

**SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 2, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Shaner called the meeting to order and lead the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council members Bauman, Bliss, Chellel, Shaner, Sweeney and Yocum were present, along with Mayor Michael Weiss, Solicitor Matthew Hovey, Borough Manager Dennis Rittenhouse, and Assistant Borough Manager Kisha Tyler.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Sweeney to approve the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Yocum. All in favor, minutes approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Streets Department:** 80.53 tons of refuse was transported to the landfill; there were 12 bulk pickup and 8.75 tons of yard waste collected curbside. Potholes were patched Cedar, Poplar, South Main, and Gay Streets; trash receptacles at all recreation areas were emptied weekly; and the 2011 F-550 dump truck was inspected and needed minor repairs to pass. Specs are being prepared for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Project – estimated cost \$206,646:

- Gay Street – from S. Main Street to dead-end
- Hall Street – from S. Church Street to streets department building
- Cedar Street – from Washington Street to S. Church Street
- Poplar Street – from S. Church Street to S. Main Street
- South Main Street – from Hall Street to Chestnut Street
- South Main Street – from Pikeland Avenue to Gay Street
- Plum Alley – from N. Church Street to dead-end

The project will be paid for with Act 655 Liquid Fuels Funds, except for Plum Alley, which will be paid from the General Fund.

**Sanitation & Surface Water:** The average daily flow for the month of April was 629,000 gpd with the maximum flow occurring on April 13<sup>th</sup> at of 1,273,000 gallons. There was close to 5" of rain during the month. Controlex unclogged pump #1 at the Main Street pump station and a pump at the King Street station. BSI Electrical installed a new automatic transfer switch for the

plant generator. The plant operator is performing all routine maintenance, and the effluent is meeting permit parameters. An Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement for two parcels on Wall Street and Park Road (East Vincent Township) will be discussed at the May sewer committee meeting.

**Police Department:** 300 total calls in April as follows – traffic 21, miscellaneous 67, parking complaints 104, medical emergencies 14, assist other departments 10, domestic disputes 14, theft 5, disturbances 5, suspicious person 15, mental health 1, harassment 3, abandoned/repo vehicle 1, vehicle lockout 1, alarm 3, noise complaint 7, animal complaint 1, criminal trespass/burglary 3, well-being check 6, accidents 8, death investigation 1, found property 1, fire 5, auto theft 2, public drunkenness 1, assault 1. There were 11 traffic stops, 7 traffic citations, 101 parking tickets, and 3 non-traffic citations. Unit 1401 (2019 Charger) patrolled 1,243 miles (159.4 gal. of gas); 1402 (2020 Durango) patrolled 782 miles (82.7 gal. of gas).

**Police Committee:** The committee met April 21 – Chief White, Mayor Weiss, Council President Shaner and Councilman Kern attended; there were two guests in the audience. Chief White has narrowed the electronic speed signs to 2 models; the department continues to increase speeding enforcement on Wall Street; patrol is at the Elementary school as often as they can be during school zone speed reduction times; the department will use Facebook to alert the public to crime. Tim's Towing continues to be non-responsive, so the department is using other towing companies to clear accidents and for official needs. Mayor Weiss had no report. The car window damage investigation is ongoing with the Phoenixville Police Department. Complaints about truck traffic on Pikeland Avenue was discussed and it was determined there is not much that can be done.

A guest in attendance complained about a tent city on the trail. Chief said he was aware of this in the past, but nothing recent. Past incidents were addressed, and the areas were vacated. The complaint will be investigated.

Mr. Rittenhouse advised that the immediate remedy to the towing issue is to amend the current Resolution by appointing a new company.

**Finance and Ordinance:** No meeting held in April.

**Zoning, Housing and Property:** 19 permits issued in April; fees collected = \$28,923.50. To date approximately 35 permits have been issued for the Spring Hill development.

Mr. Rittenhouse reported that the Zoning Hearing Board approved a variance for 407 Queen Street to create two nonconforming lots. The decision was received late in the day on 5/2 so details were not available. Mr. Rittenhouse expressed concern and opposition of the decision. Mr. Hovey provided guidance on the appeal process. The ZHB Decision and Order will be forwarded to Council and the Solicitor, and a subsequent special meeting scheduled should an appeal be filed with the Court of Common Pleas.

**Planning:** No meeting held in April.

**Parks and Recreation:** The committee met on April 21 – they discussed upcoming events, advertising for residents not on social media such as yard signs and flyers in storefronts and promoting events at the pool.

- Spring in the City 5K on the Schuylkill Trail 5/7 – the committee is coordinating help with check-in, and the fire police will be directing traffic. The event is sponsored by SCABA which contributed towards shirts; the SCABA Fair will be held the same date at Riveredge.
- Borough-Wide Yard Sale 5/21 – about 10 residents have signed up so far and more are expected. The library is hosting a plant sale the same day.
- Community Day 6/4 – the committee discussed getting more local businesses and organizations to participate.

**Library:** Per the director's report, the door count was 1,857; the book locker is in operation as a replacement of curbside service; there were 15 volunteers working 72 hours; the spring appeal is underway raising \$1,530 so far and the funds to be used for needed stair repairs. Plans are in place for a summer reading club to be held at the United Church of Christ on Chestnut Street. Elmwood Park Zoo will be visit on Mondays from 5/1 thru 8/31 for ages 3-5 and 5-10.

**Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report:** Posted.

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

Motion made by Mr. Sweeney to approve the reports; motion seconded by Mr. Bliss. All in favor, reports approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **1. Placement of the Approved Handicap Parking Sign for 169 Hall Street on Church Street**

The approval was for placement on Hall Street; the applicant is asking for it to be on Church Street. Mr. Rittenhouse spoke with neighboring tenants to avoid issues with the existing parking shortage. Mr. Bliss said he witnessed the applicant's limited mobility and believes that a designated space on Church Street would be best.

Motion made by Mr. Bliss to change the handicap parking sign location from Hall Street to the East side of Church Street; motion seconded by Mr. Shaner. All in favor, motion carried.

##### **2. Sustain Riveredge LP Proposed Redevelopment of Riveredge Square**

Solicitor Hovey explained that the apartment concept would require zoning relief, a zoning text amendment, or a zoning map amendment as an overlay. He also suggested a review by the planning commission for a recommendation on how to proceed. Mr. Rittenhouse

cautioned that any type of zoning amendment could also lead to potential development of surrounding parcels.

Motion made by Mr. Sweeney to have the plan forwarded to the planning commission for review and recommendation; motion seconded by Mr. Shaner. All in favor, motion carried.

### **3. Pool Management Service**

Mr. Shaner said he signed the contract and sent it to Fox Pool Management. He also said that he met with one of their representatives on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the pool; 2 of the pumps started and didn't appear to have any issues. Mr. Sweeney provided a proposed membership fee schedule for the 2022 season:

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family	\$295	\$375
Adult (19+)	\$150	\$188
Senior (63+)	\$135	\$175
Teen (13-18)	\$135	\$175
Child (4-12)	\$125	\$150

  

<u>Daily Access</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Weekend</u>
Age 13+	\$10	\$15
Age 4-12	\$8	\$11
Age 0-3	Free	Free

Motion made by Mr. Bliss to approve the 2022 membership fees as recommended; motion seconded by Mr. Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Police Department Personnel Matter**

Motion made by Mr. Shaner to adopt the Statement of Charges prepared by the Solicitor, as presented, and to terminate, effective immediately, Officer James Wyatt, who shall be suspended without pay during the pendency of any appeal or challenge to the termination. Mr. Bauman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## **READING OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS**

### **General Account:**

**(Office)** Action Data \$415.08; AT&T \$43.03; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media \$367.10; Flexible Benefits Plans \$947.32; H.A. Berkheimer \$455.27; PECO \$302.61; Verizon \$197.88; CAN Surety \$350.00; Cigna \$123.40; High Swartz \$2,088.00; PA American Water \$23.70; **Total \$5,313.40**

**(Streets)** PECO \$171.90; Flexible Benefits Plans \$3,577.15; Eagle Disposal \$5,712.32; CCSWA \$4,465.19; Airgas \$31.45; A.J. Blosenski \$8,059.75; Limerick Hardware \$52.41; Wex Bank

\$194.48; L&W Group \$312.00; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media \$885.25; PA American Water \$22.43; **Total \$23,484.33**

**(Police)** AT&T \$86.06; Galls \$152.20; Banner Life Insurance Co. \$106.20; Flexible Benefits Plans \$2,911.36; Crystal Springs \$48.43; Pottstown Borough \$100.00; PA American Water \$654.29; Verizon \$337.33; deCordre Automotive \$735.79; Wex Bank \$1,164.01; High Swartz \$1,026.00; **Total \$7,321.67**

**Sewer Account:** Wind River \$3,629.50; PECO \$3,224.87; Limerick Hardware \$238.86; M.J. Reider \$903.80; Flexible Benefits Plans \$2,645.31; Controlex \$13,020.00; Crystal Springs \$9.99; EEMA \$2,345.50; Verizon \$225.47; AT&T \$1.47; PA American Water \$77.45; Staples \$20.38; J.C. Ehrlich \$69.00; High Swartz \$468.00; A.J. Blosenski \$601.65; **Total \$27,481.25**

**Street Light Fund:** PECO \$5,564.43; **Total \$5,564.43**

**CRP Consulting Fund:** URDC \$11,706.85; **Total \$11,706.85**

**Building & Property Fund:** Signal Service \$499.50; Crystal Springs \$20.43; Brian Thornton & Sons Electric \$353.50; Denney Electric \$37.17; Limerick Hardware \$743.76; **Total \$1,654.36**

**Parks & Recreation Fund:** PECO \$68.50; Sleepy Hollow Farm \$1,147.50; United Site Services \$370.36; High Swartz \$1,548.00; **Total \$3,134.36**

**Planning, Zoning & Housing Fund:** EEMA \$1,303.11; Robert L. Brant & Associates \$828.00; High Swartz \$4,578.00; Denney Electric \$37.17; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Media \$229.94; Motley Associates \$7,794.00; **Total \$14,770.22**

Motion made by Mr. Yocum to accept the bills for payment; motion seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All in favor, bills approved.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Meetings: Sewer Committee 05/12/22 6:30 pm; Planning Commission 05/18/22 6:30 pm; Park and Recreation 05/19/22 6:00 pm; Police Committee 05/19/22 6:30 pm; Finance and Ordinance Committee 05/25/22 6:30 pm. The next Borough Council meeting is 06/06/22 7:00 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Sweeney to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Bliss. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Kisha Tyler, Assistant Borough Manager*