

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
July 18, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled July Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the July 18, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Graham, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, West Hills Police: Detective George Musulin, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak, and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

ABSENT: Mr. Krupa prior work commitment, Mayor: Gerry Sloat out of town and Engineer: Dave Duray.

VISITORS:

President Pile asked for approval of the June 20, 2005 revision II Council Minutes and the Committee Minutes of July 12, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hill Police report records revenue for June in the amount of \$571.57. Police Chief Havas stated they have received a large supply of gun locks (400 for rifles and about 100 for revolvers). These locks are available "free of charge" to both residents and non-residents and will be given to anyone who makes a request at the police office for the locks. Police Chief Havas has received the traffic volume/speed counts for Southmont Borough and State Street. Discussion followed on concerns of accuracy. When traffic tubes are next placed on Southmont Blvd. it will be placed on one (1) lane only. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to place two signs "Slow, Children at Play" on opposite sides of Leila Street. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent. Mrs. Weir's letter concerning her request of placing house number and street name at 12 Shady Lane and at 12 Logan Street was discussed. Solicitor Lovette and Ms. Spak will send a letter to both residents.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity as of 7/12/05; fourteen (14) permits and a total construction of \$145,322. President Pile asked what could be done with abandoned homes (taxes are current) in Southmont Borough. Solicitor Lovette checked the Borough Code Section 1202 page 12:3 section 5 Nuisances and Dangerous Structures. Ms. Spak will contact Mr. Curt Davis in Johnstown City for process/guidelines they use when a home is condemned.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records eight (8) responses during the month of June. There was one (1) call between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. The fire company is working on a project for Cambria County (GIS) of getting all the house numbers in Borough so County can place on an aerial map. Chief Borosky gave a list of residents to Ms. Spak, who will send letters out, due to no house number or obstructed house number, see ordinance #404. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for July was received and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Graham authorizing P.C. Rizzo and Associates to work with Ms. Spak and Mr. Bosley to complete the Stonycreek River storm water management questionnaire. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. Mr. Rodgers commented on the excellent job Mr. Bosley did on painting the stop bars throughout the Borough. Mr. Bosley will pick up the brush/grass cutting at the Bird Sanctuary. There was an open discussion concerning the water fountain at the Diamond playground. President Pile will approach Westmont Hilltop Recreation to look into "vandal safe" water fountain and/or parts. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to advertise for no parking on southside of Edward Street. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk mentioned a second notice will be sent to residents on Southmont Blvd. to clean up branches, limbs, etc. from their property; they are responsible to the curb.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa absent but notes were received. The draft letter to businesses requesting help with the Cambria County Borough Association's annual fall meeting and for the 2006 Fireman's Jubilee looks good; should follow up with personal visits from councilmen. Ms. Spak will send letter out first week of August.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat absent.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling report was received and is on file along with resident's comments regarding closing of recycling trailer. Discussion was held, Ms. Spak will do some research on different options for collections.

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Mr. Graham made a motion to keep the recycling trailer closed for another month so more research can be completed. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. 5 yeas and 1 nay, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter mentioned for the 2006 budget his opinion is account #310.21 earned income taxes current year and #310.22 earned income taxes prior years be combined. Ms. Spak will do a five (5) year breakdown on account #321.80 franchise TV cable.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa absent but notes were received.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The minutes for the May meeting were received. Mr. Kory attended meeting, he was impressed with how smoothly it was run.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory mentioned Southmont Borough properties are looking good.

COG REPORT

No meeting, nothing new to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

No minutes were received. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept resolution 2005-05 to extend Greater Johnstown Water Authority life for a period of fifty (50) years. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent. The resume from John H. Follansbee was discussed for an At-Large member only if or when needed. Mr. Follansbee will be scheduled for interview at the August 9th committee meeting.

Lower State Street Committee

Mr. Graham requests Council to review the Traffic Calming Policy and forward any suggestions to Ms. Spak. The policy will be placed on the agenda for the August 9th committee meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat absent, nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette gave Ms. Spak a draft copy of an ordinance regulating the business of transient merchants within the borough. This will be placed on the agenda of the August 9th committee meeting.

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Solicitor Lovette revised his opinion on Weir Way that was noted in the June minutes to the following. Weir Way is not a dedicated street or alleyway on any plan including the Sheesley Supply Company Overbrook addition plan of lots dated June 7, 1929 as prepared by S.E. Dickey and Company. Therefore it has not been accepted or vacated as a Borough Street or alley. As part of the sale from Borough of Southmont to Dr. & Mrs. King in 2004. There is a right of way for maintenance repair and replacement of a sanitary sewer line as set forth on property survey drawing M-3-460 dated June 25, 2001 by Paul C. Rizzo Associates, Inc. That deed contains property purchased by Dr. & Mrs. King which includes the easement set forth on that plan. Solicitor Lovette mentioned his office has heard from Attorney Wharton concerning Mr. & Mrs. Henry's downspout problem.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kory made a motion to accept resolution 2005-04 to throw away an Epson C62 ink jet printer. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to invest the full capital improvement account into a CD (no more than a one year CD) and pay Mrs. Howell from the General Fund. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent. Ms. Spak will get an estimate of man-hours to convert the County and Borough GIS layers. Mr. Kory made a motion to accept the June manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the June Treasurer Report in the amount of \$380,065.48. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to note the June tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$71,083.81 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Krupa absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed removing the paint fire shed and the interest rates Pligit/Portage from the "Tickler List".

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to start a fund for the fire company for 2005 of twenty dollars (\$20) per household to come out of the general fund. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. 3 years and 3 nays, motion denied.

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Mr. Krupa absent. Discussion followed concerning the fire company. Ms. Spak will do a grass cutting comparison between 2004 and 2005. Mr. Bosley will look into the PennDot agility agreement, swap for removal of animal carcasses. Mr. Danyluk mentioned that Council should review/update the collaboration code book which is five (5) years old; this will be on the agenda for the August 9th committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Graham for adjournment of the July 18, 2005 meeting at 8:50 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

7/21/2005 8:48 AM

