

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
August 15, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled August Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the August 15, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

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

ABSENT: Fire Chief: Chet Borosky

VISITORS: Mr. Steve Vickroy, Westmont Hilltop Recreation and Ms. Diane Grasser, 148 State Street, speed humps lower State Street.

President Pile asked for approval of the July 18, 2005 Council Minutes and the Committee Minutes of August 9, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

President Pile called upon Mr. Steve Vickroy Director of the Westmont Hilltop Recreation. Mr. Vickroy updated Council on the rates schedule effective September 1, 2005 and also reviewed the income comparison for the past three years. The inside of the gymnasium at the Grove will be painted next spring at a cost of about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and plans to replace the roof are also being discussed. Mr. Vickroy is looking into who is responsible for the repair of the water fountain at the Diamond Playground.

President Pile called upon Ms. Grasser who is concerned on traffic calming on lower State Street. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Traffic Calming Policy and the Traffic Calming Procedure. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. The State Street readings of August 6th thru August 14th are incorrect; Ms. Spak and Mr. Bosley will be investigating and fixing the problem. When the problem is repaired new readings will be forwarded to Council to see if any improvement on counts since State Street line painting has been completed. Ms. Grasser has not seen any visible speed difference and she feels a physical barrier is needed. Council will revisit after correct speed counts are available.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Police Chief Havas has nothing new to report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity as of 7/29/05; sixteen (16) permits and a total construction of \$147,022. President Pile asked Mr. Orms to walk around and inspect 511 Diamond Blvd.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky absent; written report records seven (7) responses during the month of July. There was one (1) call between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. President Pile has asked Chief Borosky for the fire company's plan for purchase/use of heavy equipment, waiting for information. Mr. Graham discussed Southmont volunteer fire company contacting Ferndale's fire company for fund raising ideas. Mr. Graham would like the fire company to come up with more fund raising options. Solicitor Lovette will compare the fire company agreement to the sample resolution received by Pirma. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for August was received and discussed. Mr. Duray noted he looked at the drainage and the grating of Mr. Jedrzejek property at 93 Thoburn Street, more fill is needed to complete; when completed it will be looked at again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. Mr. Rodgers commented on the COG camera equipment, Mr. Bosley will check the equipment and pull the agreement to see who is responsible for repair (if needed). Mr. Bosley will paint stop bars on intersections of Goucher and Leon plus Goucher and Queen; when completed call and inform Upper Yoder Township supervisors (ref. letter dated August 10, 2005).

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk has nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa mentioned the letter was sent out to all businesses on August 2nd referencing Southmont hosting the Cambria County Borough Association's annual fall dinner meeting and the 2006 fireman's jubilee. Mr. Krupa will be following up letter with personal visits. Mr. Graham requested Ms. Spak to send a letter to RDM requesting donation for the fall dinner and a Greater Johnstown Water Authority donation is still pending. Personnel was discussed, we will be looking for part-time employees for leaf collection and Mr. Bosley is in the process of lining up part time help for snow plowing.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat had nothing new to report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham made a motion to keep the recycling trailer closed for six (6) months. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Six (6) yeas and one (1) nay, motion carried. Ms. Spak will contact Cambria County recycling with some additional questions i.e. how do they inspect recyclables and where do they take them?

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has nothing new to report. Ms. Spak will contact Cambria County to find formula used for Southmont Borough's share of Liquid Fuel County Aid, received five thousand six hundred dollars (\$5,600) for 2005.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa mentioned planting is coming along, waiting for weather to cooperate to finish. Mr. Graham made a motion to allow any elected official, Borough employee and/or shade tree committee member who can, attend the September 13th Community Forestry Workshop in Forest Hills, PA. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The minutes for the June and the July meetings were received. There was a discussion concerning the soccer/baseball field restroom and storage shed key agreement. Ms. Spak will contact Mr. Peterson; Council is requesting the one hundred dollar (\$100) deposit fee.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory mentioned the shed was painted and looks very nice, also, good job on rebuilding of the catch basins.

COG REPORT

No meeting, nothing new to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Graham has nothing new to report; the minutes from the August 11, 2005 meeting were received. Mr. John H. Follansbee was interviewed on August 9th; his resume will be kept on file if opening comes available.

Lower State Street Committee

President Pile recommended moving Lower State Street to the "Tickler List" and removing it from committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat has nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette has revised draft Ordinance #459 transient merchants; Council to review. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve Ordinance #458 no parking on south side of Edward Street. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the July manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion followed on follow up to letters sent to residents for trimming, house numbers, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the July Treasurer Report in the amount of \$378,280.07. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Graham made a motion to note the July tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Received and is on file the Real Estate Tax Collector audit for July 21, 2004 thru December 31, 2004.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$19,212.46 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed adding fire company heavy equipment, Lower State Street, Pirma volunteer fire resolution, recycling closed until February, 2006 and CD due date of May 1, 2006 to the "Tickler List".

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Danyluk requested Ms. Spak to call previous publisher of the codification book to see about updating book; see if available on disc or CD.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter for adjournment of the August 15, 2005 meeting at 8:10 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager
8/18/2005 8:54 AM

