

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for August 16, 2010

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 16, 2010 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czynnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile and Mr. Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, West Hills Police Sgt. George Musulin

Absent: Council Member Mr. Tom Strittmatter (out of town), Fire Chief Mike Leckey, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Engineer Scott Rughe (excused)

Visitors: Mike Butler, 6 Cox Street (curb cut)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the ratification of payroll for July 21, 2010 through August 16, 2010 in the amount of \$14,337.14. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of the bills from July 21, 2010 through August 17, 2010 in the amount of \$100,504.81. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the July 2010 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to note the receipt of the July 2010 tax collector's report in the amount of \$2,287.71. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas absent. Sgt. Musulin reported Corporal Lose and Officer Fisher attended a taser instruction class and have been re-certified as taser instructors. Mayor Paolini stated a recent speed report on Langhorne Avenue was completed after complaints of speeding were received and found the average speed to be 23-24 miles per hour. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve "Watch Children" signs to be installed on Langhorne Avenue. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Fire Company's Report

Chief Leckey absent. Hilltop ambulance report received and on file.

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a flow meter was installed from June 2010 to August 2010 on State Street to monitor additional inflow. Mr. Wargo stated expected inflow is 115,000 gallons per day and actual inflow is 406,000 gallons per day. Mr. Wargo noted a workshop meeting will be planned to discuss solutions.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two zoning permits issued and four sewer compliance applications. Mr. Wargo stated a hearing with the magistrate's office will occur August 17, 2010 regarding property maintenance issues at 331 Southmont Blvd. Mr. Wargo stated a verbal request from 6 Cox Street for a curb cut.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported dye testing is approximately fifty percent complete. Mr. Wargo stated Highmark is not wanting to honor the consortium noting Highmark stated municipal employees are not considered county employees. Mr. Wargo will be shopping for other health insurance providers as a precaution. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the Stormwater Management Ordinance No. 482. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported a petition is being filed regarding 12 Harding Street to begin the process of obtaining ownership. A brief discussion was held regarding Central Tax Bureau's lack of response by the designated date. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Attorney Dan Rullo to file a complaint against Central Tax Bureau. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Mr. Kory and Mr. Ewald opposed. Motion carried (4-2). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve changes made to the Floodplain Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Secretary's Report

Ms. Czynnik reported worker's compensation is \$17,294.00 which is up \$645.00 from last year and is to be paid in installments. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve Resolution 2010-05 opposing House Bill No. 2431. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Mr. Kory opposed. Motion carried (5-1). Ms. Claycomb reported the past due garbage and sewer maintenance bills will be mailed out by August 18, 2010.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Mayor Paolini and Council to attend PA State Association of Boroughs Fall Leadership Conference October 15 – 17, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Strittmatter absent.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reviews line items noting some are over budget so far. Mr. Pile reported interviews were conducted at the tax collection meeting with tax collecting agencies noting a vote will be held on September 9, 2010 to decide which agency to award the contract to.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported a list of approved shade trees will be compiled.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory stated the Hilltop Recreation would be holding a picnic on August 25, 2010.

H. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory noted a few minor issues to be addressed regarding a motorcycle parked on the street for a prolonged period and municipal building upkeep.

I. COG Report: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the interconnection is ongoing and a loan has been obtained noting the Authority will still be applying for grants.

K. Open Records: One open records request received for July regarding dye testing results.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the August 16, 2010 meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk