

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for October 15, 2018

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 15, 2018 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Ed Danyluk, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; Police Chief Michael Lose; Police Sgt. Ed Fisher; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council Member Herb Ewald; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Visitors: Roxanne Hauger (Zoning), Terry Vilkofsky (Observing)

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Hauger stated she felt Mr. Wargo was in error when giving her neighbor, Stephen Shesko, permission to put up three fence posts along his property line noting it violates their Home Owner's Association rules. Mrs. Hauger stated Mr. Shesko has five spot lights, a street light attached to a tree, and an outlet drilled into a tree in the wooded area behind their homes, which she feels are not wired properly and are detrimental to the trees. Mrs. Hauger was informed the issues should be referred to the Home Owners Association or dealt with as a civil issue.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the September 17, 2018 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported the Kiwanis Halloween Parade will be held on October 27th beginning at the Westwood Plaza at 1:00 p.m. and ending at The Grove.

Chief Lose reported the police department will participate in Toys for Tots with a collection at the fire station on Luzerne Street on November 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will host their Christmas Open House at the police station on December 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager absent. The chief's report stated crews received multiple calls in a 24 hour period due to heavy rains and strong winds and members attended C.H.I.E.F.S Day at Upper Yoder Police Station in memory of Walley Howell.

Engineer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pay Estimate No. 13 in the amount of \$126,904.98. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Pay Request No. 13 in the amount of \$155,221.61. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two sewer certificate of compliances issued to 200 State Street and 512/514 Edward Street.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported Moyer Concrete has started the sidewalks in front of the borough building noting Moyer Concrete reported an area near the fire hall that is a tripping hazard. A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to allow Moyer Concrete to install an apron to blend the street and sidewalk and eliminate the tripping hazard. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Wargo reported the ramp railing at the borough building should be installed by next week and landscaping will be completed once the ramp has been installed.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reported workshops have been set up for budget sessions and the first one will be October 23rd.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the North Fork Dam project is proceeding and GJWA is looking for grants and funding to help with the costs noting DEP informed them Dalton Dam will need to be worked on after North Fork Dam is complete. Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is in negotiations for strip mining around Salt Lick Dam.

Mr. Pile reported fluoride notices were sent out notifying residents the final day for fluoride in the water is November 5, 2018

I. Open Records: An open records request was received from Dennis Regan for a list of owner occupied and renter occupied homes in the borough.

J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Mr. Wargo reported the fire sirens need repairs. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve repairing the fire sirens as long as it is covered by the borough's insurance and if insurance does not cover the fire siren repairs then council will have a meeting with Fire Chief Joel Weslager to discuss if the fire company would like to have the sirens repaired or if they would like to look into alternative options. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from September 18, 2018 through October 15, 2018 in the amount of \$13,909.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from September 19, 2018 through October 16, 2018 in the amount of \$861,330.82. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the September 2018 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,770,208.78. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the September 2018 tax collector's report in the amount of \$906.34. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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An Executive Session was called at 4:34 p.m. to discuss legal issues. Executive Session ended at 4:58 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the October 15, 2018 meeting at 4:59 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Layton

Secretary/Treasurer