

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for June 17, 2019

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled June 17, 2019 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald (4:07 p.m.), Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Michael Butler; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter

Absent: Mayor Mark Yonko; Engineer Todd Banks

Correspondence: A letter was received from James Carbaugh, Southmont Volunteer Fire Company President, requesting a front door key for the SVFD Treasurer Ron Kautz so he can use the front door after borough office hours to access the fire company office because he has hip issues making it difficult to walk up the back stairway. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to provide Ron Kautz with a front door key to the municipal building. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve the May 20, 2019 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported the West Hills Regional Police 4th Annual Open House on July 27th from 11am-2pm.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Butler stated a report for May 2019 was not available yet noting the member that created the reports stepped down from the fire company and they are trying to find someone to take over for him.

Chief Butler stated the Jubilee was a success noting they were only down approximately \$7,000 from the previous year despite the bad weather and tornado watches throughout the week.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks absent. Mr. Lingenfelter stated Stiffler McGraw is in the design phase for the repairs needed to Tomato Alley. Solicitor Carbonara reported the easements for the triangle on Menoher Blvd. have been filed and Snyder Environmental Services has been notified that they can begin the laterals in that area.

Zoning Officer's Report

The May 2019 Zoning Report was received and is on file. The Borough Services Committee will meet with Mark Walker to finalize an agreement on zoning and codes enforcement services.

Street Commissioner's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to remove the three spring rides at Diamond Blvd. Playground. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Morgan opposed. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion passed (4-3). Mr. Lingenfelter stated once the area dries up we will bring in more mulch and will be looking at future upgrades to the playground. Mr. Lingenfelter also stated the playground needs to be inspected by a certified inspector at least once per year and the office is looking into getting him certified as an inspector.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he is obtaining further information regarding House Bill 1683, Fire Company tax credit, and provided Mrs. Speicher with more information regarding the Uniform Construction Code to be reviewed.

Solicitor Carbonara suggested council advertise for garbage bids in August.

Executive Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve paying off the current cell phones in the amount of \$537.50 in order to switch the account from a consumer account to a government account. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Tree Expert to provide stump grinding services to the borough at a rate of \$500.00 per day. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yonko absent.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald stated the street and office employees are doing a great job and he will be meeting with Mr. Lingenfelter to compile a street grading list.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile reported an Assistant Office Secretary hasn't been hired yet.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve hiring a seasonal grass cutter at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reported all looks good and he will be meeting with Mrs. Layton to begin reviewing the budget for the remainder of 2019 and to plan for 2020.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

I. Open Records: Mr. Danyluk reported two open records requests were received from American Transparency for 2018 employee information and from SmartProcure for 2019 vendor information.

J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

N. Centennial: Council agreed to send the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company and Centennial Committee members thank you cards for all of their help with the centennial celebration planning.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from May 21, 2019 through June 17, 2019 in the amount of \$22,101.54. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher stepped out to take a call. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to payment of bills from May 22, 2019 through June 17 2019 in the amount of \$105,283.16. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher stepped out to take a call. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the May 2019 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,441,573.16. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mrs. Speicher stepped out to take a call. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the May 2019 tax collectors report in the amount of \$1,465.62. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mrs. Speicher stepped out to take a call. Motion carried (6-0).

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the June 17, 2019 meeting at 4:51 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Layton

Secretary/Treasurer