

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905
Minutes for November 16, 2015

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 16, 2015 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 Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald (Arrived 4:08 p.m.), William Kory, Kevin Pile (Arrived 4:08 p.m.), Sheree Speicher and Robert Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; West Hills Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of October 19, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officers handed out treat bags to children in all four municipalities on Halloween Night and assisted with traffic control for the safety of runners during the Morley's Run through Lower Westmont and Brownstown Boroughs. Chief Lose reported Officer Stutzman completed recertification training in the use and instruction of the Taser Electrical Weapon and has again received his instructor certification. Chief Lose stated Captain Musulin and Officer West attended a class on drug Interdiction Traffic Stops that was sponsored by the PA Attorney General's Office and given by Troopers from the PSP Shield Program.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported crews worked four back to back calls, which included a vehicle accident in Southmont, a house fire in Upper Yoder, a vehicle accident with entrapment in Upper Yoder, and an animal rescue in Southmont. Chief Weslager reported crews assisted West Hills with a car fire in Ferndale that caught a 3-car garage and house on fire. Chief Weslager reported members collected money at the annual boot drive to cover new equipment and members attended a funeral service for firefighter Shawn Adams. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2015-06, which authorizes submission of a Financial Assistance Application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Authority (PENNVEST). Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to execute a letter of responsibility regarding the Application for Financial Assistance in the amount of \$9,957,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority to the Borough of Southmont for the establishment of improvement for collection and treatment of sewage system. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Council discussed the twenty homes near the Westmont Middle School that were not included on the sewer project maps and agreed to include them in the project.

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Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two zoning permits issued to 105 Milton Street (addition) and 331 Diamond Blvd. (retaining wall). Mr. Wargo reported two approved sewage compliance certificates to 270 Southmont Blvd. and 497 Christine Court.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported approximately 530 temporary easement notices were mailed out.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2016 Tentative General Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2016 Tentative Garbage Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2016 Tentative Sewer Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to advertise the 2016 Tentative General Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to advertise the 2016 Tentative Garbage Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to advertise the 2016 Tentative Sewer Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Council discussed the request from Lee Kring and Jerome Petro of 909 Menoher Blvd. to absolve late fees on paid county taxes. The request stated the discount payment was made in March 2015 through online billpay, but did not go through and was not noticed until September 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to absolve the penalty and refund the penalty amount of \$192.47 to Lee Kring and Jerome Petro of 909 Menoher Blvd. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Kory opposed. Motion carried (4-3).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

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

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to re-appoint Ed Danyluk and Kevin Pile to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from October 20, 2015 through November 16, 2015 in the amount of \$14,744.92. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from October 21, 2015 through November 17, 2015 in the amount of \$49,412.19. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made to accept the October 2015 treasurer's report in the amount of \$551,665.29. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the October 2015 tax collector's report in the amount of \$0.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

An Executive Session was called by Mr. Danyluk at 4:34 p.m. to discuss pending legal matters. Executive Session ended at 4:47 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the November 16, 2015 meeting at 4:47 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer