

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
October 17, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled October Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the October 17, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Kory, Mr. Graham, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Engineer: Dave Duray, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak, and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

ABSENT: Mr. Rodgers out of town and Mr. Graham left at 8:45 PM

VISITORS: Mr. Corona, 521 Edwards Street, no parking signs; Mr. & Mrs. Grasser, 148 State Street, speed humps.

President Pile asked for approval of the September 26, 2005 Council Minutes and the Committee Notes of October 4, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

President Pile called upon Mrs. Grasser who feels the humps placed on State Street are working; the majority of people are slowing down and the traffic flow is not as heavy. Mrs. Grasser applauds Council for all of their hard work concerning State Street and the steps they have taken to correct the speeding issue. President Pile reminded Mrs. Grasser the humps are temporary.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas's report records revenue for September in the amount of \$327.39. Mayor Sloat and Police Chief Havas looked at Ms. Mishler's request for a Handicap parking spot at 152 Violet Street. Mayor Sloat recommends to allow the handicap parking space, there is no off street parking and she does have a placard; discussion followed. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to table until Council can speak with her. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Ms. Spak will contact Ms. Mishler to schedule her to attend the November 1st Committee Meeting. Police Chief Havas will be dropping off orange reflector trick or treat bags for the children to use for Halloween.

President Pile called upon Mr. Corona, 521 Edwards Street, to have the floor. Mr. Corona thanked Council for the great job they are doing. He then voiced his concerns about residents being notified when street signs are added or changed (i.e. by post card mailing, posted note on door, police to give warning). Mr. Kory made a motion to make a policy that when street signs are added or changed to give notice to land owners on the street. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity of nineteen (19) permits and a total construction of \$193,822 as of 9/13/05; same as last month nothing new added. Mr. Orms sent BOCA letters out; one to Ms. Jasper, 149 State Street and another to Mr. Carbonara, 1046 Menoher Blvd. Mr. Carbonara replied in letter dated October 10th that repair to fence will be made in the spring of next year. Discussion followed on some concerns of vehicles parked on property (if inspected) and work being done without zoning permits; Mr. Orms will investigate and update council.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records eighteen (18) responses during the month of September. There were four (4) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. The annual evacuation drill and inspection of McCullough House was completed on September 30th. The Fire-Safety Survey Report for the recommendations of the McCullough House was forwarded to Council. Fire Chief Borosky will check back with Ms. Holdsworth to see if findings/recommendations are addressed. The third (3rd) quarter fire company's financial report was received. Fire Chief Borosky will gather budget information for the November 1st meeting. Mayor Sloat asked Chief Borosky if the Southmont Condominiums require a fire drill exercise. Chief Borosky's reply was no, they are mostly privately owned, nothing required except emergency exit signs. Some of the businesses in the building do require a fire drill. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for October was received and discussed. Fall street inspection was completed; working on cost estimate will have prior to November meeting. Mr. Duray discussed the State Street and Southmont Blvd. speed findings; a lengthy discussion followed (different options, traffic calming procedure, liabilities, PennDot, feasibility study, liquid fuels, raising speed, etc.). Mr. Graham made a motion to place speed humps permanently on State Street. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Discussion followed, Mr. Graham rescinded motion, seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Graham made a motion to rent two (2) radar speed displays at a cost not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a period of 30 days; to be placed immediately following speed hump removal. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. The traffic counters will be placed on State Street; one prior to speed hump at lower end and the other near the top between the speed humps. Mr. Graham made a motion to ratify the cost to repair the Flow Meter from twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to three thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$3,378). Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Discussion followed concerning the holding pond at Grandview. Ms. Spak will send a letter to Grandview. The zoning permit was approved with the understanding a fence would be placed around the

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holding pond, also include council's previous request concerning water run off. Ms. Spak will send a letter to PennDot to clean up area behind fence on Menoher Blvd.

Mr. Graham requested that he report on the Greater Johnstown Water Authority due to him having to leave the meeting. President Pile called upon Mr. Graham. The minutes from the October 13, 2005 meeting were received. Mr. Graham requested to be reappointed to the board of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. His appointment is up December 31, 2005. This request will be placed on the agenda for the November 1st Committee/Budget meeting. Mr. Graham left Council meeting at 8:45 P.M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report; working on televising the lines. Mr. Jedrzejek, 93 Thoburn Street, will be sent a letter for seeding around catch basin. A certificate of achievement award was received from DEP for our efforts and maintenance of our flood protection project (Cheney Run) for 2004.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk noted his letter concerning Mr. Bosley to contact him via phone every Tuesday and Thursday between 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Per Mr. Bosley he will be contacting Mr. Danyluk on those days, will leave message if Mr. Danyluk not available.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

At 8:50 P.M. an Executive Session was called. At 9:05 P.M. Council reconvened discussed Personnel issues.

Mr. Krupa made a motion to hire William Gentile, presently a part time employee, as a Full-Time employee as of November 1, 2005 pending successful passing of drug test and physical. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Krupa made a motion that all our Full-Time employees start work at 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. effective October 31, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat has nothing new to report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory met with Mr. Pandya on October 12th at his plastic/wood composite factory; he explained the operation process of converting recycled plastic to finished products (passed samples around). We would collect the plastic, weigh it and take trailer to Davidsville. Mr. Kory made a motion to recycle plastic only starting November 1, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers absent, nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter mentioned budget worksheets were received; please have figures ready for November 1st meeting.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa noted the fall newsletter will be mailed to residents this week. The Shade Tree meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 7th at 7:00 P.M.; it will be advertised. Mr. Krupa has not heard anything about the tree grant. Mr. Krupa reminds all that the PSAB fall dinner meeting is Tuesday, October 25th and all should try to attend. The focus of the meeting will be on the shade trees of Southmont.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The September minutes have not been received; at the meeting the Ridge was discussed. The Ridge is making money, more each year.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory mentioned the storage area looks great.

COG REPORT

Mr. Pile was not able to attend meeting, our committee meeting of October 4th was scheduled for the same day. A request for minutes of the meeting will be placed.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

See Page 3 of October 17, 2005 minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat requested Ms. Spak to send a letter to Westmont Hilltop School District for use of football field to land helicopter in case of emergency. Mayor Sloat is working on updating the Emergency Management Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve Ordinance #459 regulating the business of transient merchants within the borough. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent. Solicitor Lovette discussed vacant properties in the borough; looking for other municipalities with ordinances or guide lines. Mr. Orms was requested to enter 511 Diamond Blvd. and 138 State Street to do an interior inspection.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak requested Council to review the draft ordinance combining Ordinance #419 and #448. Solicitor Lovette will check on legal time limits that dogs are allowed to bark. Mr. Danyluk recommends ten (10) minutes of continuous barking with no time restraints of 9:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Mr. Krupa made a motion to accept the September manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Kory made a motion to approve the September Treasurer Report in the amount of \$376,777.10. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kory made a motion to note the September tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$77,818.11 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll Call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Graham absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List". The recycling closed until February, 2006 will be removed from the "Tickler List". President Pile and Mr. Strittmatter attended the real estate assessment appeal of Natalie Schmerin; the total was decreased to 12,590.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile and Mr. Strittmatter will be attending the real estate assessment appeal of Sima Suler scheduled for 1:20 P.M. on Tuesday, October 18th. Mr. Bosley will take care of the boiler recommendations; certificate of inspection was received and posted October 3rd.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter for adjournment of the October 17, 2005 meeting at 9:40 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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