

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
February 20, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled February Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the February 20, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Kory, called he is sick

VISITORS: Mr. Chuck Salem, 488 Southmont Blvd., Mr. Bob Burgo, Mr. Robert Brierton and Mr. Pete Chiodo (The Aaron Group, LLP) 100 Susan Drive new commercial building; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lentz, 491 Edward Street, vandalism; Ms. Dianne Schultz, 401 Olive Street, proposed home on corner lot; Mr. Mike Zahurak, 313 Langhorne Street, observing; Mr. Ray Hartnett, 3 Wren Street, street vs. alley leaf collection.

President Pile asked for approval of the January 16, 2006 Council Minutes and the January 24, 2006 Committee Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

President Pile called upon Mr. Pete Chiodo who is planning to build a 44' x 48' commercial building on 100 Susan Drive; his tenant Mr. Salem, President of Unique Venues, has grown out of their present building. Mr. Chiodo is requesting Southmont Borough to participate in bringing in the sewer line from existing manhole approximately 156 feet across Susan Drive to a new manhole; Mr. Chiodo would take care of remaining 104 feet, his property, to the new building. Mr. Chuck Salem spoke about why he would like to keep his business in Southmont Borough; Mr. Salem and a lot of his employees reside in Southmont. His company Unique Venues (MAMRC in tax roll) has been here since 2001 and is growing, revenue has increased approximately seventeen percent (17%) annually. Mr. Chiodo estimates the cost to Southmont for an eight (8") inch line to be around \$8,486 (pipe \$5,171 + manhole \$1,100 + pavement \$2,215) this is if an outside contractor does the work, would be less for the Borough employees. Mr. Duray will look over and make his recommendations to Council at the next regular council meeting. Labor and Industry will need to approve plans then our zoning permit will be approved.

President Pile called upon Mr. Tim Lentz. Mr. Lentz is concerned about vandalism to vehicles on Edward Street. Children are sled riding/skateboarding on street and will not move when cars come by. He is afraid someone is going to get hurt. West Hills Police will parole this area and Mr. Lentz will call the non emergency number when children are skateboarding (ordinance #450 no skateboards on streets or alleys).

President Pile called upon Ms. Diane Shultz. Ms. Shultz lives on the corner of Olive Street and Mabel Street; she received a letter about a proposed new home going on a vacant corner lot on Orchard Street and Olive Street (Map #115). She feels this will affect people seeing and stopping at the stop sign on Olive Street and will cause water run off onto her property. Mr. Orms has checked and the setback does not violate our Zoning Ordinance #359. There is nothing the Borough Council can do if the zoning requirements are met. Mr. Duray recommends Ms. Shultz contact Ms. Bobbie Blososky at the Cambria County Conservation District (814-472-2120) if she does get dirt/water run off.

President Pile called upon Mr. Ray Hartnett. Mr. Hartnett spoke about the letter he received from the Borough dated January 16, 2006 and reply by Abood, Russell, Pappas & Rozich dated January 24, 2006. Council has given Mr. Hartnett three options for leaf collection: rake leaves to Harding Street, bag leaves on Harding Street and/or bag leaves on Wren Street and we will pickup. Another option is not to rake the leaves, let them lay on property, no ordinance mandates raking of leaves.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to open the 2006 paving bids. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Received two (2) bids: Quaker Sales Corporation base bid of \$90,876.75, alternate bid #1 \$22,973.70 and alternate bid #2 \$19,853.52; HRI, Inc. base bid of \$90,970.30, alternate bid #1 \$22,389.20 and alternate bid #2 \$19,362.00.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for February was received and discussed. The 2005 overflow report was received and is on file. Mr. Rodgers made a motion for Solicitor Lovette to send a letter to Grandview on permit and/or classification of drainage swale; Mr. Duray will contact DEP. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Duray passed out a schedule and projected cost for 2006 CAP activities with an estimated total of \$26,400, discussion followed. This will be discussed further after questions are answered by Johnstown Redevelopment Authority based upon letter received dated February 10, 2006.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the low base bid by Quaker Sales of \$90,876.75 after review by Street Commissioner, Solicitor and Engineer. If bid is not in order go to next lowest bid. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for January shows revenue in the amount of \$126.14 (ordinance violations \$53.84 and vehicle violations \$72.30). West Hills Police has applied for a grant for a radar speed trailer similar to the one we had rented. Should have a good chance to receive a \$10,000 grant, Police Chief Andy Havas will keep Council updated.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity of four (4) permits at a total construction of \$304,900 as of 2/15/06. A BOCA letter was sent to Mr. Sturtz, 556 Harshberger Road granting thirty (30) days to clean up property (until 3/1/2006). Mr. Orms has been in contact with Ms. Jasper, 149 State Street, there was a misunderstanding with the insurance company a contractor is lined up. Mr. Orms will follow up.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records nine (9) responses during the month of January. There was one (1) call between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM during December. Southmont had the following assists three (3) to Upper Yoder, one (1) to Westmont, one (1) to Ferndale and one (1) to Dale. They have meet twice with Upper Yoder, Ferndale and Riverside concerning merging of fire companies; only in planning stages and will keep Council informed. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report, discussion followed. Weather has been mild, been working on outside items. There have been complaints of an odor coming from Cheney Run creek. Mr. Bosley will contact Mr. Darby Sprincz, Johnstown City, and will schedule an inspection of the creek tunnel. Mr. Bosley continues to work on the GIS system.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk has nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve two hour backhoe training for four employees (3 F/T's and Matt) at a cost of \$140 plus mileage. Seconded by Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Krupa reminded all that we will be hosting the PSAB spring dinner meeting which will be scheduled for late April.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat has nothing new to report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Nothing to report, Mr. Kory absent.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter mentioned the 2004 & 2005 franchise fee overpayment in the amount of \$19,358.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa will be scheduling a shade tree meeting late March early April. Mr. Krupa reminded Council to let him know of any tree work that is needed and Arbor Day planting suggestions; a shade tree inventory is being completed. Mr. Bosley is getting quotes for fence repair at Cheney Run; will repair when tree is removed. Mr. Bosley will place caution tape around area of damage.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report, Mr. Kory absent.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Nothing new to report, Mr. Kory absent.

COG REPORT

Mr. Krupa attended, was a good active meeting. Some issues discussed: approved COG budget of \$97,800, code budget of \$190,000, membership of thirty-nine (39) municipalities - 32 from Cambria County and 7 from Somerset, spring bidding for supplies and survey reactivating cable coalition. Ms. Spak will fill out survey placing Mr. Bob Morgan as Southmont's delegate. Mr. Bosley will contact Mr. Fedora concerning sewer camera training. The camera is now being used in Ebensburg and when it is returned it will go to Geistown; they may have Vo-Tech paint the trailer.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report, Mr. Kory absent.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The February minutes were received. Mr. Pile has attended numerous regular and committee meetings. RDM is talking to Somerset Borough and Somerset County concerning their water needs. Wind mills on some of the water authority property are being discussed. In the spring they will be setting up group tours for viewing their facilities (dams). Mr. Danyluk made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bill Carstensen for a five year term. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Carstensen did state if his health would deteriorate he would step down.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat discussed Emergency Management Center preference for video camera with mini DVD capabilities. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to get three (3) bids and purchase lowest cost video camera with DVD. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette updated Council on Community Information Guide. Mr. Chip Craig, president of the guide, is being investigated; will keep Council updated on findings. Abandoned properties and/or dangerous structures will be placed on the next committee meeting agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Mr. Bosley and Mr. Livingston to attend the 8th annual DEP workshop March 28th thru March 30th in Bushkill, PA. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Resolution 2006-01 disposition of records. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the January's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$276,898.94. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Nothing to note at this time. Council did receive a copy of Cambria County Township and Borough 2005 & 2006 tax mill rate information.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$35,875.40. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List". Ms. Spak will create file/form for monitoring handicap parking spaces. The two handicap spots have sent in their yearly renewal form, council will monitor. Ms. Spak will contact Ms. Niekamp, 21 Shady Lane, and request copy of placard and handicap ID card for file. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve Attorney Robert Shahade as Southmont Zoning Solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Ms. Spak will get three bids for grass cutting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Greater Johnstown Water Authority annual meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2006 at Surf-n-Turf. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the February 20, 2006 meeting at 9:55 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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