruth, Solicitor
Chief Tim Damon, YARPD
Kevin E. March

BOROUGH COUNCIL ABSENT:

Vincent Catalano

ALSO ABSENT:

Public Comment/Visitors

There were no questions or comments regarding the public review of the Comcast Agreement.

Meeting Minutes

Council reviewed the minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting. A motion was made to approve minutes by Peter Lombardi with Larry McConnell providing the second; the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses totaling \$367,641.39 – a motion was made to approve by Joshua Moore with Robert Whyland providing a second; the motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

President

There was a brief discussion regarding the first meeting in January of 2022 – which by law will be held on January 3rd at 7:00pm.

MayorFriendship Hose Company

The next report will be submitted for the December 6th meeting

Spring Grove Ambulance

Mayor Hilt reported that additional employees have been hired and more information will be provided at a later date.

YARPD

Chief Tim Damon discussed the speed trailer along Hamlet Drive West. Chief Damon reviewed the upcoming merger with North Eastern Regional police and reported that all of the officers from both departments will remain under the merger. Both buildings will be kept and utilized, and that officers will still be near Spring Grove Borough, and costs will go down for most municipalities (including Spring Grove). The merger will be effective and operational on January 1, 2022.

Spring Grove Ambulance

Report in packet.

Borough Staff Reports

Manager

Manager Hackett advised that the flood insurance claim at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was denied and there is a plan to apply for aid through FEMA.

Engineer – ARRO – Matt Warfel

Engineer Warfel referenced the written notes in the packet for Council regarding current and future projects.

Main Street Improvements

Engineer Warfel reported a walk through by ARRO staff was done the week of October 25th and a punch list for the contractor was created.

MS4

ARRO continues to train with Borough staff on training and other inspections.

GIS

ARRO staff has worked with Borough employees on the Borough maintained GIS system.

Community Park Phase III

The building plan will be reviewed by Borough Staff later this week and hoping to be completed by the end of July 2022. Council reminded Engineer Warfel about Smoke in the Grove scheduled for the last weekend in July.

Code Enforcement Services

Engineer Warfel reported that the information will be provided at the next meeting.

Solicitor

Attorney Ruth reported he is working on the no parking ordinance with Scott Miller, and the DCNR paperwork. Attorney Ruth also reported that a lien from 2005 was satisfied.

Zoning & Codes Enforcement

Will be in the next meeting packet.

Recreation

The Recreation Board did not hold a formal meeting in October.

Committee Reports

No reports.

Unfinished Business

Manager Hackett requested an additional backup valve (or two) be ordered for the wastewater treatment plant (at the request of the plant operator). If this valve fails, manual intervention will need to be made every four hours until the valve can be replaced and the current timeframe to replace a valve is approximately 3 months. Larry McConnell made the motion to purchase one replacement valve with Josh Moore providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Council approval of the Comcast agreement – Robert Whyland made a motion to approve with Peter Lombardi providing a second; the motion carried unanimously.

Council approval of Doceo Managed Services Agreement – Robert Whyland made a motion to approve with Larry McConnell seconding the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Council approval of resolution to name Kim Hackett as Agency Contact for FEMA grant – Larry McConnell made a motion to approve with Joshua Moore providing a second. The motion carried unanimously.

2022 increase in Stormwater rates – Manager Hackett recommends increasing the stormwater rate from \$20 per quarter to \$25 per quarter. The details will be discussed at a later meeting.

Correspondence and other business

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:11 pm. When it reconvened, there were no items to report and the meeting officially adjourned. The Next Meeting is Scheduled for November 15th at 7:00pm at the Borough building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Magnani
Recording Secretary