

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for August 18, 2014

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 18, 2014 Council meeting was called to order by Vice President Morgan at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council Vice-President Robert Morgan; Council Members; Gregory Paolini (Arrived at 4:23 p.m.), Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile (Arrived at 4:10 p.m.), and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko (Arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

Absent: Council President Ed Danyluk

Visitors: Deb Winterscheidt (Observing), Randy Griffith (Observing)

Correspondence

Two letters were received from Donna Zellers and Joanna Litzinger expressing concerns regarding the proposed billboard by Lamar Advertising on Menoher Blvd. One letter was received from the property owners of 163 Arlington Street, 159 Arlington Street and 115 Susan Drive requesting vacation of Pear Alley.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the July 7, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the July 21, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the August 5, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Police Chief's Report

Nothing to report.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported personnel have been trained on use of rescue tools with Upper Yoder and Westwood Fire Departments. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the professional services agreement with Stiffler McGraw contingent upon approval by Solicitor Carbonara. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Role call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Paolini, and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported zoning permits issued to 114 Palliser Street (pad), 117 Leila Street (fence), 402 State Street (fence), 14 Shady Lane (retaining wall), 101 Leon Street (deck), 318 Leila Street (fence), 137 Dahlia Street (driveway), and 220 Leila Street (deck). Mr. Wargo reported two approved sewer compliance certificates for 320 Langhorne Avenue and 760 Goucher Street. Mr. Wargo stated the Zoning Hearing Board appeal hearing regarding Lamar Advertising has been rescheduled for September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. if needed.

Manager's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Mr. Wargo to obtain quotes for a 6 month CD and to reinvest with the best rate. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). Mr. Wargo reported residents along Pear Alley have sent a request to vacate the alley so they can put in a driveway. Solicitor Carbonara stated he will respond to the request and inform the residents that it is not necessary to vacate the alley after 21 years of non use by the borough.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara stated a hearing was held regarding 509 State Street noting Joe Birch was present to testify on his own behalf. Solicitor Carbonara noted he is awaiting a determination from the judge. Solicitor Carbonara stated he spoke with the attorney for the Department of Environmental Protection noting a draft of the consent order will possibly be sent in September.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve attendance of Southmont Borough Council, Administrative Staff and Solicitor Carbonara to the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's Fall Leadership Conference from October 17 thru October 19, 2014 in Gettysburg, PA. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported the street sweeper is being repaired.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Paolini reported engineering and legal service fees were higher than usual as a result of sanitary sewer planning, the Lamar Advertising sign issue and condemnation of 509 State Street. Mr. Paolini noted the

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expenses related to 509 State Street may be reimbursed by adding a lien against the property. Mr. Wargo reported workshops will be held October 14th, October 28th and November 11th, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to review the 2015 budget noting the tentative budget will be approved November 18, 2014 and the final budgets will be approved on December 8, 2014.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported a water line was broken on Central Avenue by a subcontractor of the Department of Environmental Protection causing major issues.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from July 22, 2014 through August 20, 2014 in the amount of \$20,118.27. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve payment of bills from July 23, 2014 through August 19, 2014 in the amount of \$54,028.78. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the July 2014 treasurers report in the amount of \$724,024.91. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the tax collectors report in the amount of \$5,535.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the August 18, 2014 meeting at 4:35 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer