

SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 3RD, 2013 - 7:30 P.M.

President DiGuseppe called the council meeting to order and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Councilmen Burns, DiGuseppe, Hays, Kratz, Petak, Shaner, Mayor Weiss, Solicitor Romain, and Manager Rittenhouse.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Burns motioned to approve the minutes of the May 6th, 2013 council meeting. Mr. Shaner seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR:

Mayor Weiss presented a plaque to Borough resident Ray Megay in recognition of his generous monetary contributions to the Spring City Police Department over the past few years.

Since 2011 Mr. Megay has made two \$5,000.00 contributions to the police department that was used to purchase equipment for the department.

The Mayor noted that just recently the department purchased two bicycles for use in designated areas in the Borough with the monies donated by Mr. Megay.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS AND UTILITIES: Mr. Rittenhouse gave the following Streets Department Report for the month of May 2013. **TRASH DISPOSAL** - 91.1 tons of refuse were hauled to the Lanchester Landfill in Honeybrook, PA by Charles Blosenski Disposal Company from April 29, 2013 through May 20, 2013. Eleven (11) bulk trash pick-ups were made during the month. **RECYCLING** - Twenty seven (27) loads of yard waste were collected at curbside in May and stored at the Borough's Compost Site at Gay Street. **MAINTENANCE** - Mowed and trimmed the grass on all Borough properties and the Library. Sharpened the blades on the power mowers and the riding mower. Trimmed weeds from the sidewalks along North Main Street. Completed removing the paint from the 25 galvanized sign posts on North Main Street from Hall Street to New Street. Emptied the trash receptacles weekly at all of the recreation areas. Opened the gates and reinstalled the nets at the tennis courts. Removed the rims for the summer from the basketball backboards at Brown Street Park. Applied fresh mulch to the playground area at Brown Street Park. Contracted R&S Sweeping Co., LLC to sweep various borough streets as needed. The 2011 Ford Dump Truck was inspected on May 20th, 2013 (\$381.25)

SANITATION AND SURFACE WATER:

Mr. Shaner read the sewer plant report for May, 2013. The average daily flow for the month of May was 358,000 gallons per day. The maximum flow occurred on May 12th, 2013 after 1.2 inches of rain and was recorded at 579,000 gallons. Sludge is being applied weekly to the reed drying beds. There were two blockages in the main sewer trunk lines on East Bridge Street in May. The first blockage occurred on May 9th, and was attributable to a grease build up in the manhole directly in front of Burger King. A written NOV was hand delivered to the restaurant by Steve Fegan, our plant operator and he reviewed the situation with the restaurant manager. The second blockage occurred on May 20th. During the process of clearing the blockage several bricks were removed from the manhole. It was noted that there were recent repairs made to the manhole walls. Apparently there was some minor damage done at the manhole during the streetscape construction of the new sidewalks. Mr. Rittenhouse

contacted the contractor about the situation, and the contractor has agreed to take care of the cost to clear the blockage. Also, as part of our preventative maintenance plan, Mr. Fegan will be mailing a letter to the twelve (12) establishments that do food preparation and are customers of our sewer plant. This letter will pertain to the maintenance of their grease traps and submitting bi-annual records to the borough. The plant operator in turn will set up spread sheets monitoring the maintenance performed.

POLICE:

Mr. Kratz reported the police committee met on May 16, 2013 and discussed the purchase of bicycles for the department with the donation from Mr. Megay, and a \$500.00 allocation from the state for the "Buckle Up" Program.

Mr. Kratz read the police report for May, 2013 as follows: Complaints 222, theft 7, criminal mischief 5, burglary 2, arson 1, traffic citations issued 38, criminal arrests 24, juvenile arrests 4, accidents 5, parking tickets issued 14. **Assisted other departments as follows:** East Vincent 4 times (noise complaint, traffic stop, and 2 domestics); Royersford 4 times (warrant service, attempt to locate, injury, and accident). **Other departments assisting Spring City were as follows:** East Vincent 3 times (2 disturbances, and juvenile problem); East Pikeland 1 time (juvenile problem). **Mileage traveled during the month of May:** Car 14-1 (2009 Dodge) 2,192 miles; Car 14-2 (2011 Dodge) 872 miles which made a total of 3,064 miles. **Gas used during the month of May:** Car 14-1 (2009 Dodge) 203.9 gallons, Car 14-2 (2011 Dodge) 75.2 gallons which made a total of 279.1 gallons of gas used during the month.

FINANCE & ORDINANCE:

Mr. Shaner reported the Finance & Ordinance Committee met on May 22, 2013 at which time Terry McCarthy, Library Board President, informed the committee about the costs of construction for the new library and the possibility of the Library temporarily using a section of the Methodist Church during the construction of the new building.

Also she noted that to reduce costs the Library is looking for relief from permit fees. Mr. Rittenhouse noted that the Library still needs to comply with certain conditions set forth in Resolution No. 2013-03, which was approved by Borough Council in January, 2013. Mrs. McCarthy advised the committee that the Board would supply the necessary information to Mr. Rittenhouse as soon as it is available.

ZONING, HOUSING & PROPERTY:

Mr. Rittenhouse reported there were seven (7) building permits issued during the month of May, 2013. Irene Lisinski, 10 S. Wall Street, shed 8x12; Thomas Balch, 351 Ridge Avenue, plumbing; Jon March, 302 S. Church Street, roof; Nicholas Scarpil, 40 S. Wall Street, shed 16x10; William Izzo, 487 N. Church Street, plumbing; Edith Fulmer, 320 Yost Avenue, replacement windows; Eugene Sweeney, 420 Washington Street, fence. The estimated cost of construction for the month was \$21,200.00. Permit fees collected for the month of May was \$358.00.

LIBRARY:

Mr. Hays reported the library board held their regular monthly meeting on May 21, 2013.

He reported that Delran Builders of Wyndmoor submitted the low bid of \$994,225.00 for the new library project.

Currently, the Board is working to secure the necessary zoning approval to temporarily house patron services at the United Methodist Church during the new construction.

On Friday, August 16th, 2013 at the Friendship Fire House in Royersford there will be a charity bingo night. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. A portion of the \$5.00 admission price will go to the library.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: (Enclosed)

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Mr. Hays motioned the committee reports be approved as presented. Mr. Burns seconded. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Time Extension Letter – 799 Spring City Road - Land Development Plan.

Mr. Petak motioned to accept the letter from John Smirga granting Borough Council a 180-day extension to the statutory review period decision date for a proposed land development plan on Spring City Road which would revise the decision date to December 11, 2013. Mr. Shaner seconded.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kimberly Munn – Waiver Request From Ordinance #353.

Council received a written request from Kimberly Munn, 135 Poplar Street, for a waiver to widen her driveway at her residence wider than the 12' width permitted by the Borough's ordinance.

Mr. Shaner motioned to approve the request submitted by Kimberly Munn for a waiver from Borough

Ordinance No. 353 and allow the driveway at 135 Poplar Street to be expanded to 19 ½' - 20' provided that it complies with all other applicable provisions of Spring City Ordinance No. 353 as well

as any other applicable Borough ordinances. Mr. Petak seconded. Motion carried.

2. Request for Library Programs.

The Spring City Library Board submitted a request to Borough Council to use the Brown Street Park, Pavilion, and parking lot for two summer reading club programs. The programs are as follows:

1. Farm Explorer Program sponsored by Greener Partners: "Grow! Cook! Eat! Inspire! For Wednesday, July 10, 2013, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
2. Quiver Farm Visiting Farm Animals For Friday, August 2, 2013, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sandy Kerschner, a staff member of the Spring City Library, was in attendance to answer any questions about the programs.

A detailed program information packet was distributed to council members, the mayor, solicitor, and manager.

Mr. Hays also provided additional program information to members of council.

Mr. Shaner motioned to grant permission to the Spring City Library to use the Brown Street Park facilities and parking lot for the following events, dates and times:

1. Wednesday, July 10, 2013 - 2:30- 4:30 p.m., use a portion of the parking lot for the Farm Explorer Program.
2. Friday, August 2, 2013, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., use the pavilion and grass area around the pavilion for the Quiver Farm Visiting Farm Animal's Program.

Mr. Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Burns said he would like to acknowledge Penn Organics for donating mulch to the Borough for use in the Keystone Historic Marker Project as well as at the pool area.

He also noted that the Spring City Lions Club will be conducting the "National Night Out" at Brown Street Park on August 6th, 2013, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

READING OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

GENERAL ACCOUNT: (OFFICE) PECO \$340.42; Action Data Services \$220.34; EAS \$78.91; H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. \$401.49; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$2,071.80; Baer, Romain, LLP \$880.20; Verizon \$94.83; T-Mobile \$45.32; PA American Water \$20.81; Provident \$100.58; Sigel Insurance Group \$350.00. TOTAL: \$4,604.70. (STREETS) PECO \$72.55; Charles Blosenski Disposal Co., Inc. \$7,624.00; Oehlert Bros. \$341.43; Flexible Benefits Plans \$4,467.76; A.J. Blosenski, Inc. \$2,929.40; Baer Romain, LLP \$48.00; Chester County Solid Waste Authority \$3,617.89; AirGas \$26.60; Provident \$54.02; Wensel's Truck Repair \$613.15; CDI Lawn Equipment \$59.97; Little's \$21.65; H.A. Weigand, Inc. \$47.50; R&S Sweeping \$500.00. TOTAL: \$20,423.92. (POLICE) Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$810.65; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. \$38.49; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$7,897.93; Baer Romain, LLP \$120.00; PAW \$653.86; Witmer Public Safety Group \$1,241.41; Verizon \$260.17; Provident \$84.71; Crystal Springs \$65.21; Jackie Russakoff \$217.50; Tim's Body Shop \$250.00; AT&T \$125.71. TOTAL: \$11,765.64.

SEWER ACCOUNT: Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$80.12; M.J. Reider Associates, Inc. \$744.00; PECO \$995.38; EEMA \$5,061.73; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$2,780.68; PA One Call System, Inc. \$18.15; Baer Romain, LLP \$752.91; Levengood Septic Service, Inc. \$2,008.80; Buckman's Inc. \$447.52; Verizon \$166.78; Pipe Data View \$730.00; Provident \$35.01; J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc \$50.67; A.J. Blosenski, Inc. \$525.00; PAW \$90.37; Crystal Springs \$7.25; USALCO \$2,267.20. TOTAL: \$16,761.57.

STREET LIGHTING FUND: PECO \$4,438.89. TOTAL: \$4,438.89.

PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING FUND: Baer, Romain, LLP \$264.00; Motley Associates, Inc. \$1,558.60. TOTAL: \$1,822.60.

CRP GRANT CONSULTING FUND: URDC \$10,445.70. TOTAL: \$10,445.70.

CRP GRANT FUND - PAYMENT APPLICATION #2 PHASE IV: McCarthy Masonry & Concrete, Inc. \$61,860.06. TOTAL: \$61,860.06.

PARK & RECREATION FUND: Potty Queen \$80.00; PAW \$111.11. TOTAL: \$191.11.

BUILDING & PROPERTY FUND: Crystal Springs \$8.75. TOTAL: \$8.75.

ENGINEERING & CONSULTING FUND: Motley Associates \$1,560.00. TOTAL: \$1,560.00.

Mr. Kratz motioned the bills be approved for payment as read. Mr. Burns seconded. Motion carried.

President DiGuseppe stated there will be a five-minute recess and then council will go into executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter.

President DiGuseppe called the regularly scheduled council meeting back to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 1st, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

President DiGiuseppe announced the following meeting is scheduled for June, 2013: **Planning Commission**, Wednesday, June 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Petak motioned the meeting be adjourned as there was no further business to come before Borough Council. Mr. Hays seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Rittenhouse