

SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 2ND, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.

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

The following members were present: Councilmen McCarthy, Burns, Kratz, Beard, Watts, Solicitor Romain, and Borough Administrator Rittenhouse.

Councilman Watts motioned to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2009 council meeting. Councilman Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter of resignation from Joe Weiss, who is resigning from the Spring City Planning Commission.
2. A letter of resignation from Daniel L. Bauman, Sr. from his seat on Borough Council, effective March 16, 2009.
3. A letter from Penn Dot regarding the replacement or upgrades of various existing ADA ramps on the state roads within the Borough.
4. A thank you letter from Laurie Faust, executive director of Royersford Outreach, Inc. for the donation of the borough's unclaimed bicycles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS AND UTILITIES: Councilman Beard gave the following Streets Department Report for the month of February, 2009. **TRASH DISPOSAL** - 82.8 tons of refuse were hauled to the Lanchester Landfill in Honeybrook, PA by J.P. Mascaro & Sons from 1/26/09 to 2/17/09. Fifteen(15) bulk trash pick-ups were made during the month. **RECYCLING** - Two loads of scrap metal weighing approximately 1,580 pounds was transported to Mayor Pollock Steel Corporation in Pottstown. Eight (8) Christmas trees were collected at curbside and stored at the Borough's Compost site. **STREET WORK** - Patched potholes at Cedar & New Streets, Cedar and Broad Streets, Wall & Broad Streets, Main & New Streets, Plum Alley, and South Main Street. Cleaned out a culvert area along South Main Street with the front-end loader and dump truck. Replaced a broken sewer cover on Bridge Street and also a sewer cover and riser on Yost Avenue and Cedar Street. Cleaned debris from various stormwater inlets throughout the Borough. Replaced three posts and stop signs. Cleaned the curb lines at various locations. **MAINTENANCE** - Made repairs to the bridge along the Riverfront Trail. Made repairs and repainted the trash receptacles at the Brown Street Park. Cleaned up all debris at the Borough's Park & Recreation facilities. Made and installed a new backboard at the Brown Street Park Courts. Replaced a light bulb on the downtown lamp posts. Made repairs to the salt shed building on Gay Street. Replaced a broken window at the Library. Cleaned the garage bays. Performed an in-house tune up on the John Deere riding mower. Washed and cleaned all Borough trucks and the front-end loader. Assisted the sewer department with the reed bed clean-up and replacing the floats at the Heckle Avenue Pump Station.

SANITATION AND SURFACE WATER: Councilman Watts gave the following Wastewater Treatment Plant report for the month of February, 2009. The average daily flow for the month of February, 2009 was 346,000 gallons per day with a peak flow of 418,000 gallons on February 15th, 2009. All the reeds have been removed from the reed beds and will be transported to the landfill within the next few weeks. The flow meters were calibrated on February 2nd, 2009 by LRM, Inc. There were minor problems with the floats in the primary wet well that were corrected

during the month. Plant Operator, Steve Fegan and Streets Department personnel made repairs to the float rod at the Heckle Avenue Pump Station. There was a pump failure at the Bridge Street Pump Station. The spare pump was put in operation and the defective pump was picked up by Controlex Service Corporation for repairs. Due to the high volume of bar screen materials that are being collected and the increased weight of these materials there will be an increase of approximately \$5,000.00 per year from the hauler for taking these materials for disposal. The plant operator and Administrator Rittenhouse met with Alan Greve of Jim Myers & Sons to discuss the purchase and installation of the new scum pipes at the plant. Also, plant operator, Steve Fegan, received his operator's certification license this month.

POLICE:

Councilman Kratz reported the police committee met on February 16, 2009 and discussed the purchase of a new police vehicle and the receipt of the portable breath testers.

The police report for February, 2009 was as follows: Complaints 176; burglary 2; theft 3; criminal mischief 7; traffic citations issued 39 of which 25 were for speeding; criminal arrests 6; accidents 4; parking tickets issued 15. **Assisted other departments as follows:** East Vincent 7 times (2 domestics, open door, cows in the road, traffic stop, disturbance, and custody issue); Royersford 7 times (suspicious person, accident, suicide, juvenile problem, mental health, PFA, and domestic); East Pikeland Township 3 times (alarm, suspicious condition, and brush fire); Phoenixville 2 times (fight, and mental disorder). **Other departments assisting Spring City were as follows:** East Vincent 3 times (domestic, alarm, and public drunkenness); East Pikeland Township 1 time (domestic). **Mileage traveled during the month of February:** Car 14-1 (2005 Ford) 1,277 miles; Car 14-2 (2007 Ford) 1,152 miles which made a total of 2,429 miles. **Gas used during the month of February:** Car 14-1 (2005 Ford) 136.4 gallons, Car 14-2 (2007 Ford) 126.6 gallons which made a total of 263.0 gallons of gas used during the month.

FINANCE & ORDINANCE:

Councilman McCarthy reported the Finance & Ordinance Committee met on February 25, 2009 and discussed the purchase of a new police vehicle, the SFYAL Lease Agreement, and the Park Springs Sewer Agreement.

ZONING, HOUSING & PROPERTY:

Borough Administrator Rittenhouse reported there were (5) building permits issued during the month of February, 2009. Estimated cost of construction for the month was \$56,500.00. Permit fees collected for the month was \$477.50. Marius Neagu, 130 Pikeland Avenue, utility permit; Richard Heverly, 223 New Street, electric service; Chestnut Properties, 40 Wall Street, six garages; Tim Flodorf, 101 S. Main Street, retaining wall; Robert Bealer, 121 Poplar Street, fence.

PLANNING:

Councilman Burns reported the Planning Commission met on February 18, 2009. Minutes of this meeting were distributed to council members. He reported the Commission voted to approve the plans of R.J. Burt and Robert Bealer providing all requirements of the engineer's review comments are complied with. He noted that a registered letter was sent to Patrick Young concerning his position on the Planning Commission. It was the Commission's intent to remove him as a member since he previously said he was resigning, however, he has not submitted a written letter to Borough Council. The registered letter was signed for, but council has not received a written resignation. Louis DiGuiseppe was previously appointed to serve on this commission pending the receipt of Mr. Young's resignation. Due to a lack of response from Mr. Young he is considered removed from the Commission.

Councilman Burns also advised council that there is one more vacancy to be filled due to the resignation of Joe Weiss.

LIBRARY:

Councilman Beard reported the Library Committee met on February 17, 2009 and discussed several items including a possible break-in, the need for additional lighting for better security, a future senior citizen center, and a new library by 2013.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: (Posted)

APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

Councilman Watts motioned to approve the committee reports as presented. Councilman Beard seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Grumblatt, 500 New Street, informed council that the Rotary Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2009, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hookies Fire Company.

Jacqueline Messer, 130 New Street, addressed council concerning the Lions Club sponsored "National Night Out" on August 6, 2009 with activities scheduled at the Brown Street Park.

Also, she noted that any Borough activities could be added to the web site calendar of events which is maintained by Andrew Messer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement.

Solicitor Romain informed Council that he is obtaining a copy of the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement that Verizon has with Phoenixville Borough. After he reviews this document he will report back to Council.

2. New Police Vehicle.

Councilman Kratz reviewed the pricing and specs of the three police vehicles being considered to purchase for the police department. The three vehicles were a Dodge Charger, Ford Crown Victoria, and a Ford Explorer.

After some discussion it was agreed to purchase the Dodge Charger Police Sedan.

3. Time Extension Letters - Subdivision/Land Development Plans.

Time extension letters were submitted to the borough by 501 South Main, L.P., Robert Bealer and Robert Burt.

Councilman Watts motioned to accept the letter from David Dratch, 501 South Main, L.P. granting borough council a 90-day extension on the statutory review period decision date for their land development plan on South Main Street which would revise the decision date to June 9th, 2009. Councilman Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Watts motioned to accept the letter from Robert Bealer granting borough council a 120-day extension to the statutory review period decision date for his subdivision plan at 43 Orchard Alley, which would revise the decision date to July 30th, 2009. Councilman Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Watts motioned to accept the letter from Robert Burt granting borough council a 30-day extension to the statutory review period decision date for his proposed subdivision plan on Penn Street which would revise the decision date to April 15th, 2009. Councilman Burns seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Handicap Parking Space Permit Request.

Councilman Watts motioned to approve the handicap parking space permit application for Harry Wallace, 433 Queen Street. Councilman Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

2. Resignations.

Councilman Beard motioned to accept the letters of resignation submitted from Daniel L. Bauman, Sr., and Joseph Weiss. Councilman Watts seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted that the Borough will advertise the vacant councilor position in one of the local papers. Also, a registered letter will be sent to Patrick Young concerning his seat on council.

3. Hunsberger Tract - Sewage Planning Module.

Administrator Rittenhouse advised council that he received paperwork from URDC on behalf of Telvil Corporation for a sewage facilities planning module for the Hunsberger Tract in Spring City, PA which is to be distributed to the Spring City Planning Commission. The application package was given to Councilman Burns for the Planning Commission to review and complete at their next meeting on March 18th, 2009.

4. Glock Training Seminar.

Council discussed and agreed to approve sending Officer Wyatt to the Glock Training Seminar on March 17, 2009.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilman Burns noted to council his concerns with the skateboarding activities on several properties in the borough and expressed his interest to council to consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting skateboarding.

READING OF THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

GENERAL ACCOUNT: (OFFICE) Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$1,596.94; Action Data Services, Inc. \$759.38; Modern Graphics \$942.08; H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. \$546.21; PECO \$422.09; Baer Romain, LLP \$1,164.00; Data Flo Plus \$339.78; AT&T \$36.63; Verizon \$63.90; Provident \$91.58; T-Mobile \$44.68. **TOTAL:** \$6,007.27. (STREETS) Hakun Construction \$913.50; Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$4,087.50; Oceanport, LLC \$4,087.50; Flexible Benefits Plans, Inc. \$3,139.67; The Plow Shop \$27.01; PECO \$193.47; Chester County Solid Waste Authority \$4,554.01; Mowrey-Latshaw \$83.93; Waltz Turf Farm, Inc. \$653.73; CarQuest \$183.62; AirGas \$24.44; Provident \$36.74; Robert E. Little, Inc. \$78.71; Eagle Disposal of PA \$3,465.45; J.P. Mascaro & Sons \$11,373.74. **TOTAL:** \$29,214.34. (POLICE) Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$577.57; Flexible Benefits Plans Inc. \$7,334.71; USTM 482.50; CarQuest \$138.32; Phoenix SofTouch Car Wash \$3.50; Crystal Springs \$34.47; Office Depot \$79.80; Chester County SPCA \$1,295.00; Zee Medical Service Co. \$6.60; Baer Romain LLP \$96.00; New Street Auto Service, Inc. \$358.20; Metropolitan Communications, Inc. \$60.00; Verizon \$217.85; Pennsylvania American Water \$653.86; Nextel \$40.48; Provident \$111.10; Davidheiser's Inc. \$56.00. **TOTAL:** \$11,145.96.

SEWER ACCOUNT: CarQuest \$16.93; P.A.W. \$80.77; Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$34.51; Flexible Benefits Plans Inc. \$2,341.20; PECO \$2,320.74; M.J. Reider Associates, Inc. \$489.00; Mowrey-Latshaw \$114.01; Aqua Dynamic Systems, Inc. \$437.67; Crystal Springs \$6.75; EEMA \$7,744.30; Pennsylvania One Call System \$5.20; Baer Romain, LLP \$564.00; AT&T \$18.77; A.J. Blosenski \$775.00; Verizon \$95.08; Provident \$28.11; J.C. Ehrlich Company, Inc. \$40.00; Pipe & Precast \$195.00; Controlex Service Corporation \$520.00; Pottstown Roller Mills \$217.50; USA BlueBook \$111.85; LRM, Inc. \$300.00 TOTAL: \$16,456.39.

STREET LIGHTING FUND: PECO \$4,296.52. TOTAL: \$4,296.52.

PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING FUND: Motley Associates, Inc. \$1,382.75; Baer, Romain, LLP \$72.00; TOTAL: \$1,454.75.

CRP GRANTFUND: URDC \$8,357.00. TOTAL: \$8,357.00.

BUILDING & PROPERTY FUND: Crystal Springs \$19.23; Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$183.50; RMC \$244.44; Thomas R. Slaymaker \$84.00; Genuardi's \$82.56. TOTAL: \$613.73.

PARK & RECREATION FUND: PECO \$16.83; Tague Lumber \$23.45. TOTAL: \$40.28.

POLICE PENSION FUND: Lincoln Financial Group \$974.12. TOTAL: \$974.12.

Councilman Watts motioned the bills be approved for payment as read. Councilman Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vice-President McCarthy announced the following meetings are scheduled for March, 2009: **Planning Commission**, Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m.; **Police Committee**, Thursday, March 19, 2009, 7:00 p.m.; **Finance & Ordinance Committee**, Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

He reminded council that the Rotary Breakfast is Sunday, March 8, 2009 at the Hookies Fire Company from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Watts motioned the meeting be adjourned as there was no further business to come before Borough Council. Councilman Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Rittenhouse
Borough Administrator