

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
June 17, 1996 7:30 p.m.

The regularly scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:30 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the June 17, 1996 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Krupa, Mayor Robert Morgan, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: Ron Walker, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, and Mike Butler, Fire Department

ABSENT: Mr. Kory, Mr. Davis, Zoning Officer: Fred Pullen

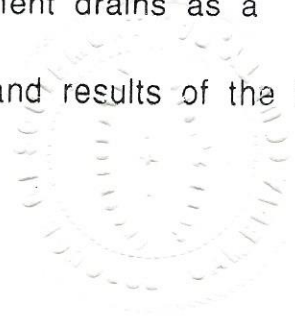
VISITORS: Hilda Benner 230 Wonder Street
Cynthia Walizer 179 Floyd Street

At this time President Pile asked for approval of the May 20, 1996 regular Council meeting minutes. Mr. Leventry made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

President Pile began the June meeting and called on Mrs. Hilda Benner who was, again informing Council of the sewage backup into her basement. Mrs. Benner has had clear water and sewage backup three times since the first January 19, backup. Mr. Danyluk informed Mrs. Benner that Council and our Engineer Mr. Walker met April 24, 1996, with a representative of Upper Yoder Township Supervisors, along with their Engineer, Mr. Ken Mesko of H.F. Lenz Company. At that time Southmont Council was told that they had done some Corrective Action work in the area above Mrs. Benner's property.

Southmont Borough has also written to the Department of Environmental Protection and informed them of the Upper Yoder Township infiltration of water into our lines. We have been monitoring the manhole for the normal amount of flow through this line. The amount of water in the sanitary line means infiltration is getting into this line somewhere. Upper Yoder is to be doing some checking on their lines and we are to hear from them. Council suggested Mrs. Benner attend UYT Supervisors meeting or the UYT Sewer Authority meeting. She could also write DEP, expressing her concerns about this being a health problem. Mr. Leventry suggested that she inquire about sewer plugs for her basement drains as a temporary solution for her property.

Meanwhile, Council will continue to monitor the area and results of the UYT Engineer's reports.



POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas submitted his monthly report. Revenues received for the month were \$513.64. During the month WHRP assisted Brownstown Borough in their Veteran's Memorial dedication on June 1, 1996. West Hills Regional Police assisted Southmont at the Jubilee with extra police protection May 27, thru June 1, 1996. No major incidents occurred. Chief Havas reported on the meeting with Mayor Morgan, Jan Bosley, and Mr. Jim Ickes of PennDot with reference to the light at Menoher, Luzerne and Gardner Streets intersection. Adjustments were made to the length of time on the Menoher pattern and added length to Gardner Street also. Mr. Bosley will adjust the pedestrian light angle, on the Menoher pole. Mr. Ickes will address a letter to Council in reference to the signs at the intersection.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

In Mr. Pullen's absence the written report recorded 28 permits have been issued for the year and 7 issued for this month, in the amount of \$67,150.00. The estimated year to date construction costs for 1996 are \$336,255.00. Mr. Pullen had inspected the Hearn property and BOCA Code violations have all been cleaned up, and at the Bokros property on Southmont Blvd. progress has been made, but not completed. The nonlicensed, non-inspected van that was parked in Squash Alley (Grape Alley), has been moved onto the Adam's property. Council agreed to continue with issuing permits for siding as a matter of record, according to our Ordinance. The County has approved that no tax assessment increase will be placed on property owners for installing vinyl siding.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Butler's report submitted to Council records the Department assisted in 10 responses. The Jubilee was a success despite the first few days of rain. Chief Butler thanked everyone for their support and help during the Jubilee. Included in the report was a list of new Fire Company officers. Chief Butler attended the satellite program of the Emergency Management Agency in Ebensburg. Mayor Morgan and Chief Butler will attend the training session July 9th, for local emergency coordinators. Mr. Butler stated that the Emergency Management Operation plan is being updated.

The Fire Department cleaned the Arch before the repair work is started, as requested by Mr. Danyluk. Trees and weeds are growing from the top of the Arch. Additional work might be required.

Mr. Jim Dailey has submitted the Hilltop Ambulance Association report and it is on file.



ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker reported there is a pre-conference meeting set for Wednesday, June 19, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. with the Street Committee and Quaker Sales. There was discussion on the slope of the low spot on Orchard Street and Menoher Highway intersection. The Committee will talk with Quaker Sales about that problem. Mr. Walker has prepared and delivered to the Solicitor the descriptions of the Leon Street easements for the storm line construction. Solicitor Lovette has prepared the easements and recommended approval of the easement for the Borough owned property. Other easement forms can be signed by the property owners. (Mr. Kaplaniak and Mr. Reed) Mr. Rodgers made a motion approving the easement of Borough owned property on Leon Street for the storm sewer construction. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records that the streets were cleaned by Lower Yoder Twp. the week of May 6th. Routine maintenance on Borough equipment was done. Catch basins and debris was cleaned up after storms. Grass was cut at Borough properties. The catch basins were cleaned out the week of May 20, 1996 through Cambria-Somerset C.O.G, by means of The City of Johnstown's hydraulic sewer cleaning pump. We scheduled 8 days, but was done in 5 days. Mr. Bosley has been in touch with Ms. Sythe about the fence donated by Mr. Chiodo, from the former Ye Olde Country Club tennis courts. He will help the Recreation Commission move the fence to a storage site until time allows for the fence to be installed at the Olive Street roller hockey court. Mr. Chiodo will donate the lights to the Recreation Commission also.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry reviewed with Council the meeting of June 12, 1996 with reference to the letter to the residents of Hannah Alley. The letter has been reviewed by the Street Committee and is recommending it be mailed to the property owners abutting the area of construction on Hannah Alley. Council approved and the Secretary will mail the letters to the residents. Mr. Leventry has worked up the word changes necessary to up-date the Sidewalk Ordinances. These recommended changes have been submitted to the Solicitor. Mr. Leventry made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to amend and update Ordinance 397, with the recommended changes and to advertise. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis. Mr. Danyluk reported that there are only 6 sidewalks that have not been repaired since the last inspection. The Street Committee will begin their sidewalk inspection for 1996.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk discussed the recycling of newspaper. There were 1680 lbs. in weight in the first two voluntary collections. Koontz Disposal has given us credit for the newspaper volume. Two more collections will be done July 27th and October 12, 1996. Both Total Recycling and Koontz Disposal has agreed to the schedule. It has been advertised. Mr. Rodgers asked if Mr. Danyluk could prepare a summary of the Recycling costs and savings for Council.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

In Mr. Kory's absence, the Secretary asked Council for approval to renew the Notary Bond with the Brett Agency. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Krupa to approve renewal with the Brett Agency for the Notary Bond. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis.

H.A. Thompson recommended Council carry a Comprehensive Equipment coverage, with an annual cost of \$108.00. The coverage includes electrical, mechanical, air-conditioning, and production equipment. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers approving the Comprehensive Equipment coverage, motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried, opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that the budget is on line. A check was received for the 1996 Blizzard reimbursement in the amount \$3,399.00. Several snow days and materials were not allowed. All snow removal contract work was paid for by the reimbursement.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa has received a check for the balance of the grant from Mr. Frey for Palliser Street, in the amount of \$161.70. This balance will be applied to the Arbor Day planting on Edward Street. We should also receive a balance for the completion of the Palliser Street project from the America The Beautiful application. Several residents have requested inspections of their trees. Mr. Krupa will have a meeting with the Shade Tree Committee July 17, 1996 and the areas and trees will be advertised. Mr. Krupa will inspect the trees for beetles and caterpillars, if necessary he will have them sprayed.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported that the Recreation Commission is working with the DEP regarding the corrective actions needed at the Ridge Sewage Treatment plant. The Commission has scheduled members of the Johnstown Chiefs for a roller blade hockey tournament. The roller blade hockey court is very busy and the Commission is looking into sponsoring a senior hockey group and using the Wren Street playground for that group. Playgrounds opened today, and they had a full group.

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that Solicitor Lovette carefully reviewed with Council the Cable TV Ordinance. After further review and no questions, Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Ordinance, and advertise for final adoption at the July 15, 1996 meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried, opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis
Mr. Rodgers reported that the highlights of the Cable Franchise Agreement will be discussed by Mayor Morgan, at the meeting July 15, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. All Council is asked to attend early for that meeting.

C.O.G. Report

No report.

CHAPIN ARCH

In Mr. Kory's absence Mr. Danyluk reported that Marisa has cut the stones for the Arch. Two accidents involving automobiles have occurred at the Arch and Marsia will get estimates to the Secretary for insurance purposes. PennDot is requesting a letter confirming the sponsorship of the new revised Arch project. A letter was submitted to Council for approval. Mr. Rodgers made a motion approving the letter as submitted, seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis. Council recommended that a copy of the Grandview letter committing \$2500.00 to repair the wall, be sent to Marsia

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morgan reported that he will attend the EMS training session on July 9, 1996. Mayor Morgan mentioned that he will inspect the hedges at the Merlo property. The lawn service contractor stated last year that he would be gradually cutting them back. He will inspect. Also, the Mayor is going to find a way to clean up the Borough Park and around the dump site for the leaves. The area behind the park is full of trash and debris, and it needs cleaned up.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lovette reported the papers for Conemaugh Parking lot, along Menoher Highway, have all been signed and awaiting the Judge's signature to implement the taxes.

The easements for Leon Street have been completed and ready for signatures. Peregory and Kenny are going to court, Solicitor Lovette has filed objections again stating Southmont is not involved in this suit.

Mr. Danyluk asked about a child care center on Violet Street and if they were in compliance with our Zoning Ordinance. It was reported that the center is currently in compliance with our ordinance and also with the State regulations. Solicitor Lovette stated that since all the requirements have been met, it is in compliance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records the Hazardous grant application has been filed. The Kindred Spirit and Community Map were mailed this week. A question about building permits, reference to the County's decision not to increase assessed values on property owners who install vinyl siding on their homes. Solicitor Lovette stated we should continue to require building permits as per our Zoning Ordinance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$219,305.93 in the General Fund for May 1996. Mr. Leventry seconded. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$148,053.01 collected in Real Estate taxes and \$3,586.80 in Per Capita collections for the month of May. Total amount of \$151,639.81 A motion by Mr. Rodgers approving the Tax Collector's report, was seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried, opposed none. Absent Mr. Kory and Mr. Davis. Mr. Rodgers referred to the school districts audit of our Tax Collector's record and Pennsylvania Municipal Service record's for the collection of the EIT. Council will request a meeting July 10, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. for PAMS, Mr. Rich Lear to update Council again.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,955.27. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Kory, & Mr. Davis absent

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pile reminded Council of our plans for building improvements. After discussion it was suggested that we discuss, in further detail, a long range plan. The overall plan will keep our renovations separate from any fire company's plan for an addition. A meeting, June 26 at 7:00 p.m., was set to discuss junked cars and sidewalk specifications. The building improvement plan will also be discussed at that meeting. A notice will be sent to all Council members, Mayor and Mr. Pullen.

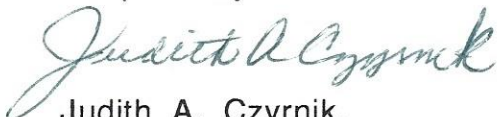
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rodgers recommended that we invite our representatives to the Water Authority, Mr. Carstensen, Mr. Ambroe, and Mr. Glass to our July 15, 1996 meeting just for an update of the Water Authority activities.

Mr. Baranik has scheduled a meeting with PennDot in reference to the rock slide along Menoher near Kesslak Insurance. The meeting is scheduled for Friday June 21, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk will come to the meeting.

Council adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



Judith A. Czynnik,
Borough Secretary

