

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR JUNE 15, 2026

The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the scheduled June 15, 2026 Council meeting was called to order by President Doug Beri at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members Doug Beri, Richard Burkert, Sheree Speicher; Bob Morgan, Eugene Kupchella, Kurt Wolford, Matthew McVicker; Solicitor Mike Sahlaney; Borough Manager Amanda Layton; Street Commissioner Sam McAdams; Engineer Todd Banks; Police Chief William (B.J.) Newman; James Dailey (SVFC); Asst. Sec Debra Riek.

Absent: Mayor Mark Drummy.

Visitors: John Klanchar (104 Dahlia Street), Lary Koval (336 Orchard Street)

Public Comment:

Mr. Koval stated that he was disappointed tree trunks on Orchard Street have not been removed since he reported them 6 months ago. Mr. Koval also asked about painting center lines on Southmont Blvd. for the safety of the community. Mr. Koval asked if people can be cited if there are no center lines on the Boulevard. Police Chief Newman stated that people can be cited but not arrested.

Mr. Klanchar was in agreement with Mr. Koval regarding the line painting.

Bids:

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve opening the 2026 Shady Lane paving bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

One bid was received from Quaker Sales in the amount of \$51,780.00

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the bid with Quaker Sales for \$51,780.00 pending review and approval of the Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the May 18, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief's Report

The May 2026 Police Chief's report was received and is on file.

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Fire Company Report

The May 2026 Fire Chief's report was received and is on file. Mr. Dailey reported the annual Jubilee was very successful this year because of the great weather and they have started planning next year for the 100th Anniversary.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported the building project punch list was compiled and his firm has started working on the MS4 map.

Zoning Report

The monthly report was received and is on file.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Sahleney reported the briefs for the Hanevig appeal are due by July 15th and there are no new developments in the class lawsuit.

Street Commissioner Report

The May 2026 Street Commissioner's report was received and is on file.

Borough Manager Report

The May 2026 Borough Manager's report was received and is on file. Mrs. Layton reported that the mailings for the Forward Fund were sent out last week and \$435.00 was received already and the kickoff event will be held Thursday, June 18th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the borough building

Mayor's Report

Mr. Drummy was absent.

Committees:

Administration: Mr. Beri stated that there will be a meeting on June 30th at 4:00 p.m. at the borough building to discuss a new appointment to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Board.

Community Planning & Improvements: Mr. Burkert stated there was a meeting last week and the consultants are working on the draft comprehensive plan.

Emergency Management: Mr. Drummy was absent. Nothing to report.

Finance: Mrs. Speicher stated that the audit was completed and a date will be set for review.

Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Kupchella reported that the North Fork Dam is now underway.

MS4/Stormwater: Nothing to report.

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Personnel: Nothing to report.

Police: Nothing to report.

Property Maintenance, Street and Sidewalks: Mr. McVicker addressed Chief Newman stating he has received concerns of electric scooters on the streets. Chief Newman stated electric scooters are not allowed on sidewalks or streets and only allowed on private property noting he will provide the borough with an informational sheet that can be included in an upcoming newsletter.

Shade Tree:

Mr. Burkert reported that the field work for the tree inventory has been completed and the inventory and analysis report will be received this summer.

A motion was made by Mr. Burkert to approve opening a bank account at Somerset Trust company for the DCNR tree inventory grant. Motion second by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Wolford to approve the press release for the DCNR Street Tree Inventory Grant. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Burkert informed the council that the shade tree committee will develop materials and do PR to find residents interested in serving on the Shade Tree Commission

New Business/Old Business:

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve Resolution 2026-01, disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$18,230.50 for Mid-State Construction. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Business Items:

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve ratification of payroll from May 19, 2026 through June 15, 2026, in the amount of \$13,462.88. Motion seconded by Mr. Kupchella. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Roll call: Mr. Beri, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Kupchella, Mr. Burkert, Mr. Wolford, and Mr. McVicker in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve payment of bills from May 19, 2026 to June 15, 2026 in the amount of \$292,512.67. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Beri, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Kupchella, Mr. Burkert, Mr. Wolford, and Mr. McVicker in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the transfers from May 19, 2026 to June 15, 2026 in the amount of \$277,192.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kupchella. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the May 2026 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to accept the Tax Collection's Report for May 2026. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Speicher for adjournment of the June 15, 2026 meeting at 5:26 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Riek
Assistant Secretary