

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for September 17, 2018

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled September 17, 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 (4:50 p.m.), Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile, and Bob Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council Member Sheree Speicher

Visitors: Chet Borosky (Yard Restorations), James Galiardi (Yard/Driveway Restoration), Bill Krupa (Yard/Road Restoration Update), Roxanne Hauger (Zoning)

Visitor Recognition

Mr. Borosky stated his complaints regarding restorations at his property at 323 Palliser Street have not been addressed and it has been five months noting he just needs some topsoil and grass seed.

Mr. Galiardi stated trees and bushes were removed in the rear of his property during the sewer project and now there is nothing to absorb water causing run off to run from neighboring properties onto his and running down his shared driveway. Mr. Galiardi stated he has requested a few buckets of dirt to fill in holes in the driveway that he feels were caused by the run-off.

Mrs. Hauger stated she submitted a formal complaint to the borough regarding a patio on her neighbor's property at 312 Cheney Oak Drive that was built in 2013 and not approved by the borough. Mrs. Hauger also stated the neighbor has now put up corner fence posts without consulting the borough. Solicitor Carbonara informed Mrs. Hauger that she should seek remedy to the patio issue on her own as it is no longer a borough issue, but a home owner issue. Solicitor Carbonara also informed Mrs. Hauger he would look into the fence post matter. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to pursue the matter further. Roll call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Morgan opposed. Mayor Yonko opposed. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion denied (4-3).

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of August 20, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Captain Musulin and Officers West, Beblar and Sunseri attended a "Stop the Bleed" class at the West Hills Regional Fire Department, which instructed Officers how to respond in the event of a mass casualty event, along with Officer safety procedures.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported the fire company held its third annual golf outing at Berkley Hills Golf Course noting a great turn out.

Crews assisted with a vehicle accident at the corner of Diamond Blvd. and Olive Street noting one person was taken to hospital.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported he should have plans for the Gardner Street and Diamond Blvd. drainage issue this week and will be able to get quotes shortly.

Mr. Banks reported Phase II of the sanitary sewer replacement project is nearing substantial completion with a final completion in early November noting a walk through will be done in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Wargo stated a notice has been included in the "Message from the Manager" in the Fall/Winter 2018 newsletter notifying residents that any complaints regarding Phase I of the sanitary sewer replacement project need to be submitted to the borough by October 5, 2018 so they can be addressed during the walk through.

Mr. Banks reported the Cambria County Conservation District inspected the playground area and signed off on the restorations.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve final Kukurin Contracting Pay Estimate No. 17 in the amount of \$32,440.00 with the stipulation that an additional performance bond be obtained for the area next the Diamond Blvd. Playground. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Snyder Environmental Change Order No. 3 granting a 30 day extension. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Snyder Environmental Services Pay Estimate No. 12 in the amount of \$231,758.11. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Requisition No. 12 in the amount of \$271,326.31. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

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Mr. Banks reported Peoples Natural Gas submitted plans for the gas line replacement project and they are being reviewed by Stiffler McGraw.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two approved certificates of compliance issued to 205 Leila Street and 121 Daisy Street.

Mr. Wargo stated a sign application was submitted by Lamar Advertising for the billboard and has been reviewed by Solicitor Carbonara noting the permit will be issued this week.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a chipper has been rented from Windber Borough for brush clean-up at \$175.00 per day and the leaf pile has been removed by Lichtenfels Nursery.

Mr. Wargo reported the concrete work on the borough building handicap ramp is complete and a temporary railing has been installed noting the permanent railing should be installed within the next two weeks.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve upgrades to the 2006 Ford F350 totaling \$10,292.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Wargo announced the budget workshop dates as follows: October 23rd, October 30th, November 13th, November 19th (approve tentative budget) and December 10th (approve final budget).

Mr. Pile submitted a proposal from Lichtenfels Nursery for removal of shrubs at his property at 515 Diamond Blvd. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the proposal from Lichtenfels Nursery in the amount of \$500.00 for removal of shrubs at 515 Diamond Blvd. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Pile abstained. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (5-0).

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara stated he met with the administrative committee regarding the 3 year garbage contract submitted by Waste Management for garbage removal services noting there was an error in the contract regarding the second and third year of the contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to rescind approval of the three (3) year contract for garbage removal services approved at the August 20, 2018 council meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mrs. Speicher absent. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the 1 year bid from Waste Management in the amount of \$114,925.44. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr.

Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$10,607.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve attendance of council and staff to the Cambria County Boroughs Association 2018 Fall Banquet Dinner on October 23, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mrs. Speicher absent. Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

J. Borough Services: Mrs. Speicher absent. Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve ratification of payroll from August 21, 2018 through September 17, 2018 in the amount of \$14,423.73. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from August 22, 2018 through September 18, 2018 in the amount of \$333,105.13. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mrs. Speicher absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the treasurer's report of August 2018 in the amount of \$1,811,556.94. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the July 2018 tax collectors report in the amount of \$0.00 and the August 2018 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,269.42. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ewald for adjournment of the September 17, 2018 meeting at 5:02 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mrs. Speicher absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer