

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**

**Minutes for November 19, 2012**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 19, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini; Police Chief Andrew Havas

**Absent:** Borough Manager Richard Wargo (excused), Fire Chief Mike Leckey

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the payment of the bills from October 17, 2012 through November 20, 2012 in the amount of \$52374.38. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the ratification of payroll from October 16, 2012 through November 19, 2012 in the amount of \$16,811.56. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the October 2012 treasurer's report in the amount of \$433,700.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the October 2012 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,506.94. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. Council acknowledged a letter received from the County of Cambria stating a special purpose examination of Jill Magistro focusing on County real estate tax concluded on September 21, 2012 noting the controlling processes within the Southmont Borough Tax Collector's office are adequately designed and operating effectively.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas reported officials from the Summerhill, South Fork and Wilmore areas contacted him and asked if he would meet with them to discuss police regionalization. Chief Havas met with the officials on November 1, 2012 in Summerhill to answer questions and give them some direction on how to go about regionalizing their police departments.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Leckey absent. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Morgan reported one approved business permit for The Cuttlefish Group (e-commerce) at 307 Leila Street. Mr. Morgan reported the junk vehicle behind Overbrook Church has been removed and the old basketball court behind Southmont Medical Building has been cleaned up.

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Manager's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Secretary's Report**

Ms. Claycomb reported the Public Utility Realty Tax was received in the amount of \$811.03. Ms. Claycomb reported the first annual payment of the unconventional gas well fee from the PA Public Utility Commission in the amount of \$228.66.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Ordinance No. 492 approving the tax rate for 2013 at 13 mills. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the 2013 tentative general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the 2013 tentative sewer budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the 2013 tentative garbage budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve advertising the general fund, sewer and garbage tentative budgets. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Nothing to report.

**B. Administration:** Mr. Rodgers reported he received a complaint regarding the messages being shown on the ICare sign on Menoher Blvd. Mr. Rodgers reported he received calls commending the road crew on leaf collection.

**C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**D. Police Committee:** Mayor Paolini reported a letter was received from Upper Yoder Township requesting a meeting to discuss regionalization noting no action has been taken.



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**E. Fire Company Committee:** Nothing to report.

**F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Nothing to report.

**G. Shade Tree Committee:** Nothing to report.

**H. Recreation Committee:** Mr. Ewald reported the recreation commission is trying to become self sufficient by joining entities with surrounding communities.

**I. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Council requested the availability of wood chips to the public in the bi-annual newsletter.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported the pipeline dedication ceremony was held on November 8<sup>th</sup> noting water will be flowing as of December 1, 2012. Mr. Pile reported a letter was received from Department of Environmental Protection stating North Fork Dam is deficient and a high hazard. Mr. Pile stated a hydrologist is to check the watershed under the North Fork Dam. Mr. Pile reported Amfire is interested in taking coal from Salt Lick Dam noting an environmental analyst is to check the area first.

**K. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

An Executive Session was called at 7:40 regarding fire company negotiations. Executive Session ended at 8:00 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the November 19, 2012 meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Claycomb*  
Secretary/Treasurer

