

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for June 16, 2014

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled June 16, 2014 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher, and Robert Morgan; Corporal Michael Lose; Mayor Mark Yonko; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Council Member William Kory

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the May 29, 2014 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the May 19, 2014 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the June 3, 2013 zoning committee meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the June 10, 2014 workshop meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Corporal Lose has been appointed as West Hills Regional Police Chief as of June 30, 2014 since Chief Andrew Havas is retiring. Corporal Lose reported he, Chief Havas, and Officers Fisher and Stutzman, and their wives and families, and police secretary Judith Fetsko assisted with the Memorial Day Bike Contest and Festivities that was held in the parking lot of the Westmont Middle School just prior to the parade and Memorial Day Ceremony at Grandview Cemetery.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager thanked Council for its assistance and use of equipment for the 2014 Jubilee and stated it went very well this year. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported he received a quote for aerial mapping from Stiffler McGraw to assist with sanitary sewer projects in the amount of \$21,180.00.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported zoning permits issued to 400 Diamond Blvd. (fence and shed), 136 Violet Street (fence), 12 Cox Street (porch extension), 501 Edward Street (driveway material change), 515 Diamond Blvd. (replace deck material – wood to laminate), and

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203 Mabel Street (fence). Mr. Wargo reported approved sewer compliance certificates to 111 King Street, 2 Shady Lane, 106 Dell Street, 414 State Street, 227 Mabel Street, 311 Southmont Blvd., 204 Thoburn Street, and 100 King Street. Mr. Wargo stated Mr. Paul Sheesley has hired a contractor to continue working on repairs at the mudslide site on Stillray Street noting part of the property has been contoured and grass planted to prevent another mudslide. Mr. Wargo noted work will continue as weather permits. Mr. Wargo reported the zoning committee met on June 3, 2014 noting the committee will review two sections of the zoning ordinance per meeting, which will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo stated he spoke with Larry Gasperato from PENNVEST who stated the borough would qualify for up to \$11 million in loans and could qualify for grants on top of that to complete the sanitary sewer replacement projects. Mr. Wargo reported the fire company audit is set to begin the end of June. Mr. Wargo stated a letter was received from Johnstown Redevelopment Authority requesting attendance at an informal meeting with local municipalities on June 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's Parish in Johnstown to review upcoming milestones, obligations and actions the Authority is considering to comply with the balance of the Consent Order & Agreement. Mr. Wargo reported a resident stated the \$50.00 fee associated with a handicap parking application violates the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mr. Wargo checked with Attorney Carbonara who stated municipalities are not required to provide on street handicap parking so a fee is acceptable as long as it pertains to costs for the handicap parking space.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Wargo reported an appeal hearing regarding the Lamar Advertising sign request will be scheduled for mid-July. Solicitor Carbonara reported the deed for Southmont Boroughs portion of The Ridge has been signed over to Upper Yoder Township.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Claycomb reported the West Hills Regional Police audit was received and the 2011-2013 Municipal Pension Audit started on June 10, 2014.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve aerial mapping to be contracted out by Stiffler McGraw in the amount of \$21,180.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve three to four additional flow meters installed by Stiffler McGraw. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve a meeting with Southmont Borough, PENNVEST, Stiffler McGraw, and possibly RUS. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported paving is set to begin at the end of June.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve hiring David Farra on an as needed part-time basis at \$7.25 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

D. Police Committee: Mr. Morgan reported the police agreed to the police negotiation contract package and a formal signing is to come.

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

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported one tree is left to be planted on Diamond Blvd. to replace a removed dead tree noting the hole has already been dug.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Wargo reported repairs to the outer garage wall at the municipal building are complete.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from May 20, 2013 through June 16, 2014 in the amount of \$13,398.21. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from May 21, 2014 through June 17, 2014 in the amount of \$56,259.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the May 2014 treasurers report. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the May 2014 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,445.44. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the June 16, 2014 meeting at 4:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer