

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for September 15, 2014

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled September 15, 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, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Visitors: Gloria Zuleta, 301 Southmont Blvd.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the August 18, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

Visitor Recognition

Ms. Zuleta spoke with Council regarding concerns she has with the lower end of Southmont Borough. Ms. Zuleta stated there are sidewalks that need repaired or replaced as they are dangerous to walk on, leaves do not get picked up along her property, the curb does not get cleaned, vehicles travel at high rates of speed on Southmont Boulevard and she does not see any police activity in the area, motorcycles are extremely loud during nuisance hours, fireworks around Fourth of July and New Years are annoying, the garbage company is leaving debris at 297 Southmont Blvd., and Grimaldi's, Inc. has junk sitting outside. Chief Lose will look into the speeding and police activity issues. Mr. Wargo along with Council will review the other issues.

Police Chief's Report

Nothing to report.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported members attended a parade for Richland Community Days and escorted the Westmont football team from the high school to the middle school for their opening game.

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported three zoning permits issued to 307 Olive Street (patio), 418 State Street (replace porch) and 549 Edward Street (overhang addition). Mr. Wargo reported two approved sewage compliance certificates for 205 Violet Street and 511 Edward Street. Mr. Wargo stated Johnstown Pest Control will be setting traps at 509 State Street

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on September 16th so the property can be demolished September 18th if Joe Birch does not file an appeal.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo informed Council brush clean-up will be the second week of October. Mr. Wargo stated the Corps of Engineers will be in to do an inspection of Cheney Run on September 16th.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheet. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yonko reported the police contract should be approved next week

At this time President Danyluk called for an Executive Session to discuss the Consent Order draft at 4:18 p.m. Executive Session ended at 4:47 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported a new hydraulic pump was installed on the street sweeper.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Solicitor Carbonara stated the earned income tax meetings will be changed to twice per year at the December 2014 meeting.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Wargo reported repairs to the front of the borough building will begin September 16th.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported Judge Kiniry granted a request for strip mining at the Salt Lick watershed. Mr. Pile stated the water line broken by a subcontractor of the Department of Environmental Protection is being fixed. Mr. Pile also stated the water purchase agreement may be extended by 20 years. Mr. Pile referred to a letter received from the Water Authority requesting meeting stipends be increased by \$10.00 noting all three municipalities have to agree to it. Mr. Kory requested more information regarding how many meetings are held each year by each

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different committee. Mr. Pile will provide the information and a decision will be made at the October 2014 council meeting.

I. Open Records: A request for August 2014 zoning permits was received by Mr. Scott Berger.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from August 21, 2014 through September 17, 2014 in the amount of \$11,656.29. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from August 20, 2014 through September 16, 2014 in the amount of \$115,072.80. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the August 2014 treasurers report in the amount of \$636,068.60. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the August 2014 tax collectors report in the amount of \$1,334.32. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the September 16, 2014 meeting at 5:03 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Claycomb

Secretary/Treasurer