

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for July 20, 2009

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled July 20, 2009 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czymik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas

Absent: Council Member Mr. Tom Strittmatter, Fire Chief Mike Leckey and Engineer Dave Duray (excused from attending)

Visitors: Mr. Skip Paolini, 7 Gardner Street (observe)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor. motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported an increase in car entry thefts throughout Johnstown noting most vehicles were left unlocked by the owners. Chief Havas stated the incidents are being continually investigated. Chief Havas reported three Officers have been sworn in as County Detectives and will begin to participate in DUI Checkpoint activities in the next few weeks noting the Officers will be paid with funds received through Cambria County.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Company and the Hilltop Ambulance reports were received and are on file.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo reported three building permits issued and three negative sewer compliance tests. Mr. Wargo stated property maintenance issues are being steadily examined. Mr. Wargo stated positive sewer compliance visual tests from 2008 are in the process of being dye tested noting 17 units will be notified to cement the drains.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Duray excused. Mr. Wargo reported Weimer's Blacksmith & Welding Shop will be completing the Harding Street Steps at a cost of \$6,160.00. Mr. Wargo noted the CAP report for the first half of 2009 has been prepared.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported that at least five manholes are needed noting three are done and the street crew is in the process of digging the fourth. Mr. Ewald stated road lines have been painted. Mr. Ewald commended the street crew for their excellent work.

B. Personnel: Nothing to report.

C. Police Committee: Mayor Sloat reported the next meeting is July 22. Mayor Sloat noted the proposed contract for the Officers includes a fifty cent per hour increase in each year of the five-year contract.

D. Insurance Committee: Mr. Strittmatter absent. Nothing to report.

E. Budget Committee: Mr. Pile reported on line items noting ninety percent (90%) of real estate taxes have been collected. Mr. Pile also noted utilities need to be examined to lower costs.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa reported the TreeVitalize grant is moving along. Mr. Wargo reported two foresters, Mike McNamara and Dennis Mash, reviewed 104 King Street and 420 and 422 State Street regarding tree issues noting both recommended the tree at 104 King Street not be removed and the trees at 420 State Street need to be removed. Mr. Krupa noted work will be completed when the TreeVitalize Grant monies come in. Mr. Krupa stated Penelec is not responding quickly enough to potentially hazardous tree issues along the Easy Grade.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory reported the search for Mr. Dave Roman's replacement is underway.

H. Properties Committee: Mr. Kory reported he and Mr. Wargo will inspect the Borough for needed upgrades and repairs. Mr. Kory stated a report of the findings will be given at the next meeting.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa reported the next meeting will be held August 4 with a picnic and sewer camera training.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported a copy of the financial report was received. Mr. Pile noted the Water Authority website is now online.

K. Open Records: Mr. Kory reported the Borough website needs to be back online. Mr. Wargo will follow up. Mr. Wargo stated the attorney handling a basement flooding case previously requested documents under the open records act noting the attorney requested the fees for copies be waived. A motion was not made and the fees are still to be paid. Mr. Wargo stated he recently participated in a "Lock-Up" to raise money for the

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Muscular Dystrophy Association noting he raised \$625.00 and has more contributions pending.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported the Centax issue is progressing and a report should be received from Wessell & Company soon. Solicitor Lovette reported the garbage agreement has been finished.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported on an energy grant to install new lighting throughout the Borough office noting it will cut electricity costs in half. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve applying for the grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo stated two part-time street workers are needed for a short period of time. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to hire two part-time workers for one month at minimum wage. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve advertising of televising and cleaning the sanitary sewer system for September. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve removing high weeds and grass letters from the BOCA Code payment list. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2009-25 which approves Mr. Wargo to apply for the PA Conservation Works! Recovery Grant for the replacement of lights throughout the Borough building. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported no bids were received for the 2004 dump truck. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the re-advertisement of the 2004 dump truck in three separate newspapers. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Czyrnik stated Penn Dot has reported the 2008 Liquid Fuels procedures were correctly followed and all balances are accurate. Ms. Czyrnik reported copies of 2003 thru 2008 payments from Centax were picked up by Wessell & Company for the Earned Income Tax audit.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to note the receipt of the June tax collector's report in the amount of \$21,969.74. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the bills for June 2009 in the amount of \$64,664.42. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr.

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Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Krupa in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0)

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the July 20, 2009 meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk