

# SPRING CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.

President Trego called the council meeting to order.

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

Councilman Kratz motioned to approve the minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 council meeting. Councilman McCarthy seconded. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR:**

Mayor Weiss reported on the monthly vehicle maintenance that was performed on the police vehicles. He noted the following officers attended training seminars in April: Officer Wyatt, juvenile matters at West Vincent Township, Officers Wyatt, McCarragher, Dice, Schlichter, Albright, and White, updates training at Schuylkill Township Police Department.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**STREETS AND UTILITIES:** Councilman Beard gave the following Streets Department Report for the month of April, 2009. **TRASH DISPOSAL** - 92.5 tons of refuse were hauled to the Lanchester Landfill in Honeybrook, PA by J.P. Mascaro & Sons from March 23, 2009 to April 21, 2009. Twenty (20) bulk trash pick-ups were made during the month. **RECYCLING** - Eagle Disposal submitted the 2009 first quarter residential recycling report. Co-mingled materials and newsprint collected per month was as follows: January – 14.54 tons, February – 13.27 tons, and March – 13.49 tons. Total tons collected during the first quarter of 2009 was 41.30 tons. Two loads of scrap metal weighing approximately 1,640 pounds were transported to Phoenixville Scrap Company. Collected approximately 29 loads of yard waste and stored at the Borough's Compost site on Gay Street. **STREET WORK** - The Phase I CRP Grant Streetscapes project continued with the installation of new curbing and sidewalk and milling and overlaying the section of North Main Street from New Street to Yost Avenue. Continued to clean the curb lines on various streets with the street sweeper and manually cleaned debris from various stormwater inlets throughout the Borough. Patched potholes on Schoolhouse Alley, Plum Alley, Yost Avenue, Water Street, Wall Street, Bridge Street, Cedar Street, and Yost Avenue. Rebuilt a stormwater inlet box at Chestnut and Main Streets. Replaced a "Stop" sign at Wall and Washington Streets. Replaced a "No Outlet" sign on Broad & Wall Streets. **MAINTENANCE** - Summerized the pool building and plumbing. Adjusted the backboards at the Hall Street Courts. Emptied the trash receptacles at all of the recreational areas. Mowed and trimmed the grass on all Borough properties. Replaced the roof on the dog compound building at Gay Street. Cleaned the garage bays. Washed and cleaned the interior of the Chevy Pick-up Truck. Assisted the sewer plant operator with some maintenance projects. Replaced four lamp post bulbs on Main Street. Replaced a bulb in the traffic light at Main & Bridge Streets.

**SANITATION AND SURFACE WATER:** Administrator Rittenhouse gave the following Wastewater Treatment Plant report for the month of April, 2009. The average daily flow for the month of April was 403,000 gallons per day with a peak flow of 610,000 gallons occurring on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The EQ tank was put into operation during the heavy rain events on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. 9,000 gallons of sludge was pumped from the digesters and hauled away by Levengood's Septic. Replaced a motor on a pump at the Heckle Avenue Pump Station. A pump seal was replaced on the pumps that run the primary trickling filters. The reed beds should be put back in use during the month of May. A tripod and hoist was purchased for use at the pump stations.

## POLICE:

Councilman Kratz reported the police committee met on April 16, 2009. Chief Sherman reported that the new police vehicle was ordered. Also, she noted that she attended a career day at the Spring City Elementary School on April 3, 2009, and updated the committee in regards to some of the training seminars that the officers in the force attended.

The police report for April, 2009 was as follows: Complaints 223; theft 6; criminal mischief 7; traffic citations issued 36 of which 14 were for speeding; criminal arrests 12; juvenile arrests 1; accidents 4; parking tickets issued 6. **Assisted other departments as follows:** East Vincent 11 times (2 domestics, trespassers, 2 accidents, missing person, alarm, shots fired, theft, emotional disorder, trespassing); Royersford 2 times (robbery and accident); Upper Providence 1 time (search); Limerick 1 time (assault); East Coventry 2 times (accident and burglary); **Other departments assisting Spring City were as follows:** East Vincent 3 times (2 assaults and sexual assault); Royersford 2 times (suspicious person and domestic); West Vincent 1 time (assault). **Mileage traveled during the month of April :** Car 14-1 (2005 Ford) 1,160 miles; Car 14-2 (2007 Ford) 1,495 miles which made a total of 2,655 miles. **Gas used during the month of April:** Car 14-1 (2005 Ford) 199.0 gallons, Car 14-2 (2007 Ford) 175.3 gallons which made a total of 374.3 gallons of gas used during the month.

## FINANCE & ORDINANCE:

Councilman McCarthy reported the Finance & Ordinance Committee met on April 22, 2009. The Committee is in the process of updating the residential building permit fee schedule and will be working on the fees again this month. The Committee reviewed a report from Administrator Rittenhouse on this past seasons snow removal costs which were substantially higher than budgeted. He noted to council that the projected revenues for the year will probably be a little lower than projected in the budget based on the reported revenue receipts through the first quarter.

## ZONING, HOUSING & PROPERTY:

Administrator Rittenhouse reported there were (13) building permits issued during the month of April, 2009. Grant Whytock, 264 Yost Avenue, roof; John Meccariello, 437 S. Main Street, electric service; Robert Bealer, Lot 2, S. Main Street, new construction; Robert Bealer, Lot 2, S. Main Street, electrical; Robert Bealer, Lot 2, S. Main Street, plumbing; Robert Bealer, Lot 2, S. Main Street, mechanical; Robert Bealer, Lot 2, S. Main Street, sidewalk; Robert Bealer, Lot 3, S. Main Street, new construction; Robert Bealer, Lot 3, S. Main Street, electrical; Robert Bealer, Lot 3, S. Main Street, plumbing; Robert Bealer, Lot 3, S. Main Street, mechanical; Robert Bealer, Lot 3, S. Main Street, sidewalk; Richard Vanderpool, 223 Chestnut Street, windows-gutters; Ralph Emery, 236 Chestnut Street, electrical. Estimated cost of construction for the month of April, 2009 was \$187,600. Permit fees collected for the month of April, 2009 was \$1,392.50.

## PLANNING:

Councilman Burns reported the Planning Commission met on April 15, 2009 and no new business was conducted.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS: (Posted)

## APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **1. Letter of Resignation - Patrick Young.**

Councilman McCarthy motioned to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Patrick Young. Councilman Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Interested residents, Michael Hays, Timothy Mayer, and Louis DiGuiseppe, had previously submitted letters of interest to the Borough to fill any vacancies on Borough Council should any vacancy occur.

Councilman McCarthy motioned to appoint Louis S. DiGuiseppe to serve as a councilor on Spring City Borough Council for an unexpired term through December 31, 2011. Councilman Burns seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Weiss conducted the swearing-in-ceremony for Mr. DiGuiseppe.

### **2. Amendment to Police Pension Ordinance No. 465.**

Councilman Beard motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 503 which amends Police Pension Ordinance No. 465; Section 4.2 - pension benefits (a) calculation of benefits, and Section 5.2 - disability pension benefits (a) calculation of monthly benefits and deletes Section 4.7 - social security offset. Councilman McCarthy seconded. Motion carried.

### **3. Sewer Plant Capacity.**

Solicitor Romain informed Council that he has contacted the attorneys of two developers who currently have land development plans filed for review by the Borough to ascertain their interest in assisting the borough financially to redo the Act 537 Plan as requested by PA DEP.

The response back to him at this time was that economics being what they are, the two developers do not have the ability to contribute to redoing the Act 537 Plan.

He explained that the developers do understand that this may delay their pending projects which requires approved sewage planning modules. He recommended that the sewer committee meet and discuss how the Borough wants to proceed with this matter.

Council agreed with the Solicitors' recommendation and Administrator Rittenhouse advised Council that he would arrange to meet with the sewer committee to discuss this matter in detail.

### **4. Letter from East Vincent Township - SFYAL Ball Fields.**

A discussion was held concerning a letter the Borough received from Mary Flagg, East Vincent Township Manager, regarding the access road to the SFYAL ball fields behind the Spring City Elementary School on Wall Street. Ms. Flagg's letter stated that the Township continues to get many complaints from nearby residents concerning the existing access road leading to the ball fields. The complaints involve the dust from the road, speeding and high volume of traffic. Also, the Township is concerned with the progress of the installation of a new access road off of Wall Street right before the elementary school.

Scott Smiley, a representative from the SFYAL organization, spoke to Council about the delays the League is experiencing in working with East Vincent Township to get an approved plan for a new access road. Also, another item has developed which is the need to build on current school district property which might require a lot line revision or subdivision to have the Borough own this property.

Solicitor Romain recommended a three-way meeting be scheduled with East Vincent Township to focus on what the issues are for the new access road and what is the best way to move forward with this project. Council concurred with this recommendation and agreed to have Solicitor Romain and Administrator Rittenhouse represent the Borough in discussions with representatives from East Vincent Township and the SFYAL after the School Board determines how they want to proceed with changing the lot lines from school district property to Borough property.

A resident from the community next to the ball fields spoke out in regards to wanting to see this problem resolved due to the speeding and dust problems.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Schuylkill River Trail - Chester County.**

Administrator Rittenhouse informed Council he received notification from Natural Lands Trust that they have been retained by the county to work with homeowners whose properties are adjacent to the planned segment of the Schuylkill River Trail. The first phase of this project goes from Cromby to Fricks Lock.

The county is looking to obtain ownership or rights to use some of these lands. He noted he has contacted a Natural Lands Trust representative and they will be notifying the Borough if any of our property is affected by this project.

The Borough will probably have to decide whether to consider donating or selling an easement or ownership of any Borough owned lands along the proposed trail route.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman McCarthy noted that Councilman Beard has served as the Borough's liaison with the Spring City Library Board for the past few years and that due to Mr. Beard's work schedule he will no longer be able to serve in that capacity so it will be necessary to appoint a new representative from council.

President Trego appointed Councilman DiGuseppe as the liaison from Borough Council to the Library Board.

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

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:** (OFFICE) Montgomery Newspapers \$277.91; Staples \$99.94; H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. \$756.25; Action Data Services, Inc. \$372.27; PECO \$356.32; The Mercury \$96.08 ; Municibid \$200.00; Wrigley's Office Supply \$70.14; Baer Romain, LLP \$624.00; Verizon \$67.21; T-Mobile \$44.98; P.A.W. \$50.14; Oehlert Bros. Inc \$2,808.00. **TOTAL:** \$5,205.48. (**STREETS**) Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$434.45; Wensel's Truck Repair \$5,629.37; CarQuest \$6.74; Chester County Solid Waste Authority \$5,175.17; Norman A. Bean & Son, Inc. \$20.04; Mowrey-Latshaw \$162.87; PECO \$110.03; Coventry Property Services, Inc. \$440.00; AirGas \$24.44; Eagle Disposal of PA \$3,465.45; H.A. Weigand, Inc. \$320.65; J.P. Mascaro & Sons \$11,373.74; Pottstown Trap Rock \$302.40. **TOTAL:** \$27,465.35. (**POLICE**) Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$569.53; Crystal Springs \$26.76; Markl Supply Co. \$122.00; Baer Romain \$408.00; Verizon \$222.81; PAW \$653.86; Nextel \$38.43; Staples \$905.83; Davidheisers, Inc. \$26.00; The Mercury \$301.30; Galls \$71.98. **TOTAL:** \$3,346.50.

**SEWER ACCOUNT:** M.J. Reider Associates, Inc. \$652.00; The Mercury \$49.30; Oehlert Bros. Inc. \$8.46; Crystal Springs \$6.75; PECO \$1,740.05; Buckman's Inc. 307.41; Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. \$1.00; EEMA \$7,546.80; Flexible Benefits Plans Inc. \$4,682.40; P.A.W. \$182.68; United Laboratories \$820.90; Wensel's Truck Repair \$68.61; Baer Romain, LLP \$2,693.88; Controlex Service

Corporation \$480.00; Verizon \$93.74; A.J. Blosenski, Inc. \$500.00; J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc. \$40.00; Grainger \$3,487.95; Levengood's Septic \$990.00; Pottstown Roller Mills \$263.60; Aqua Dynamic Systems, Inc. \$95.00; Jim Myers & Sons, Inc. \$14,900.00. TOTAL: \$33,855.94.

**STREET LIGHTING FUND:** PECO \$4,255.59. TOTAL: \$4,255.59.

**PLANNING, ZONING & HOUSING FUND:** Motley Associates, Inc. \$3,728.51; Baer, Romain, LLP \$324.00. TOTAL: \$4,052.51.

**ENGINEERING & CONSULTING FUND:** Motley Associates, Inc. \$858.00;

**CRP GRANT FUND:** URDC \$9,158.00; Giovannone Construction, Inc. \$115,526.53. TOTAL: \$124,684.53.

**BUILDING & PROPERTY FUND:** Crystal Springs \$31.01; Peter Lumber Company \$26.47; Tague Lumber \$37.98; Thomas R. Slaymaker \$332.00; Genuardi's \$31.35. TOTAL: \$458.81.

**DUES AND ASSOCIATION FUND:** Notary Association of PA., Co. TOTAL: \$114.90.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Trego announced the following meetings are scheduled for May, 2009: **Planning Commission**, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m.; **Police Committee**, Thursday, May 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m.; **Finance & Ordinance Committee**, Wednesday, May 27, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Rittenhouse  
Borough Administrator