

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for February 15, 2010

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled February 15, 2010 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney John Lovette, sitting in for Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czynnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald arrived at 7:20, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini,

Absent: Solicitor Dan Lovette, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the January 19, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the January 26, 2010 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the February 9, 2010 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the ratification of payroll for the pay periods of January 13, 2010 through January 27, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the bills for January 19, 2010 through February 15, 2010 in the amount of \$57,330.33. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the January 2010 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Ms. Czynnik noted a tax collector's report was not received, but will be ready for the next Council meeting.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas absent. Mr. Danyluk inquired whether the police could charge for services provided to Johnstown, Richland and Conemaugh Township Police Departments by Officer Watts, a Certified Truck Inspector, noting Officer Watts is the only inspector within these Departments. The issue will be discussed at the next Police Committee meeting.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported Solicitor Lovette reviewed and approved the Engineering Retainer proposal from The EADS Group. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve hiring The EADS Group as the Borough Engineer on an as needed basis. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo stated one sewer compliance certificate was filed and approved for 213 Leila Street. Mr. Wargo noted a request was made by a Borough resident to be married under the Chapin Arch. Mr. Wargo referred the resident to the appropriate contacts.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Paolini reported meeting with Ms. Czyrnik and Mr. Al Kline of the Cambria County Emergency Management Agency to review the Operations Plan that has not been updated since 2003. Mayor Paolini noted he and Mr. Morgan will have to take NIMS training.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the owner of property at 12 Harding Street has not contacted Solicitor Lovette or the Borough in the allotted time. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to give permission to Solicitor Lovette to file any necessary paperwork to begin the process for the Borough to obtain the property through the Abandoned and Blighted Properties Act. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried (7-0). Mr. Wargo reported the Corrective Action Plan was submitted by the EADS Group. Mr. Wargo reported over-flow problems at the manhole on State Street have been caused by a missing section of pipe and a disjointed section of pipe noting the problem will be fixed in the summer. Mr. Wargo suggested an ordinance prohibiting residents from putting snow into right of ways. Mr. Wargo will research the issue.

Solicitor's Report

An executive session was called at 7:40 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Executive session closed at 7:47 p.m. and Council resumed its regular Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve hiring Attorney Daniel Rullo on an as needed basis. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported space is limited to plow snow. Mr. Wargo noted he is contemplating moving snow to the State Street soccer field.

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B. Administration: Ms. Czyrnik noted a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mr. Kory suggested Mr. Lary Koval for this position. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the new appointments and reappointments to the Commissions and Boards as follows: Zoning Hearing Board (5 year term) - William Carstensen Jr.; Planning Commission (4 year term) – William Trevorrow, Terry Conrad and Lary Koval; IPMC Code Appeal Board (5 year term) - William Carstensen Jr.; Alternate Zoning Hearing Board (1 year term) – Charles Glass, Ronald Madison and Francis Kelly; Greater Johnstown Water Authority (5 year term) – Steven Verotsky; Vacancy Board Chairman (4 year term) – Terry Conrad; West Hills Regional Police (2 year term) – Mayor Paolini, Tom Strittmatter, Ed Danyluk, Bob Morgan and all of Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Pile opposed, motion carried (6-1).

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Finance Committee: Mr. Pile reported on a few line items. Mr. Pile reported on a Cambria County Tax Collector meeting he attended.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Wargo reported the Shade Tree Commission and Shade Tree Ordinance are currently being restructured.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory reports Ms. Robin Gates has been hired as director and has numerous ideas on improving recreation activities.

H. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

I. COG Report: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the permit has been approved for the inter-connection between Ligonier and Johnstown. Mr. Pile stated the next meeting will be held February 18, 2010.

K. Open Records: No requests. Nothing to report.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the February 15, 2010 meeting at 8:04 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk