

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**

**Minutes for March 18, 2019**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled March 18, 2019 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; Police Chief Michael Lose

**Absent:** Fire Chief Michael Butler; Engineer Todd Banks

**Visitors:** Jim Salvia (Representative Jim Ribgy's Office), Nick Antonazzo (Centennial), and Judy Kelly (Centennial)

**Bid Opening**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to open the Gardner Street Storm Sewer Project Bids. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). One bid was received from Snyder Excavating in the amount of \$22,810.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to accept the bid of \$22,810.00 received from Snyder Excavating pending review by Solicitor Michael Carbonara and Engineer Todd Banks. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the February 18, 2019 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the February 27, 2019 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the March 12, 2019 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Visitors**

Mr. Salvia stated Representative Jim Rigby is proposing that someone from Council be appointed as a Liaison for his office to streamline communication between the State Legislator's office and Borough Council.

Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Antonazzo updated Council on the centennial preparations and final budget noting the final budget is \$12,000.00 of which approximately \$9,000 has been collected through donations and selling advertisements. Mrs. Kelly stated they have

applied for grants through Sheetz and the Community Foundation and expect a response by early April.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose stated all Officers have been recertified in CPR and First Aid and Sgt. Fisher represented the West Hills Regional Police Department at the Inaugural Community Connection Night sponsored by the Westmont School District.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Butler absent. The February 2019 Chief's Report was received and is on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks absent.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported two certificates of compliances issued to 205 Orchard Street and 146 State Street.

**Manager's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara stated Johnstown Redevelopment Authority still has a lot of water flowing through its system noting Ferndale recently finished their sanitary sewer replacement project, but still have excessive flows and will be meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to find out what to do next.

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve attendance to the Cambria County Boroughs Association Spring Dinner on April 16, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of \$276.00 to Jeanine Matse for collection of unpaid parcels. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Mr. Rodgers reported the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company would like council to look into a property tax rebate for active firefighters noting Chief Butler will be providing a list of names and addresses.

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Nothing to report.

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**B. Administration:** Nothing to report.

**C. Personnel:** A motion was made by Mr. Pile to hire Walker Consulting Services to perform Borough Zoning & Codes Enforcement duties beginning May 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**D. Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Pile stated debt services need to be reviewed and will be discussed at another meeting.

**F. Shade Tree Committee:** Nothing to report.

**G. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Mrs. Speicher reported four bids were received for painting the borough building as follows: DJR Painting \$8,750.00 or \$9,250.00 to use Sherwin Williams paint; Elias Painting \$12,950.00; Danchanko, Inc. \$26,652.00; Laurel Painting \$20,000.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve DJR Paintings bid in the amount of \$9,250.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Speicher reported two bids were received for demolition of the old salt storage building as follows: Roaring Fork Excavating \$9,655.00; Ferrell Excavating \$9,750.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve Roaring Fork Excavating's bid of \$9,655.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Danyluk reported the contract has been renewed regarding trying to keep geese away from the dam. Mr. Pile reported they will be installing a new water line through Kernville and will fix an old water tank servicing those lines.

**I. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

**J. Borough Services:** A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Herb Ewald as the Emergency Management Director. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**K. Fire Company:** Nothing to report.

**L. Audit:** Nothing to report.

**M. Insurance:** Nothing to report.

**N. Centennial:** Nothing to report.

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### Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from February 19, 2019 through March 18, 2019 in the amount of \$15,786.62. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to payment of bills from February 20, 2019 through March 19, 2019 in the amount of \$60,059.89. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the February 2019 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,415,643.74. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the February 2019 tax collectors report in the amount of \$0.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Motion carried (7-0).

President Rodgers called for an Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Executive Session ended at 5:30 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Yonko left at 5:30 p.m. to attend a prior engagement.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the following job descriptions as drafted: (a) Secretary/Treasurer effective May 1, 2019; (b) Part-time Office Secretary effective immediately; (c) Street Commissioner effective May 1, 2019; (d) Full-time Maintenance Employee, effective immediately; and (e) Seasonal/Part-time Laborer; effective immediately. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve paying Roy Livingston for 25 vacation days and 37 sick days with payment to be made on his last day of employment. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve paying Richard Wargo for 15 vacation days and 20 sick days with payment to be made on his last day of employment. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising an Ordinance revoking or eliminating the position of Borough Manager with the Ordinance to be effective on May 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising an Ordinance creating the position of Street Commissioner. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve advertising for the hiring of the position of Street Commissioner and/or Secretary/Treasurer if needed. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pile for adjournment of the March 18, 2019 meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Layton*  
Secretary/Treasurer