

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for May 19, 2014

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled May 19, 2014 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher, and Robert Morgan; Police Chief Andrew Havas; Det. Sgt. George Musulin; Mayor Mark Yonko; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Council Member William Kory

Visitors: Randy Griffith, Tribune Democrat; William Barbin, Zoning Solicitor; James McDonnell, Greater Johnstown Water Authority

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the April 21, 2014 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the May 5, 2014 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the May 14, 2014 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Visitor Recognition

Mr. Barbin and Mr. McDonnell introduced themselves to council and thanked them for appointing Mr. Barbin as Zoning Solicitor and Mr. McDonnell as representative at large to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas stated charges have been filed against one individual from Southmont Borough regarding recent graffiti issues at the soccer field restrooms and storage sheds. Chief Havas noted there are possibly four more suspects involved and commended Mr. Wargo and the borough employees for their assistance in the matter.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported the battery charger in the rescue vehicle was taken to Black's in Jennerstown for them to attempt to rebuild it. Chief Weslager stated the battery charger cannot be rebuilt and a new one will have to be purchased noting he received three estimates as follows: Blacks \$450.00 new; KAZA \$449.50 rebuilt; KAZA \$855.00 new. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the purchase of a battery charger for the fire company rescue vehicle not to exceed \$800.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a letter was received from Stiffler McGraw, which stated all flow meters were removed from the system on May 5, 2014 and they are evaluating the flow data gathered. Mr. Wargo stated the representatives from Stiffler McGraw will attend the June 16, 2014 council meeting to review the data.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported five zoning permits issued to 400 Diamond Blvd. (fence), 136 Violet Street (fence), 301 Thoburn Street (shed), 12 Cox Street (porch extension) and 501 Edward Street (driveway). Mr. Wargo reported five approved sewer compliance certificates for 111 King Street, 2 Shady Lane, 106 Dell Street, 414 State Street and 227 Mabel Street. Mr. Wargo stated Joe Birch of 509 State Street has filed an appeal to the condemnation of his property.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported paving bids are to be opened on May 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wargo stated the Zoning Committee will meet on June 3, 2014 at 4 p.m. to review the zoning ordinance.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he will be meeting with Attorney Barbin to review the Lamar Signs request to install an off premise sign, which was refused resulting in an appeal from Lamar Signs.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Amanda Claycomb and Richard Wargo as administrators/points of contact for PLGIT. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported crack sealing is completed and things are going well.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Mayor Yonko reported the contract proposals are complete.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported trees were planted to replace the trees removed last year.

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G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Wargo reported the repairs on the damaged garage wall are set to begin May 20, 2014. Mr. Wargo stated the estimate received from Yoder Masonry & Construction for the repairs was \$2,500.00 noting the borough insurance will cover the damages after the \$500 deductible.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported it is the 50th anniversary of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Mr. Pile stated the Water Authority is beginning project bids for the year.

I. Open Records: Ms. Claycomb reported one open records request received by Scott Berger for April 2014 zoning permits issued.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from April 22, 2014 through May 19, 2014 in the amount of \$14,583.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from April 23, 2014 through May 20, 2014 in the amount of \$187,374.72. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the April 2014 treasurers report. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the April 2014 tax collectors report in the amount of \$176,423.13. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

An Executive Session was called at 4:26 p.m. to discuss pending litigation regarding the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission. Executive Session ended at 4:44 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Consent Order as drafted contingent upon the other entities approval of the same. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the May 19, 2014 meeting at 4:46 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer