

**SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 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.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Part-Time Police Officer Brice Abrams was sworn in by Mayor Weiss.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Sweeney to approve the July 11, 2022 council meeting minutes; motion seconded by Mr. Bliss. All in favor, minutes approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets Department:

65.2 tons of refuse was transported to the landfill; 13 bulk pickups; and 7.1 tons of yard waste. Recreation areas were cleaned; yellow curbs painted from Ridge Avenue to New Street; repairs made to the Ringo trailer; a PennDOT HOP permit was submitted for road restoration at 126 N. Main Street (sewer line repair).

Sanitation & Surface Water: Average daily flow for July was 259,000 gpd; maximum flow of 316,000 gallons on July 18. Blooming Glen Contractors repaired a recirculation valve that controls the water flow of the primary trickling filter. EEMA O&M Services Group began a week of transition at the wastewater treatment plant on July 25 and will assume full operational responsibilities pending approval of the service agreement by Borough Council.

Police Committee: No July meeting.

Police Department: 225 total calls in July: traffic 43, miscellaneous 48, parking complaints 4, medical emergency 17, assist other departments 17, domestic dispute 7, theft 0, disturbance 5; suspicious condition 14, criminal mischief 2, harassment 7, abandon/repo vehicle 2, vehicle lockout 1, alarm 7, noise 4, animal complaint 7, criminal trespass/burglary 3, well-being check 6,

accident 4, missing person 1, mental health 1, warrant service 2, fire 3, 911 hang-up 1, endangered welfare of child 2, death investigation 1, simple assault 1. Traffic stops 39, traffic citations 8; parking tickets 3, non-traffic citations 0, criminal arrest 1. 1401-Charger patrolled 1,115 miles consuming 153.1 gallons of gas; 1402-Durango patrolled 1,139 miles consuming 155.2 gallons of gas.

Mr. Shaner reported that the electronic speed signs were received and will be installed soon.

Finance and Ordinance: The committee met July 27. They discussed finance and management issues related to the community pool, and the Main Street/Yost Avenue public parking lot. It was noted that the pool has been up and running for several weeks. The committee recommends restricted no parking from midnight to 6:00 AM daily, with a \$25 fine for violators. The reserved Flag House spaces would be exempt and would be monitored by their people.

Zoning, Housing and Property: 31 permits issued in July; fees collected = \$47,522.50

Mr. Rittenhouse reported that 128 permits have been issued for the Lennar development.

Planning Commission: No meeting in July. Mr. Bauman mentioned that the \$10,000.00 escrow for River Edge was submitted. That proposal, along with plans for 719 S. Main Street and revised plan for the Buckwalter subdivision will be reviewed at the August meeting.

Parks and Recreation: No meeting in July. The next concert at Brown Street Park is August 12.

Library: Board members Terry McCarthy and Brenda McFadden introduced themselves and briefly spoke about the book locker program and renovations made to the facility.

Financial Reports and Treasurer's Report: Posted.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Evans (149 Poplar Street) asked for an update on the property maintenance issue at 151 Poplar Street. He was advised that a notice of violation was sent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Stormwater Improvements at Wall Street and Pikeland Avenue

Mr. Rittenhouse advised council that the inlets will be cleaned, and the pipes assessed to determine the next step. He recommends coordinating with East Pikeland Township to replace the original pipe and swale along Pikeland Avenue.

2. Community Pool Discussion

President Shaner said that discussions of terminating the contract with Fox Pools seems to have improved their management obligations. There are 2 new managers and things have been running smooth. The credit calculation for closures is \$19,950.00, and Fox Pools has also agreed to split the \$10,378.00 of membership refunds as an additional credit. The total credit of \$25,139.00 will be applied to the unpaid July and August invoices.

Mr. Sweeney was told by Fox Management that this is the first public pool they have ever managed, which is much different than the apartment complex and country club pools. Their lack of experience with community pools is evident. Mr. Sweeney also suggested forming a pool subcommittee now to plan for the 2023 season and include community members. The other council members agreed.

3. 407 Queen Street Zoning Appeal

Mr. Hovey filed an amended Notice of Appeal with the Chester County Court of Common Pleas on July 25, 2022, to include merger of lots doctrine. A hearing date has not been set. He is also coordinating with Jim Mohn to issue a notice of violation to the previous property owner and the current owner for an illegal subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Operation & Maintenance Agreement for Wastewater System Operations by EEMA O&M Services Group, Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Shaner to enter into an agreement with EEMA O&M Services Group for the wastewater system; motion seconded by Mr. Yocum. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Main Street/Yost Avenue Parking Lot Regulations

Council agreed that the public parking lot is for business patrons, not for residential use. The lower level has 3 handicap and 5 general spaces, the middle tier will have 4 reserved (Flag House) and 17 general spaces. The upper tier with 15 spaces is a separate phase for future improvements. The plaza is included in the current grant but will be bid as a separate phase in September. The sign is not eligible for use of grant funds.

Mr. Hovey advised that an amendment to the traffic ordinance is required to establish parking hours, set fines and towing enforcement.

3. 151 Poplar Street Property Maintenance – Notice of Violation

A notice of violation was issued to the property owner on July 14, 2022, a copy of which was also provided to the tenant. Mr. Hovey explained that there is a 30-day appeal period, after which the Borough can proceed with civil action.

4. Stormwater Management Ordinance – PA DEP Required Amendments

Mr. Hovey sought authorization to advertise the PA DEP mandated amendments to the stormwater management ordinance, which must be adopted by the end of September, and before the Borough renews its MS4 Permit.

Motion made by Mr. Kern authorizing advertisement of the stormwater management ordinance amendments required by PA DEP; motion seconded by Mr. Bliss. All in favor, motion carried.

READING OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Account:

(Office) PECO \$597.63; AT&T \$42.99; H.A. Berkheimer \$435.96; 21st Century Media \$82.62; Verizon \$211.22; High Swartz \$1,872.00; Rothwell Document Solutions \$39.25; **Total \$3,281.67**

(Streets) PECO \$49.86; Munibilling \$697.69; CCSWA \$4,693.96; Flexible Benefits \$3,172.51; Advance Auto \$43.22; Eagle Disposal \$5,715.32; L&W Group \$46.00; A.J. Blosenski \$8,059.75; Airgas \$32.35; Limerick Hardware \$166.46; Commonwealth of PA \$500.00; Wex Bank \$230.18; T.P. Trailers \$857.51; H.A. Weigand \$630.00; TDL Landscaping \$1,260.00; **Total \$26,154.81**

(Police) AT&T \$91.14; Crystal Springs \$50.43; Flexible Benefits \$1,616.61; deCordre Automotive \$561.11; All Traffic Solutions \$8,780.00; PAWC \$644.62; NMS Labs \$121.00; Verizon \$344.50; High Swartz \$594.00; Wex Bank \$1,408.08; Safe Life Defense \$856.80; Staples \$164.13; **Total \$15,232.42**

Sewer Account: Wind River \$7,185.03; PECO \$3,274.80; Controlex \$560.00; Verizon \$275.77; Crystal Springs \$9.99; Munibilling \$897.69; USALCO \$4,523.53; Flexible Benefits \$3,587.63; USA Blue Book \$288.79; Pipe Data View \$700.00; Action Data Services \$286.99; L&W Group \$46.00; PA One Call Systems \$23.10; M.J. Reider \$680.85; A.J. Blosenski \$624.23; EEMA \$4,0057.38; Cigna \$123.40; Bloom Glen Contractors \$5,938.03; High Swartz \$684.00; PAWC \$87.58; Wex Bank \$78.33; Staples \$353.43; J.C. Ehrlich \$74.52; **Total 34,361.07**

Street Light Fund: PECO \$5,513.40; **Total \$5,513.40**

Parks & Recreation Fund: PECO \$957.44; Fox Pool Management \$2,222.00; United Inspection Agency \$450.00; Brian Thornton Electric \$8,293.93; L&W Group \$133.50; United Site Services \$468.85; Lenni Electric \$817.61; Membership Refunds \$3,203.00; **Total \$16,546.33**

Planning, Zoning & Housing Fund: Joan Mork Court Reporter \$587.00; EEMA \$2,495.73; Robert Brant & Associates \$4,412.94; High Swartz \$1,263.74; Motley Associates \$10,190.48; **Total \$18,949.89**

Worker's Compensation Fund: AmTrust \$51,441.00; **Total \$51,441.00**

Building & Property Fund: Crystal Springs \$46.42; M&M Tree Service \$6,800.00; Spring City Electrical Mfg. \$1,636.00; **Total \$8,482.42**

CRP Consulting Fund: URDC \$11,394.64; **Total \$11,394.64**

CRP Grant: Ply-Mar Construction Co. \$98,941.95; **Total \$98,941.95**

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 08/11 6:30pm; Planning Commission 08/17 6:30pm; Park & Recreation 08/18 6:00pm; Police Committee 08/18 6:30pm; Finance & Ordinance Committee 08/24 6:30pm. The next Borough Council meeting is 09/06 (Tuesday) 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

*Respectfully submitted by
Kisha Tyler, Assistant Borough Manager*