

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
May 16, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled May Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the May 16, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Engineer: Dave Duray, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak, and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

ABSENT: Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

VISITORS:

President Pile asked for approval of the April 18, 2005 Council Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Andy Havas reported the May 17th police commission meeting will be held in the fire hall meeting room at Westmont. Officers have attended training in Megan's law, crime scene preservation and meth awareness during the month. The police health coverage will go down twenty percent (20%) based on the July renewal rates. President Pile mentioned that on May 24th there will be a presentation by Mark Hood, LTAP representative, on traffic calming at 7:00 P.M. in the Council room; all should plan to attend or a representative should attend (i.e. Solicitor, Engineer and West Hills Police).

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity as of 5/10/05; six (6) permits and a total construction of \$20,482.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records seven (7) responses during the month of April. There were four (4) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Fire Chief Borosky received a call for 138 State Street, death of Stephen Keifline. The coroner, ambulance personnel and police were requesting that Fire Chief Borosky condemn the home due to the odor of urine and feces in home. Ms. Spak will contact Dr. Kastelic, Southmont health inspector, to perform an inspection on 138 State Street; West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas will be notified to accompany Dr. Kastelic. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to authorize whoever needs to take action follows through with whatever action is needed from inspection (Borough Code section 3108). Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

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Fire Chief Borosky mentioned to Council the 911 fire tones are still not working correctly as of April 30th, Westmont's tones are the first ones activated regardless of what district the call is in. Ms. Spak will send a letter to Brian Feist, 911 Director, expressing Council's concerns; will also forward a copy of letter to County Commissioners. Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the low bid of two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750) from Covenant Properties to power wash and paint the galvanized fire shed, will be paid out of the Borough's general fund. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Fire Chief Borosky reminded Council that the Jubilee is scheduled for May 30th thru June 4th. Mr. Bosley will make sure the grass is cut and restrooms repaired. The Westmont Hilltop Recreation will check and clean the restrooms over the spring/summer season. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for May was received. The 910 flow meter was installed on Thoburn Street, installation went well, and will be read as soon as a rain event occurs. A final paving inspection meeting will be scheduled. Mr. Bosley will contact Mr. Duray to schedule a workshop to review implementation of monitoring and investigation recommendations on the 2004 CAP report/2005 Tap Request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. With the good weather and the part-time helpers the road crew got many Borough streets crack sealed. Mr. Bosley will contact Kennedy Line Striping for painting of lines same areas as last year for stop bars & stop, crosswalks, slow, double yellow lines and single white line. Mr. Rodgers mentioned the trade off program with PennDot, discussion followed; Mr. Pile will contact Mr. Paul Burns of PennDot to discuss further. Mr. Graham made a motion to put a single yellow line on State Street splitting the driving lanes and to put a white line to designate street parking side. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk out of town, nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to amend the April 18, 2005 minutes and future minutes to reflect reason for absence if one is given. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Mr. Krupa mentioned on May 10th there was an employee luncheon meeting. The amended personnel policy and procedure manual was reviewed and two safety videos were watched.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat has nothing new to report. Mayor Sloat will look into the reason for the health insurance reduction.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling report was received and is on file. Mr. Kory out of town, decision needs to be made on recycling program, will be placed on next months meeting agenda.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has nothing new to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa mentioned the Arbor Day planting went well. A number of trees are scheduled to be planted throughout the Borough, half the cost is being paid by residents. Mr. Krupa is working on a grant for trees, will keep council updated on progress/decision. Mr. Bosley will coordinate with Lichtenfels on watering of the trees. Southmont will be hosting the Cambria County Fall Association Dinner scheduled for October 25, 2005 at the Imperial Room in Ebensburg. A twenty (20) to thirty (30) minute presentation showcasing history, shade tree program, etc. of Southmont Borough will need to be planned. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve spending up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the dinner. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The minutes for the March meeting were received. The summer programs were mailed out to residents.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory out of town, the annual building and grounds report was received. Mr. Bosley will prioritize and note estimate date of completion for items that need repaired.

COG REPORT

Nothing new to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the May 12, 2005 meeting were received. President Pile mentioned that the open house was very nice and was well attended; building is very impressive.

Lower State Street Committee

President Pile reminded all about the meeting scheduled for May 24th with Mark Hood, LTAP representative, doing a presentation all should try to attend.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve advertising of Ordinance #457, a program to assess and collect user fees for the employment of public safety services for motor vehicle accidents, fires and emergency incidents. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to adopt Ordinance #456 handicapped "on street" parking spaces. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Solicitor Lovette stated he will have an update/resolution for Council at next meeting on the Grandview Cemetery/Hospital parking taxes. Solicitor Lovette will be doing further research on Grandview Monument Sales (corporate address).

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to reduce the Dominion street closing invoice to \$2,187.50. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the April manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the April Treasurer Report in the amount of \$362,979.05. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to note the April tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$34,058.33 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List", nothing to remove or add at this time. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to allow the alternates to vote on the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town. The audit for the Borough of Southmont 2004 will be discussed by Kris Cramer, CPA

Kline Kimlin, at the next council meeting.
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NEW BUSINESS

A resolution specifying private water line laterals for the Greater Johnstown Water Authority was received. Mr. Strittmatter is to check the street light at 483 Edwards Street and Mr. Graham will check the street light at 157 State Street.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa for adjournment of the May 16, 2005 meeting at 8:40 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Spak, Borough Manager
5/20/2005 8:20 AM

