

**SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 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, Kern, 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 JUNE 6, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Yocum to approve the June 6, 2022 council meeting minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All in favor, minutes approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weiss attended the Masonic Lodge event honoring first responders on 6/2; gun violence vigil in Royersford on 6/3; Spring City Community Day on 6/4; Hope on the Hill dinner at First UCC on 6/8; Royersford Methodist community dinner on 6/9; Spring Hill ribbon cutting on 6/11; another Hope on the Hill dinner on 6/22; Spring-Ford School Board meeting honoring athletes on 6/27; and 6 Spring City Legion baseball games during the month of June.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Collective Bargaining Notice** from the Spring City Borough Police Officers Association for a contract beginning in 2023.
2. **Letter of Resignation** from sewer plant operator Steve Fegan, effective July 30, 2022. Mr. Rittenhouse mentioned working with EEMA O&M Services Group, Inc. to provide future operation and maintenance at the sewer plant.
3. **Petra Community Housing** notification letter from Jonathan Capecci, Executive Director, of their application to the Chester County Department of Community Development for funding to create affordable housing, market-rate housing, and storefront commercial space in downtown Spring City Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets Department:

131.7 tons of refuse was transported to the landfill; 26 bulk pickups; 7.7 tons of yard waste; and 380 lbs. of scrap metal taken to the scrap yard. Various stormwater inlets cleared after rain events; trash cleaned up from all recreation areas; patchwork done on Schoolhouse Alley.

Sanitation & Surface Water: The average daily flow for June was 292,000 gpd; maximum flow on June 24 at 333,000 gallons. Franc Environmental cleaned the wet wells at the Bridge Street and Main Street pump stations; Park Road sewer line was cleaned by Pipe Data View; Controlex repaired switches at the Bridge Street pump station. An overflow of chemicals delivered by USALCO occurred on June 24, PA DEP was notified, and Lewis Environmental will be doing all required remediation.

Police Committee: The committee met June 16 – Chief White, Mayor Weiss, Council President Shaner, and Councilors Yocum and Kern attended. There were 2 persons in the audience that did not offer public comment. They discussed the radar signs, swearing in a new part-time officer, resolution of the towing issues, and traffic on Wall Street. Officers have been posted on Wall Street and have not encountered speeding dump trucks as reported by the public at the June council meeting. Chief White will discuss friendliness and approachability with the officers. They also talked about restrictions and enforcement for the parking lot at Yost Avenue and Main Street.

Police Department: 216 total calls in June: traffic 27, miscellaneous 58, parking complaints 12, medical emergencies 14, assist other departments 21, domestic disputes 9, theft 6, disturbances 12; suspicious condition, person, vehicle 9, criminal mischief 2, harassment 3, abandon/repo vehicle 1, vehicle lockout 2, alarm 4, noise complaint 4, animal complaint 1, criminal trespass/burglary 4, well-being 5, accidents 0, missing person 2; mental health 1; warrant service 1; fire 4; 911 hang-up 1; stolen vehicle 1, 302 commitment 1; PFA violation 1. Traffic stops 37, traffic citations 7; parking tickets 12, non-traffic citations 1, criminal arrests 2. 1401-Charger patrolled 858 miles consuming 109.2 gallons of gas; 1402-Durango patrolled 1,353 miles consuming 147.9 gallons of gas.

Finance and Ordinance: The committee met June 22. A resident in attendance reported a property maintenance issue on Hall Street, which will be forwarded to Mr. Mohn. The committee discussed upcoming contract negotiations with the Spring City Police Officers' Association, issues with the pool, regulations for the Yost Avenue/Main Street parking lot, and personnel issues. The initial meeting for the police contract should be held in July. A meeting will be held with Fox Pool Management to discuss reduced fees for days the pool was not open. The parking lot is intended for business patrons; rules to prevent long-term parking should be established.

Zoning, Housing and Property: 21 permits issued in June; fees collected = \$43,137.50
Mr. Rittenhouse advised council that several property owners downtown asked about renting spaces in the new parking lot; he recommended against it.

Planning Commission: The commission met June 15. They \$10,000 escrow requirement for Sustain Realty has not been received and no review will be done until it is. Andrien Properties wants to convert an existing single-family dwelling into a business office and construct a 3,040 square foot warehouse at 719 S. Main Street. The plan was recommended for preliminary approval by council.

Parks and Recreation: The committee met June 16. They reflected on Community Day and how to get more borough businesses and organizations involved. They discussed the committee's role regarding the pool and creating a subcommittee dedicated to pool events. The July 1 concert at Brown Street Park featured 2 Cans Shy of a Six Pack and approximately 75 people attended; the next concert is August 12 featuring the band ROX. Other upcoming events are the Music & Market Festival 10/1, Halloween Parade 10/25 and Christmas Tree Lighting 12/3.

Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report: Posted.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Evans (149 Poplar Street) and William Gabriel (152 Poplar Street) asked for an update on the property maintenance issues at 151 Poplar Street that they voiced at the June council meeting. In addition to the accumulation of junk, there are 9 sheds on the property. Mr. Mohn responded that a violation notice was sent to the property owner, and that he will also be reaching out to the tenant. The next step would be a fine, which is set by the district justice. Mr. Evans asked council to consider a rental property inspection ordinance. He was advised that one is being worked on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2022 Street Resurfacing Project – Review Bids and Award Contract

Charlestown Paving Company – Contract 1 \$399,946.10, Contract 2 \$21,909.00

Cedar Springs Construction Co. – Contract 1 \$422,354.00, Contract 2 \$52,000.00

Motion made by Mr. Shaner to accept the bids and award the 2022 Street Resurfacing Contract 1 and Contract 2 to Charlestown Paving Company; motion seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Community Pool Discussion

President Shaner cited numerous issues with Fox Management and 23 days the pool was not open as a basis to consider terminating the contract and closing the pool for the season. Following a phone meeting with the management company on July 7, Fox has agreed to issue a credit for the closures, they hired a new pool manager and full staff of lifeguards.

Mr. Sweeney agreed that the management company is sub-par, and they don't seem to understand the full scope of running the pool. Incidents with unruly patrons have been reported and are being addressed. Mechanical and electrical repairs have been made. He said the community is supportive, 50+ memberships were sold, 8 people have volunteered

to help as needed, and that the pool should remain open with consideration of extending the season beyond Labor Day.

Mr. Yocum acknowledged this to be a learning curve; it seems the issues have been addressed and things are getting better. He would like to keep the pool open, but not extend the season.

Motion made by Mr. Bauman to keep the pool open; motion seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Spring City Electrical Mfg. Co. Proposed Powder Coating Facility

Mr. Mohn confirmed that the conditions of the waiver from land development granted by council at their April 4, 2022 meeting (Resolution 2022-10) have been met. He will advise SCE that they can move forward with getting the necessary permits.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2022-12 Towing and Storage Fees

Motion made by Mr. Bliss to adopt Resolution No. 2022-12 designating Abel Brothers Towing and establishing fees for vehicle towing; motion seconded by Mr. Kern. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Stormwater Improvements at Wall Street and Pikeland Avenue

Mr. Mohn provided Council with a planned drainage improvements for the intersection and cost estimate of \$163,500.00. The plan includes a drainage pipe crossing S. Wall Street and following along Pikeland Avenue in East Vincent Township. An alternative swale would reduce the project cost significantly. Mr. Mohn will be meeting with the East Vincent Township Manager to discuss cost sharing and will also reach out to the East Pikeland Township Manager.

READING OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Account:

(Office) AT&T \$42.99; PECO \$388.37, Action Data Services \$364.13; Flexible Benefits \$942.32; H.A. Berkheimer \$842.68; Verizon \$195.03; Staples \$52.15; Cigna \$123.40; PAWC \$22.43; High Swartz \$2,232.00; **Total \$5,205.50**

(Streets) PECO \$87.61; Floyd G. Hersh Inc. \$13,533.33; CCSWA \$8,811.96; Flexible Benefits \$3,167.51; Eagle Disposal \$5,715.32; Airgas \$31.45; A.J. Blosenski \$8,059.75; TDL Landscaping \$1,350.00; Wex Bank \$431.39; 21st Century Media \$713.88; H.A. Weigand \$690.00; **Total \$42,592.20**

(Police) AT&T \$102.49; Daywalt's Animal Control \$750.00; CCERT \$3,300.00; Crystal Springs \$63.42; Flexible Benefits \$816.61; Davidheiser's \$49.00; PAWC \$644.62; Verizon \$336.67;

Staples \$709.44; Wex Bank \$1,387.04; High Swartz \$1,380.00; deCordre Automotive \$90.09; **Total \$9,329.38**

Sewer Account: PECO \$3,684.16; M.J. Reider \$1,654.65; Wind River \$2,216.72; Crystal Springs \$9.99; Flexible Benefits \$2,650.31; PA One Call \$36.57; EEMA \$4,622.88; Verizon \$225.39; PAWC \$93.43; Pipe Data View \$700.00; Vortex Services \$145,148.50; Wex Bank \$77.02; High Swartz \$144.00; J.C. Ehrlich \$74.52; **Total \$161,338.14**

Street Light Fund: PECO \$5,864.51; **Total \$5,864.51**

Parks & Recreation Fund: PECO \$395.14; Fox Pool Mgt \$5,451.82; Verizon \$91.87; Sleepy Hollow Farm \$1,622.50; Unites Site Services \$398.85; L&W Group \$475.50; **Total \$11,435.54**

Planning, Zoning & Housing Fund: Robert Brant & Associates \$594.25; EEMA \$6,674.25; L&W Group \$155.00; High Swartz \$5,211.00; Motley Associates \$10,991.73; **Total \$23,626.23**

Engineering & Consulting Fund: Motley Associates \$2,904.00; **Total \$2,904.00**

CRP Grant: Plymar Construction \$176,613.75; **Total \$176,613.75**

CRP Consulting Fund: URDC \$11,632.65; **Total \$11,632.65**

Building & Property Fund: Crystal Springs \$39.43; H.W. Munz \$190.00; **Total \$229.43**

Motion made by Mr. Yocum to approve payment of the bills as read; motion seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All in favor, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sewer Committee 07/14/22 6:30 pm; Planning Commission 07/20/22 6:30 pm; Park and Recreation 07/21/22 6:00 pm; Police Committee 07/21/22 6:30 pm; Finance and Ordinance Committee 07/27/22 6:30 pm. The next Borough Council meeting is 08/01/22 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Shaner called for an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation. The public meeting resumed following the session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully submitted by
Kisha Tyler, Assistant Borough Manager*