

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2020

The scheduled April 20, 2020 teleconference Council meeting was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mark Yonko; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members Edward Danyluk, Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, and Robert Morgan; Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter; Police Chief Michael Lose; Engineers Todd Banks and Brian Shura

Absent: Council Members Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald; Fire Chief Michael Butler

Visitors: Toby McIlwain, Mark Drummey

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the Council meeting minutes of March 16, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Visitors:

Mr. McIlwain and Mr. Drummey addressed council regarding a tree that had fallen between their properties on an old alley noting the previous Borough Manager had assured them it would be taken care of. Mr. Lingenfelter stated it was something the Public Works Department could not handle in house. Mr. Morgan stated he will inspect the tree and see what can be done.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose stated the April 2020 Police Chief's Report would be available within the next week. Chief Lose reported the police department purchased a new police cruiser and will be getting bids for outfitting it.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Butler absent. Mr. Rodgers suggested sending a thank you letter to Chief Butler for his donation of N-95 masks to the fire company.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported the flow meters were installed at the beginning of March and are serviced every week noting recent storms may have met the requirements for a two-year storm event and he will submit the model to the Department of Environmental Protection for approval.

Mr. Banks noted the televising of the approximate 78 properties has been postponed due to the COVID-19 shut down.

Mr. Banks reported Mr. Pile contacted him regarding paving solutions noting he spoke with PennDOT and does not suggest tar and chipping or microsealing.

Mr. Shura reviewed the MS4 stormwater plan noting Stiffler McGraw provided a to-do list, which the borough office and public works department have mostly completed. Mr. Shura noted council will need to update the stormwater management ordinance.

Zoning Officer's Report

The March 2020 Zoning Officer's Report was received and is on file. Solicitor Carbonara informed council the Mattre appeal for a fence permit at 102 Arlington Street has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will be held on or before June 15, 2020.

Street Commissioner's Report

Mr. Lingenfelter reported he is purchasing a gas powered tamper so the public works department can begin patching streets noting Mike Bowser from PennDOT had to postpone until mid-May to prepare paving bids since they are still shut down due to COVID-19. Mr. Banks will prepare bid advertisements for Tomato Alley.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported Governor Wolf signed House Bill 841, which allows council to hold meetings via teleconference during the shut down due to COVID-19.

Solicitor Carbonara stated he prepared a draft street cutting ordinance for council to review.

Executive Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton stated she has been attending webinars provided by Pennsylvania State Borough's Association regarding COVID-19 and informed council if they are interested in attending they can be signed up free of charge.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yonko had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald absent. Nothing to report.
- B. Administration:** Nothing to report.
- C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.
- D. Police:** Mr. Morgan stated meetings have been cancelled until further notice.
- E. Budget/Tax:** Mr. Pile stated real estate tax revenues were down from this time last year and we will need to keep an eye on any lost revenues due to COVID-19.
- F. Shade Tree:** Mr. Morgan reported he compiled a list of trees that need to be addressed and Tree Expert has begun work on tree removals.
- G. Building & Grounds:** Nothing to report.
- H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported the water authority is in negotiations with the City of Johnstown to purchase their sewer system.
- I. Open Records:** Nothing to report.
- I. Borough Services:** Nothing to report.
- J. Audit:** Mr. Pile stated the 2019 audit has been completed and Kline Kimlin is finalizing the internal procedures plan.
- K. Insurance:** Mr. Paolini absent. Nothing to report.
- L. Centennial:** Nothing to report.

Business Items:

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve ratification of payroll from March 17, 2020 through April 22, 2020 in the amount of \$13,211.51. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from March 17, 2020 through April 20, 2020 in the amount of \$56,193.35. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the March 2020 Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$1,593,240.65. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the February 2020 and March 2020 tax collector's reports. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the April 20, 2020 meeting at 5:09 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton
Executive Secretary