

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**  
**Minutes for December 7, 2015**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled December 7, 2015 council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara (arrived at 4:20 p.m.); Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members William Kory, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher (Arrived at 4:05 p.m.) and Robert Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko

**Absent:** Council Members Gregory Paolini and Herb Ewald; West Hills Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of November 18, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose absent.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager absent. The Fire Chief's Report stated crews assisted Upper Yoder Twp. With a fire at Carriage Hills Apartments, responded to a fire on Peden Lane in Southmont Borough and Asst. Chief John Butler went into a burning house and rescued two people that were sleeping and did not realize their house was on fire.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported the application for PennVEST has been filed and results will be announced on January 20, 2015.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 159 Arlington Street (pitched roof).

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported the judge hearing the case regarding Lamar Adverting referred the issue back to the zoning hearing board for a variance request. Mr. Wargo reported leaf collection is completed and the sanitary sewer easements were mailed out and approximately ten percent have been returned so far.

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the final 2016 general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). Mr. Pile noted there was no tax increase for 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the final 2016 garbage fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the final 2016 sewer fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the final 2016 general, garbage and sewer budgets. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising Ordinance No. 502, setting the tax rate for 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising Ordinance No. 503, increasing the sewer rate for 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as follows: Monthly meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be Tuesday of each week, when necessary, at 4:00 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday, if necessary. The January 2016 reorganization meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The December 2016 monthly meeting will be held December 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Municipal Building at 148 Wonder Street, Johnstown, PA 15905. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve advertising the 2016 meeting schedule. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Jeanine Matse as Southmont Borough Tax Assessor, as requested by the Westmont Hilltop School District. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald absent.

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

**C. Personnel:** A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve an increase of \$0.35 per hour for Roy Livingston beginning January 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve an increase of \$0.40 per hour for Matt Smith beginning January 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr.



Danyluk in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve an increase of \$900.00 per year for Amanda Layton beginning January 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve an increase of \$1,000.00 per year for Richard Wargo beginning January 1, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried (5-0).

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

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Paolini absent.

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

**G. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Nothing to report.

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Nothing to report.

**I. Open Records:** An open records request was received from Maureen Karas regarding October 2015 zoning permits.

#### **Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from November 17, 2015 through December 9, 2015 in the amount of \$14,370.93. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from November 18, 2015 through December 8, 2015 in the amount of \$60,669.95. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the November 2015 treasurer's report in the amount of \$532,546.48. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the November 2015 tax collector's report in the amount of \$4,450.01. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

An Executive Session was called by Mr. Danyluk at 4:20 p.m. to discuss pending legal matters. Executive Session ended at 5:10 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve providing a letter to Westmont Borough in response to their requests to change the police contribution rates. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the December 7, 2015 meeting at 5:15 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

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