# SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

# **SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor Michael Weiss swore-in Councilmembers Donald Shaner Jr., Daniel Bauman Sr., John McGuire, Richard Pennypacker, and Auditors Robin Sexto and Donna Sullivan.

#### **RE-ORGANIZATION**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Councilmembers Daniel Bauman, Dawn Chellel, Paul Kern, John McGuire, Richard Pennypacker, Donald Shaner Jr., and Christopher Yocum. Borough Manager Kisha Tyler, Police Chief Ryan White, and Borough Solicitor Matthew Hovey.

#### **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Mayor Weiss opened the floor for the nomination of Chairman. Mr. Bauman nominated Mr. Shaner; seconded by Mr. McGuire. All in favor, appointment accepted.

Mr. Shaner nominated Mr. Yocum for Vice-Chairman; seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor, appointment accepted.

Mr. Shaner nominated Mr. Kern for President Pro-Tem; seconded by Mr. McGuire. All in favor, appointment accepted.

# APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AS COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Deferred to the February meeting.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

## **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Yocum to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes; seconded by Mr. McGuire. All in favor, motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Weiss reported that he had a great holiday season.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets Department:** 16 bulk pickups and 4.25 tons of bagged leaves and yard waste. All borough properties maintained, stormwater inlets cleared, and downed trees from a

recent storm removed from the roadway. All trucks are outfitted for winter weather. The F-550 dump truck/plow truck ordered in 2022 was delivered in December.

**Sewer Committee and WWTP**: Pump stations checked daily, flow recorded two days a week, plant performance is excellent, and effluent is within permit parameters. Scum pits were cleaned, a valve for digester #2 is needed, a surge tank actuator was replaced, UV Bank B is due for full bulb replacement. No alarms and no violations.

**Emergency Service Committee:** The committee did not meet in January

<u>Police Department:</u> 299 calls, 92 traffic stops, 39 traffic citations, 12 parking tickets, 1 non-traffic citation, 4 criminal arrests. Full report is on file.

<u>Liberty Steam Fire Company:</u> 2 incidents in the Borough. Assisted with 3 calls in East Pikeland Township, 6 in East Vincent Township, 2 in Phoenixville Borough, 4 in Royersford Borough, and 1 in Upper Providence Township. 29 alarm responses and 46.27 volunteer hours.

Finance and Ordinance Committee: The committee did not meet in December.

**Planning Commission:** The committee did not meet in December.

Parks and Recreation Committee: The committee did not meet in December.

**Building, Zoning & Code Enforcement:** 8 permits issued = \$1,554.50 total fees LTL Consultants will begin processing permits, handling zoning questions, addressing property maintenance issues and serve as the borough's engineer.

Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report: Posted.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS**

Motion by Mr. Bauman to approve the reports; seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Resolution 2024-01 Appointment of Borough Staff and Professional Services
- 2. Resolution 2024-02 Appointment to Auditor Vacancy
- 3. Resolution 2024-03 Appointment of Committee Members
- 4. Resolution 2024-04 Emergency Service Providers

- 5. Resolution 2024-05 Establishing Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals
- 6. Resolution 2024-06 Trash Rate Increase
- 7. Resolution 2024-07 Fee Schedule for Building Permits
- 8. Resolution 2024-08 Fee Schedule for Plan Review, Hearings, General Services

Motion by Mr. Kern to approve Resolutions 2024-01 through 2024-08; seconded by Mr. Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

# 9. Depository Designation - PNC Bank, PLGIT, and Phoenixville Federal

Motion by Mr. Shaner to approve the designated depositories; seconded by Mr. McGuire. All in favor, motion carried.

## 10. Police Chief Employment Agreement

Motion by Mr. Shaner to approve the police chief employment agreement; seconded by Mr. Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

# 11. Employee Manual Update

The 1992 manual for non-uniform employees was reviewed and updated to reflect current employment standards and policies.

Motion by Mr. Yocum to approve the updated manual; seconded by Ms. Chellel. All in favor, motion carried.

# 12. Authorization to Purchase Budgeted Vehicles and Equipment

Motion by Mr. Shaner approving the Co-Stars purchase of a police vehicle, a streets department truck and front-end loader; motion seconded by Mr. Bauman. All in favor, motion carried.

# **13. Authorization for the Borough Manager to Attend PSABS/PSATS Conventions**Motion by Mr. Kern authorizing the Borough Manager to attend the conventions;

motion seconded by Mr. Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

# 14. Handicap Parking Space Request – 219 Yost Avenue

Motion by Mr. Yocum to approve the request; motion seconded by Mr. McGuire. All in favor, request approved.

#### PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

**General Fund:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media \$181.40; Advance Auto Parts \$136.87; Airgas USA \$44.07; Amazon Capital Services \$464.28; Apex CompuServe \$55.00; AT&T \$134.19; Blauer Serious Productions \$614.95; CDI Lawn Equipment \$185.81; CCHD \$1003.41; CCSWA \$12,779.40; Colonial Gardens \$186.00; Constable \$265.50; Crystal Springs \$88.94; Datum Filing Systems \$5,074.76; Daywalt's Animal Control \$875.00; Debit Card Purchases \$535.37; deCordre Automotive \$1,674.84; Eagle Disposal \$5,888.74; Earth Restorations \$2,054.00; EEMA \$3,757.09; Flexible Benefit Plans \$10,951.49; Galls \$3,447.10; General Code \$3,199.00; H.A. Berkheimer \$939.23; Harbor Freight \$267.00;

High Swartz \$6,429.00; Hostgator \$150.10; John Weiss Construction \$460.00; Lenni Electric \$2,793.38; Limerick Hardware \$821.70; LTL Consultants \$1,237.39; Mark Manjardi Court Reporter \$520.00; Microsoft \$53.00; Motley Associates \$10,211.50; PA Dept of Agriculture \$25.00; Patriot Workwear \$124.00; PECO \$966.00; Pennsylvania American \$892.94; Petty Cash Replenishment \$200.00; Premier Payroll \$322.50; ProShred \$54.50; Reliance Life Insurance \$715.27; Robert L. Brant & Associates \$1,303.25; Rothwell Document Solutions \$73.04; Tague Lumber \$62.49; T.P. Trailers \$2,306.62; URDC \$450.00; US Bank \$8,202.17; USPS \$9.04; Verizon \$548.02; Virbus Solutions \$2,940.00; Wex Fleet Services \$1,706.14; Whitetail Disposal \$11,316.90; Witmer Public Safety Group \$1,299.53; **Total \$110,996.92** 

Motor Equipment Fund: New Holland Auto Group \$111,885.00; Total \$111,885.00

**Parks & Recreation Fund:** G&L Transportation \$300.00; Merchant Services \$536.36; Merrill Adams \$250.00; PECO 75.62; Verizon \$58.83; Holiday Contest Cash Prizes \$100.00; **Total \$1,320.81** 

**Sewer Fund:** Crystal Springs \$11.49; Cummins-Wagner \$3,906.20; EEMA \$11,444.56; EEMA O&M \$11,305.55; Flexible Benefits \$4,779.27; M.J. Reider \$3,740.85; Mauger Energy \$740.41; PECO \$2,948.22; Pennsylvania American \$96.16; Pennsylvania One Call \$5.92; Univar Solutions \$3,542.59; Verizon \$128.28; Whitetail Disposal \$190.40; Wind River Environmental \$10,611.34; **Total \$53,451.24** 

Motion by Mr. Kern to approve payment of the bills; seconded by Ms. Chellel. All in favor, motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sewer Committee Jan 11 at 6:30 pm, Planning Commission Jan 17 at 7:00 pm, Parks & Recreation Committee Jan 18 at 6:00 pm, Emergency Services Committee Jan 18 at 6:30 pm, Finance & Ordinance Committee Jan 24 at 6:30 pm. Next borough council meeting Feb 5 at 7:00 pm.

Royersford Borough invitation to their Trestle Bridge grand opening January 5 at noon.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Yocum to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. McGuire. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm..

Executive Session called following the public meeting, to discuss matters of litigation and collective bargaining.

Respectfully submitted by Kisha Tyler, Borough Manager