

Re-Organization MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
January 5, 2004 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled Reorganization Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Sloat at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the January 5, 2004 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak and Judith Czyrnik.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Rose Kniss - Auditor,
Teresa Meehan - Auditor
Joseph Stopko - Lawn Tamers.

MAYOR

At this time Mayor Sloat administered the Loyalty Oath of Office to the newly elected Borough Auditors Rose Kniss and Teresa Meehan. After the Oath of Office was completed Mayor Sloat called for nominations for Council President. Mr. Rodgers nominated Mr. Pile as President and Mr. Kory seconded the nomination. Nominations closed Mr. Rodgers. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, opposed none. Nomination approved.

Mayor called for nominations for Council Vice-President. Mr. Kory nominated Mr. Rodgers as Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Graham. Nomination closed Mr. Graham. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, opposed none. Nomination approved.

Mayor called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Mr. Rodgers nominated Mr. Strittmatter and seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Graham moved the nominations be closed. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, opposed none. Nomination approved.

At this time, Mayor Sloat turned the gavel over to President Pile. Three Councilmen elect presented their Certificate of Election. The Mayor administered the Loyalty Oath of Office to Kevin L. Pile, Edward Danyluk and Thomas Strittmatter.

At this time, President Pile thanked the Council for the confidence they have placed in him. President Pile went over the reappointments to Commissions and Boards. Robert Griffith has resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board, Tax Appeal Board and Boca Code Appeal Board; Mr. Ralph Lovette will accept these various appointments for the five year term. Mr. Rodgers moved to accept, with regret Mr. Griffith's resignation, seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, opposed none. A letter will be sent to Mr. Griffith accepting his resignation. Mr. Glass, Mr. Madison and Mr. Pullen accepted the one year term for Alternate Zoning Hearing Board. No appointment made at this time for Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Mr. Sloat and Mr. Strittmatter accepted the two year term for West Hills Regional Police. Mr. Krupa, Mr. Sheesley and Mr. Lovette accepted the three year term for the Tax Appeal Board. Dr. Kastelic accepted the five year term for Borough Health Officer.

President Pile passed out forms to all Council to fill out and return to him by Friday, January 9th on Committees they would like to be on. President Pile reminded all that change is good for a new fresher prospective. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to have the regular Council meetings be held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. except the meeting in December which should be held on the 6th. The Committee meetings should be held on Tuesday, as needed, at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, opposed none. Mr. Rodgers moved to accept Resolution number 2004-01 that Loretta M. Spak, Manager of the Borough of Southmont, is appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Borough of Southmont. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, opposed none.

VISITOR

President Pile invited Mr. Stopko to speak in response to letter that was received from Lawn Tamers on Council's nonpayment of an Invoice dated October 20, 2003 for work performed at 570 Hershberger Road. Mr. Stopko discussed that the services rendered on October 20th were separate from the work rendered on October 10th. After discussion Mr. Graham made a motion to pay Lawn Tamers the full amount of \$180.00. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Six in favor, Mr. Stritmatter opposed. Motion carried. All future requests for specific work to be done will be put in writing or a walk through of property with contractor before work is started noting property lines, etc. Mr. Stopko appreciates the opportunity to work for the Borough.

At this time, President Pile discussed the GIS overlay. Greater Johnstown Water Authority requests a confidentiality statement with Southmont Borough in sharing this information. Solicitor Lovette will be looking into making the GIS system not part of public domain. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for oversight by Solicitor Lovette for client attorney privilege. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, none opposed. The GIS system will need to stay in the Borough office and be password protected. The use of system should be by Mr. Bosley, Ms. Spak, and Engineer Dave Duray.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept Resolution of Appreciation to Mrs. Czyrnik number 2004-02. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, none opposed. A round of applause was given to Mrs. Czyrnik for her 16 years of service. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to plant a tree in Mrs. Czyrnik's honor. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, none opposed.

President Pile previously asked Council to review the "No Turning" sign on Arlington Street. Mr. Kenney, 146 State Street, has called members of Council complaining that the sign is on his property. Mr. Bosley suggested that perhaps the sign should be placed on the utility pole. We will need to check if this is allowed.

Solicitor Lovette discussed Mr. Prescott's election to the Auditor position. Mr. Prescott has removed himself from the position. A letter was sent to Mr. Prescott by Solicitor Lovette, asking for him to sign and return, stating he is removing himself from the position.

Mr. Bosley discussed the sanitary problem at Mr. Graham's house on State Street. There is apparently another blockage caused by a heavy concrete slab on property of Mr. Horner, next door to Mr. Graham. Mr. Bosley and Mr. Duray will review this problem on Wednesday, January 7th and report back to Council. Mr. Bosley discussed a possible solution of using slip lining in the sanitary line. They will report back to Council with their findings.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Spak, Borough Manager