

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for May 15, 2017

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled May 15, 2017 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald (4:22 p.m.), Kevin Pile Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Sgt. Ed Fisher; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Council Member William Kory

Visitors: Boy Scout Troop 217 (Observing for Citizenship Badge)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of April 17, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Police Chief's Report

Police Sgt. Fisher reported all employees have completed mandatory Criminal Justice Security and Awareness Training that is required to maintain Criminal History Security and Officer Beblar has completed the required PA State Police Training for NCIC Certification to be the WHRP Department's TAC Officer. Police Sgt. Fisher also reported Officer Stutzman has completed training from John Rock, Inc. Defensive Driving Program and Officer West attended the 37th Annual Child Abuse Workshop sponsored by the Cambria-Somerset Council for Education of Health Professionals.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted Penelec with a downed tree and five telephone poles on Cheney Street and assisted West Hills with smoke in the structure.

The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported Phase I of the sanitary sewer project is progressing well noting the main lines are approximately 50% complete and laterals are approximately 35% complete. A progress meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m.

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A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve PennVest Requisition #7 in the amount of \$508,028.72. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Kukurin Contracting Pay Estimate #6 in the amount of \$478,491.88. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0).

Solicitor Carbonara reported the LGUDA application for Phase II of the sewer project has been re-mailed because the original version was damaged during mailing.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported four building permits issued to 42 Shady Lane (storage shed), 826 Diamond Blvd. (roof overhang), 204 State Street (fence), and 600 Harshberger Rd. (fence).

Mr. Wargo reported five certificates of compliance issued to 1027 Luzerne Street, 12 Shady Lane, 129 Mabel Street, 774 Goucher Street, and 96 Helen Street. No sump pumps were found.

Mr. Wargo reported the Planning Commission has a meeting on May 24th at 4:00 p.m. to review the revised zoning ordinance.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the Greater Johnstown Water Authority has installed the water line and a pressure relief valve is to be installed within the next one to two months.

Mr. Wargo informed Council that the borough centennial is coming up in 2019 and preparations will need to begin shortly. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to allow Mr. Wargo to begin preparations for a centennial celebration to be held in the summer of 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Wargo stated he has noticed that numerous homes in the borough are missing house numbers or do not have properly sized numbers. A notice will be sent out regarding the need for house numbers.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he has reviewed the zoning ordinance and made further changes.

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Solicitor Carbonara reported the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania granted an extension of time for Southmont Borough to file its brief and the reproduced record by June 30, 2017.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve filing the County Aid Application for 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent. Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is looking into stopping fluoridation to water and a notice has been sent out to all GJWA customers.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from April 19, 2017 through May 15, 2017 in the amount of \$17,893.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from April 19, 2017 through May 16, 2017 in the amount of \$544,653.27. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the April 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$1,498,150.51. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the April 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$164,744.95. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the May 15, 2017 meeting at 4:23 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer