

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for August 19, 2013

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 19, 2013 Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council Members; Richard Rodgers, William Kory, Kevin Pile, and Robert Morgan; Solicitor Michael Carbonara, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Mayor Gregory Paolini; Council President Ed Danyluk (out of town); Council Members Herb Ewald and Thomas Strittmatter

Visitors: Randy Griffith (Tribune Democrat), Fran Sivi (Westmont Recreation), Michelle Trevorrow and Deb Wintersheidt (observing)

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Trevorrow stated there has been an increase of litter along Menoher Blvd. and requested no littering signs or something to deter littering. Mr. Wargo will research possible solutions.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported an Officer will be at the Craftin' & Cruisin' activities sponsored by the Westmont Recreation Commission at the Ridge on August 25, 2013 to represent the Police Department. Chief Havas reported the speed trailer was placed on Shady Lane and Southmont Blvd. in response to speeding complaints noting the results have not been reviewed yet.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported a letter was sent to the Cambria County Commissioners regarding issues with Cambria County Emergency Services. Chief Weslager stated Cambria County Emergency Services changed the name of the rescue vehicle to a "special services unit" without authorization. Chief Weslager also noted dispatching issues with Cambria County Emergency Services. Chief Weslager stated no response has been received yet.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a workshop will be held on August 27, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to review the smoke testing results.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported zoning permits issued to 721 Menoher Blvd. (garage addition), 401 Diamond Blvd. (window), 422 State St. (shed), 543 Bluff St. (windows), 140 Violet Street (swimming pool) and 201 Gardner St. (footer). Mr. Wargo reported approved sewer compliances for 121 Mabel St., 525 Bluff St., 334 Gardner St. and 400 Diamond Blvd. Mr. Wargo stated he had a meeting with The EADS Group and Earth Tech regarding the mudslide on Stillray Street. Mr. Wargo reviewed the plans for complete restoration noting the property owner, Paul Sheesley, is responsible for any costs. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the restoration plans for complete restoration to be completed by November 15, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Mayor's Report

Mayor Paolini absent.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a pre-construction meeting was held on August 15, 2013 regarding the upcoming sewer projects which should begin September 15, 2013. Mr. Wargo reported there were issues with the power steering and turbo on the street sweeper noting it has been repaired at a cost of \$1,700.00. Mr. Wargo reported the Union Contract has been signed and sealed. Mr. Wargo reported the cd's at First Commonwealth Bank are maturing and requested permission to shop for rates. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to allow Mr. Wargo to get quotes for cd rates and to accept the best rate. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara stated he will meet with the property owner of 509 State Street to request access to the house noting the property owner will not be staying at The Atrium for much longer.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve transferring \$15,000.00 from the money market account at Somerset Trust to the dump truck reserve at First Commonwealth Bank. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve transferring \$10,000.00 from the money market account at Somerset Trust to the back hoe reserve at First Commonwealth Bank.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent.

August 19, 2013 Minutes – Page 3

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve hiring Joseph Smolen as a part-time sweeper operator at \$10.50 per hour on an as needed basis. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

D. Police Committee: Mayor Paolini absent.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Strittmatter absent.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan stated the shade tree budget needs to be reviewed to possibly increase it.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory stated the recreation commission will obtain an independent audit and are awaiting feedback as to whether the municipalities involved with the recreation commission will agree to split the cost. Mrs. Trevorrow stated the Westmont Hilltop School Board has approved the audit at the Westmont Hilltop Recreation's expense. Mrs. Sivi stated she has applied for a 503-C status and is awaiting approval noting audits are required after being approved. Mrs. Sivi stated there are a few items to be discussed regarding the audit such as if Southmont Borough will stay with the recreation commission if an audit is completed and who will pay for it. A workshop will be scheduled to discuss the issue further.

H. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

I. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

J. Open Records: An Open Records request was received from Scott Berger for the June 2013 zoning permits.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from July 16, 2013 through August 21, 2013 in the amount of \$19,367.47. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from July 17, 2013 through August 20, 2013 in the amount of \$50362.70. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the July 2013 treasurer's report in the amount of \$687,165.75. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the July 2013 tax collector's report in the amount of \$2,978.87. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

August 19, 2013 Minutes – Page 4

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the August 19, 2013 meeting at 4:46 P.M. Motion seconded by Kory. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Claycomb

Secretary/Treasurer