

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 1, 2022

The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the July 1, 2022 special meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Muncert at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members Eric Muncert, Doug Beri, Richard Burkert, Bob Morgan, Kevin Pile and Herb Ewald (2:04 p.m.); Borough Manager Amanda Layton; Solicitor Michael Carbonara

Absent: Council Member Bill Trevorrow, Mayor Anthony Keiper

Visitors: Russ O'Reilly (Tribune Democrat) and Bob Walker (312 State Street)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the resignation of Bill Trevorrow from Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising for resumes to fill the vacancy on council. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Beri and Mr. Pile reported the county will be voting on the borough's request for approximately \$64,000 from their American Rescue Plan Act money to cover the remaining balance of the Cheney Run Project bid next week and expect them to vote in favor of the request. A discussion was held on whether the borough should continue moving forward with opening a line of credit since the borough's American Rescue Plan Act monies along with the money from the county would cover the bid from Mar-Allen. Mr. Beri felt it was not responsible to have a line of credit readily available that could be spent without a plan of repayment. Solicitor Carbonara stated he felt council has in the past and continues to be responsible with their spending. Council ultimately decided to move forward with the line of credit so that it is available if the borough should need it.

Council also discussed the closure of Olive Street and Southmont Blvd. and suggested checking with Stiffler McGraw and Mar-Allen to see if they could start with the grate so that the road can be opened back up as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mr. Beri to approve moving forward with the Cheney Run Project. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Morgan and Mr. Beri reported the West Hills Regional Police would like approval from the participating municipalities to set aside approximately \$7,000.00 for the purchase of two license plate readers noting they plan to wait until closer to the end of the year to see if the manufacturer will run another special of buy one get one free. Mr. Morgan stated the estimated annual costs of the readers are \$2,000.00 and noted Richland Township Police recently purchased license plate readers and were able to recoup the cost of the readers within 3 months. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve setting aside \$7,000.00

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from Capital Improvements for West Hills Regional Police to purchase two license plate readers. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Beri reported the West Hills Police Commission approved extending a proposal to the Westmont Hilltop School District to supply two officers at \$95,000.00 per officer for a two-year contract and Spence, Custer will be representing the police commission since their current solicitor is also a school board member.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Beri to approve adjournment of the July 1, 2022 meeting at 2:31 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton
Borough Manager