

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

Minutes for November 18, 2019

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

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Engineer Todd Banks; Exec Sec. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald, George Paolini, Kevin Pile and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Michael Butler; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the October 21, 2019 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Visitors: Mr. William Gaborek

Mr. Gaborek is very upset about the Radish Alley property behind his home not being regulated by the borough. Attorney Carbonara explained that the borough does not own the alley and will send him a copy of a letter he sent earlier in the week to him explaining his rights. He advised Mr. Gaborek he needed an attorney to explain his rights if he wanted to take any action about the property.

Police Chief's Report

The October 2019 West Hills Regional Police Department Report was received and is on file. The speed monitoring board is still not working, and the police are being vigilant in monitoring on busy express way streets.

Fire Company's Report

The October 2019 Southmont Volunteer Fire Company report was received and is on file. Mr. Butler submitted a list of streets where parking problems exist. Mr. Butler and Mr. Lingenfelter will look into where signs need to be erected and where they can paint yellow curbs in the spring. Solicitor Carbonara will draft an ordinance to install no parking signs at the locations Mr. Butler and Mr. Lingenfelter determine they are needed. The siren is being looked into for repair.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ordering no parking signs. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0)

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks stated that the Phase II Sewage Project is closing out in November and he has had the contract extended for one year. The house at 266 Southmont Blvd that was missed in sewage laterals due to the location being close to the Johnstown City line has the necessary equipment and work will be done this year if possible. The flow meters will be removed for the winter. Mr. Banks is to make a list of properties that did not have the laterals replaced due to the determination that the lines were new enough to not need replaced. The two properties at 1120 and 1130 Menoher have laterals that were not replaced due to being close to the Westmont property line. It was decided to do the work with the Phase II project. Three complaints for 309 Diamond Blvd., 216 Mabel Street and 335 Orchard Street from Phase I were not completed. Mr. Banks will look into why they were not done, and council will look into fixing the issue in the spring.

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The August 2019 and September 2019 Zoning Officer's report and billing were received and placed on file.

Street Commissioner's Report

Mr. Lingenfelter report was received. The potholes in Tomato Alley are to be filled as soon as possible at this time of the year.

Solicitor's Report

The assessment appeal of Gary and Andrea Gelormino has been denied and is being appealed. The Atlantic Broadband franchise public meeting was held with only Richard Rodgers and Sheree Speicher attending and one individual coming as the meeting was ending. Mr. Carbonara will have an ordinance for approval for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve setting a public hearing for the fire company tax credit ordinance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0)

Executive Secretary's Report

There was a discussion on the traffic light at Menoher/Gardner Street being too short for several cars to get through. It was decided to let the timing of the light stand as it will affect school backups.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising an ordinance electing to amend the non-uniform pension plan administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising the 2020 garbage fee ordinance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising the 2020 tax millage ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the tentative budgets for 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yonko had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported that there is a tree on Otis Street that needs to be removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Pile to have the tree removed as soon as possible. Motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

- B. Administration: Nothing to report.

- C. Personnel: Motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve hiring David Farra, Richard Crowley and Lynn Crowley for part-time snow plowing on an as-needed basis at \$11.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

- D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

- E. Budget & tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

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- F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.
- G. Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.
- H. Greater Johnstown water Authority: Nothing to report.
- I. Open Records: Nothing to report.
- J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.
- K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.
- L. Audit: Nothing to report.
- M. Insurance: Nothing to report.
- N. Centennial: Mr. Morgan asked if a thank you note would be sent to the Centennial Committee for the great job they did this year.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from October 21, 2019 to November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$10,294.42. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from October 21, 2019 through November 18, 2019 in the amount of \$128,388.89. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the October 2019 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,594,334.70. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the October 2019 tax collectors report in the amount of \$1,852.28. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

President Rodgers called for an executive session at 5:12 p.m. regarding personnel. The executive session ended at 5:24 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the following wages to begin January 1, 2020: Harry Lingenfelter \$32,000 salary, Sam McAdams \$11.60 per hour, Amanda Layton \$40,520 salary, Debi Riek \$10.00 per hour, Part-time seasonal employees \$8.50 per hour, Part-time snow plowing \$11.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the November 18, 2019 meeting at 5:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Riek
Assistant Secretary