

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
February 18, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled February Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the February 18, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerald Sloat, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Jan Bosley-Street Commissioner, Engineer: Tom Gray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Fire Dept.:Chet Borosky, West Hills Police: Detective George Musulin

ABSENT: Mr. Graham-Out of Town, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette,

VISITORS:

Sue Berkstresser	102 King St.	Douglas Bastaja	109 Mabel St
Barbara Riley	141 Wonder St.	Joe Riley	141 Wonder St
Malcom Snyder	143 Wonder St	Dora Snyder	143 Wonder St.
Robin Swearinger	139 Wonder St.	Walt Swearinger	139 Wonder St.

President Pile asked for approval of the January 21, 2002 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town.

At this time Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to appoint Susan Berkstresser as Auditor. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town. Mayor Sloat will administer the Oath of Office later in the meeting.

President Pile called for a motion to open bids for the Helen Street Sanitary Sewer repair. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to open bids for the Helen Street Sanitary Sewer repairs. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town.

Three bids were received:

1. State Pipe Services, Inc. \$ 6,050.00
2. Insight Pipe Contracting \$ 9,487.50
3. Environmental Pipeliners \$23,320.00

After discussion, Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the lowest responsible bid from State Pipe in the amount of \$6,050.00, after review of all bids by the Solicitor and Engineer to be sure they meet specifications. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town.

President Pile called for a spokesperson from the visitors. Mr. Malcom Snyder submitted to Council a letter expressing the residents concern about the No Parking signs in Leek Alley recently installed. Mr. Snyder commented that the alley is two vehicles wide and to his knowledge never has a vehicle been parked in the alley blocking access. The letter refers to snow plow access. Mr. Bosley stated that at times cars have been parked on either side of the alley, hindering the plow truck when they back out of the alley. There is no turn around in the alley. The residents complained that during the Jubilee they must find alternative parking when Wonder Street is full of visitors. This also happens during the Soccer season. Possibly restricting signs could be installed. After discussion, President Pile asked Mayor Sloat to look at the situation and document his recommendations.

At this time Mayor Sloat administered the Oath of Office to two of the three Auditor's, Douglas Bastaja and Susan Berkstresser. That being done President Pile continued.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

In Chief Havas's absence Detective Muslin reviewed the written report. Revenues reported for the month of January are \$332.60. The report records officers attended a training seminar sponsored by the PA Chiefs of Police Association for the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Officer Mulkey presented a Drug & Alcohol program at the Middle School and a Career Day program explaining municipal officers duties. Council questioned Detective Mulkey about some thefts in the area.

Council discussed the data received on the animal control service being offered by the Humane Society of Cambria County. The City of Johnstown is no longer doing Animal Control. After discussion, Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve the agreement with the Humane Society to pick-up the stray dogs and cats in the Borough of Southmont at a cost of \$45.00 a call. The Police will cite the animal owner for the costs. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms had no report for the month of January. No reply was received from Mr. Horner in reference to a letter sent about the permanent dog house/pen installed on his property. No Building Permit was ever approved for this structure. Solicitor Lovette was to speak to Mr. Horner on the issue.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records 14 assists for the month. One call was received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Chief Borosky reported that Firemen shoveled snow from the fire hydrants. Two in station trainings were held. Southmont VFC reported on a class sponsored on terrorism on January 30, 31, 2002. Eight members of SVFC attended and 15 members from other departments. Council discussed the Committee meeting held prior to the regular meeting. The fire siren should be changed to a two direction siren on the Cox St./Shady Lane area. Recommended location of the new proposed siren would be off Menoher Blvd. opposite the Hospital Parking area. Mr. Bosley would check with PennDot for approval to install the pole for siren in the right of way. The Committee also discussed a new siren for the Municipal Building. A four directional siren could be used on the building. The price for the two direction siren is approximately \$6,000.00 for the siren and another \$11,000.00 for the four direction siren. These siren's have the ability to change tones for a different emergency. This would not include installation. The current sirens are approximately 50 to 60 years old. The Committee will continue to move forward on the sirens.

Chief Borosky stated that the 911 Center has issued code numbers to all alarms installed in either business or residential homes. You must know these codes when you call to report a false alarm. Mrs. Czynnik will check on the requirements on reporting a False Alarm. A copy of the Hilltop Ambulance Association minutes are on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Tom Gray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates reviewed with Council that Mr. Duray has pneumonia and is out of the office for the week and he apologized for not having the GIS proposals ready for tonight's meeting. The Street paving bid date has been changed due to PennDot's stipulations on advertising specific amounts and materials. The Paving Bid will be opened at the March meeting. The new bubble system sewer monitoring meter will be reinstalled on February 19, 2002.

Mr. Gray will meet with Mr. Bosley on the Corrective Action Plan reports to the Department of Environmental Protection, for the Borough tap in requests. The Sub-division has been approved and reports have been sent to DEP of Cambria County and will be signed when we receive the conditional approval from DEP. Paul C. Rizzo schedule of fees is on file for 2002.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report was reviewed. Routine maintenance was done on the Borough Building and equipment. Checked flows in designated sanitary sewer manholes. Some No Parking signs have been replaced. Other signs or faded signs are being replaced. Some new signs have been installed on streets and alleys. When servicing the leaf machines it was found that the impeller will need to be replaced. Salted and plowed the streets when needed. The new manhole was installed on a branch line along State Street to be able to clean and televise the line. A storm and sanitary sewer line was televised along Dahlia Street and from Dahlia to Daisy Street through the wooded section to determine a sanitary sewer odor in the catch basin on Dahlia Street. It was found that the storm and sanitary pipes are crushed in some areas and will to be need repaired. Repairs will be made as soon as weather conditions permit. These repairs will be included in Mr. Bosley's "To Do List". Mr. Bosley reported on a problem on State Street. Several homes are built over top of the sanitary sewer. This was discovered when the televising was done along 147, 149 and 151 State Street. Mr. Bosley made application to Penelec for installation of 6 new poles and alley lights. No date has been received for the installation. COG has ordered the video camera. The crack sealing machine grant has not been submitted. Possibly later this year.

Mr. Bosley had Roto-Rooter check on the sewer line on Logan Street for the proposed construction of the Pueblitz/Kesslak Office building.

Council discussed the COG salt survey. Mr. Krupa explained the survey to Council. After discussion, Council recommended that we continue with Cambria Somerset COG for the salt bids for another year.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk had nothing further to report.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter reported that a Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss computer needs and the GIS program. Mr. Antonic of P.C. Rizzo will be invited. Mrs. Czynnik will prepare copies of the Union Contract (expires 12-31-02) for the Administration & Personnel Committee. Mr. Strittmatter had nothing further to report.

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Sloat reported that he will attend the Police Commission meeting scheduled for February 19, 2002. Mr. Graham will be given the Loyalty Oath at the March meeting.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The recycling report is on file.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory had nothing to report other than Southmont received rates for the renewal of the Liability Insurance. The Liability will renew 4-1-02. We received a copy of a letter from IRM Claims Administration Co; in reference to the claim submitted by Mr. Graham for sewer damage at his home. No changes at this time.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the Budget. Mr. Rodgers stated that the Budget was in order. Mr. Rodgers reported that the 4th quarter franchise fee was received from Charter Communications in the amount of \$7,210.05. Nothing further to report.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported on the Shade Tree Commission activity this month. Mr. Krupa will advertise a Shade Tree meeting on March 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Tree removal and tree planting will be discussed. May 4, 2002 is scheduled for the Arbor Day celebration.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

President Pile noted that the Commission will apply for a grant to fix the sewage treatment tank. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to reappoint Mr. Pile to the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, out of town. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to reappoint Mr. Kory, as an alternate to the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, out of town. Each reappointment is for a three year term, beginning march 2002.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Mr. Kory has received several compliments on the new signs. The new signs for the front of the Building and the front yard sign have been ordered and should be in soon. They will be placed early in the Spring. A spec will be written for the advertisement of the Building painting. Mr. Rodgers suggested that the Conemaugh Hospital be notified that the Parking Area along Menoher Blvd. is not for live in campers/motor homes. A copy will be sent to the Police.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham and Mr. Krupa attended the February Council of governments meeting. Also, Mrs. Czyrnik will provide Council members with applications to COG's Credit Union. Mr. Danyluk suggested that Council attend the Statewide Building Code seminar at Mt. View Inn in Westmoreland Co. on March 13, 2002. The session begins with registration at 5:30 and adjourns at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Council attendance at this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham out of town.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory spoke with Mr. Dick Ott, Secretary of the Citizen's Cemetery Association about attending their meetings. Mr. Ott felt that would be a good idea. Mr. Kory will represent Southmont Borough and attend the meetings several times throughout the year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat had nothing to report other than a letter was sent to a property owner at Helen and State Street. The overhanging rose bush was cut back. Mayor Sloat checked on vehicles parked on Edward Street near the intersection of Thoburn Street. At the time of inspection there were no vehicles parked at the intersection. Mayor Sloat will look at the Leek Alley "No Parking" signs, and possibly, if needed "No Parking" signs should be placed in the Edward and Thoburn Street area.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT

President Pile reported, in the absence of Solicitor Lovette, on a letter sent to Magerko & Associates attorney's requesting response on the sale of the Wren Street property. Deeds were sent to them back in November, 2001. After discussion, Mr. Krupa made a motion to have Solicitor Lovette send Magerko & Associates a letter requesting closure of the sale by March 29, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham out of town.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report has been submitted and records that Pipeline Charter Internet Service has been installed. Lenz Link internet service has been canceled and the phone line was also canceled. Completed all form for the Foreign Fire Insurance rebates for the Police Department and Fire Department. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the report. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the January Treasurer's Report, as presented, in the amount of \$309,645.25. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The January Tax Collector's report was submitted and received in January. No other report was received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$ 30,278.26. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Graham-Out of Town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile reported on the monthly interest received from Valley National Investment. This money is received from the balance of the former Police Pension. The Borough is still awaiting the completion of the Auditor General's Office review for the Police Fund. Engineering rates are on file as of January 2002. It was suggested that Council wait to approve hiring of the Engineers until annual rate schedules are received.

A letter was received from the Community Arts Council for the Borough's contribution.

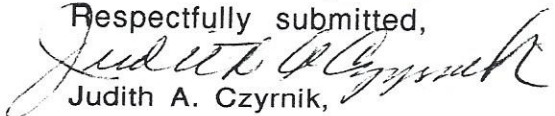
PSAB Spring Conference is March 17-19 at the Holiday Inn/Harrisburg-Hershey

PSAB Annual Conference is June 9-12 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort

PSAB Fall Conference is Oct 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

