

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
July 17, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled July Council meeting was called to order by Vice President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the July 17, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Vice President Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette left at 7:15 P.M., West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Zoning Officers: Dyke Orms and Ryan Adams, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, and Borough Manager: Loretta Spak.

ABSENT: President Pile, Mr. Danyluk, and Engineer: Dave Duray out of town.

VISITORS: Ms. Grasser, 148 State Street, speeding on State Street.

Vice President Rodgers asked for approval of the June 19, 2006 Council Minutes and the committee meeting notes of June 20, 2006 and June 27, 2006. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

Vice President Rodgers mentioned the committee meeting of July 11th, which had five items on the agenda, was cancelled due to councilmen summer commitments; will be rescheduled by end of meeting. Vice President Rodgers called upon Mrs. Grasser. Mrs. Grasser is concerned about the speeding on lower State Street. It is still a problem and it is not going to go away and neither is she. This is an important safety issue that Council needs to address. Ms. Spak will notify Mrs. Grasser with the committee meeting date when set.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for June shows revenue in the amount of \$92.66 (ordinance violations \$31.81 and vehicle violations \$60.85). Police Chief Havas updated Mrs. Grasser about a grant they applied for which if they are approved will be used for a radar speed display unit. Vice President Rodgers requested Mrs. Grasser bring any suggestions she has to the committee meeting and her suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Adams report was received. Report records activity of thirteen (13) permits at a total construction of \$393,867 as of 7/13/06. A BOCA letter was sent to 206 Violet Street due to high grass and unused objects in the yard.

Vice President Rodgers called for Solicitor's Report. Solicitor Lovette updated Council on the PCB hearing that was held for Johnstown Brewing Company noise exemption application. Vice President Rodgers and Mr. Ewald were in attendance along with three Southmont residents and some others. Mr. Ewald did a good job addressing residents' noise concerns. If noise becomes a nuisance Council will revoke resolution 2006-02. There are no complaints on current operators from residents.

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The PLCB decision will be reached by end of July or beginning of August. Solicitor Lovette was excused by Council, left at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion for Mr. Orms to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town. At this time Mayor Sloat performed the loyalty oath swearing in Mr. Orms to the Zoning Hearing Board. Vice President Pile thanked Mayor Sloat and congratulated Mr. Orms.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records twenty-four (24) responses during the month of June. There were two (2) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had four (4) assists in June; two (2) to Upper Yoder, one (1) to Ferndale, and one (1) to Dale. Chief Borosky asked if Council can help relieve 429 State Street of basement flooding during heavy rain. Mr. Bosley will contact Mr. Bruce, 429 State Street, to offer suggestions. The basement flooding is caused by infiltration from Upper Yoder (Goucher Street area). The fire company will schedule a meeting with Council when all the bills for jubilee are accounted for. Councilmen were a big help operating gambling booths and working in kitchen during the jubilee. On June 20th there was a fire fatality. The last fatality in Southmont caused by fire was in 1979. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for July was received. Ms. Spak will remind engineer to have someone present from firm when he is unavailable to attend the monthly council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report, discussion followed. Mr. Bosley informed Council about a sink hole by Overbrook Church. He is investigating (televising) to see which lines are tied in, where water is coming from (steady flow). Mr. Bosley will speak with COG on Ebensburg use of camera. Ebensburg Borough does not handle the sewer; that is a different entity. Mr. Bosley recommended, Mayor Sloat agrees, a no parking to corner sign should be placed on Shady Lane near Cheney Street; school bus will never be able to make that turn if vehicles are parked. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to place a no parking to corner sign on Shady Lane. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Mr. Bosley is working on an agility proposal to coordinate with Solicitor Lovette and PennDot. Mr. Ewald mentioned to Mr. Bosley if he could paint a double yellow line at bottom of Shady Lane (like top half of Shady Lane "S" curve). Mr. Ewald will find some bee keepers and will contact Mrs. King with the information. Mr. Bosley mentioned he has asked Mr. Duray to work up a profile for the sewer line on Orchard Street, which backs up about twice a year.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk out of town, nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa asked Mr. Bosley if the personnel were sufficient for the Borough needs; at this time we are okay.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat had nothing new to report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory is pleased with recycling of the plastic to Haresh Pandya. Vice President Rodgers mentioned it feels good knowing the Borough's plastic is really being recycled and not just dumped in a land fill.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers had nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter had nothing new to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa mentioned a letter was sent to Mr. Kupchella allowing removal of the two designated trees and minimal trimming of lower branches on the others. Have not heard any comments, ball is in his court. We are waiting for action from the Lucetta Street residents; Mr. Krupa will check for progress at end of July. The removal of the tree on Langhorne and repair of the Cheney Run fence is completed.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory mentioned Mr. Vickroy, Westmont Hilltop Recreation Director, has resigned his position and will stay until end of August. They are looking to fill this position. Mr. Kory stated Mr. Vickroy has done a great job and he wishes him well in future endeavors.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley did the annual building and grounds inspection, report received. Discussion followed concerning the restroom/maintenance building at soccer field which is constantly vandalized and defaced. This along with the soccer nets which are down over hill will be placed on the next committee meeting agenda. Mr. Kory will let the conservancy group know that some repairs need to be completed to the Chapin Arch. Mr. Kory states Mr. Bosley and his crew is doing a great job maintaining the buildings and grounds.

COG REPORT

Mr. Ewald had nothing new to report. Ms. Spak will forward the 2006 COG services to Council. Mr. Bosley will contact Johnstown City (Mr. Darby Sprintze) to have the lower end of Langhorne Street branches trimmed back.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory mentioned the grass needs cut at the Chaplin Arch which Grandview maintains. Ms. Spak will call and speak with Mr. Kondor, Grandview Cemetery Director, concerning the arch and fence around basin ZP2005-21.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The June minutes were received. Mr. Pile out of town, nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat mentioned Ms. Singleton, 309 Palliser Street, called him for permission to have Penelec remove a branch from the utility lines, permission given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

See page one, Solicitor Lovette requested to be excused early.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Mr. Kory made a motion for Mr. Adams to attend workshop "Duties of a Zoning Officer" on August 23rd in Greensburg at the registration fee of \$25. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Southmont Borough's annual donation to the Community Arts Center will go in part to sustaining fund and to concerts on the green. Mr. Kory made a motion for any councilmen or F/T road crew personnel be approved to attend NIMS training at the registration fee of \$25. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Councilmen will inform Ms. Spak on which NIMS training they will be completing (via internet, attending class August 12th in Altoona or August 26th in Greensburg). Ms. Spak updated council on Attorney Shahade comments concerning Mr. Gresh's billboard/sign request. Mr. Kory made a motion to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve June's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$355,294.51. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kory noted we received the June Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$13,105.40. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Ms. Spak will hold and verify with Paul C. Rizzo Associates, Inc. on the eight (8) hour charge for Johnstown Brewing Company maps. Ms. Spak will send invoice to Johnstown Brewing Company for reimbursement of the charge. Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve payment of bills (holding check #8402 in the amount of \$2,309.50) in the amount of \$103,161.98. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Rodgers all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Rodgers discussed the "Tickler List".

NEW BUSINESS

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2006; will have a full agenda (five items from the July 11th cancelled committee meeting plus soccer nets and vandalism to restroom).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the July 17, 2006 meeting at 8:15 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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