

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
January 20, 1997 7:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled January Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the January 20, 1997 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Davis, Mayor Robert Morgan, Engineer: Ron Walker, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Zoning Officer-Fred Pullen (7:55 p.m.), West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, and Mike Butler, Fire Department

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: None

At this time President Pile asked for approval of the December 16, 1996 regular Council meeting minutes. There being no question or correction, Mr. Kory made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All in favor. There being no visitors President Pile moved ahead to Chief Havas.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's written report records revenues for the month of December at \$568.26. There was a total of 392 calls for service during the month. A lending infant car seat safety program is being initiated. A video will be shown to the recipients of the program before they sign out the car seats. The video will also review air bag safety. The program is sponsored by the Cambria County Crime and Safety Program. Start up will probably be in the Spring. Mr. Pile asked if the bicycle/helmet safety program is still possible. Chief Havas agreed to the need for a bicycle/helmet program of some degree. Mr. Rodgers reviewed with Chief Havas a residents call about a telephone scam and the procedures for Officers training and education in public relations with citizens, the elderly especially. Positive comments have been received on the State Street/Olive Street curve since the texture milling was done. New signs have been posted at the curve.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Butler's report records the total 1996 yearly report and the December monthly report. Fire Chief Butler reported only fire loss for 1996 in the amount of \$2,000. The loss was the result of a vehicle fire. Members attended 203 fire training schools in the amount of 670 total hours. The fire department was active in storm alerts, heavy rains, snow fall, fallen trees and flooded basements in 1996. A list of scheduled activities has been submitted to the Borough Secretary for insurance purposes. Drawings have been received and the Fire Company will schedule to meet with the Building Committee. The fire company will be color coding the fire hydrants in the Spring.

The coding is in three colors which establishes the capacity of the hydrants. Green indicates good, orange indicated average and red indicates the lowest capacity.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker reported the sanitary sewer lines have been televised . Mr. Walker submitted an invoice for the televising in the amount of \$4435.08. They did not televise the 6" line on Edward Street where the water is leaking down through a property on Southmont Blvd. There was a problem with the light on the camera. Nothing of urgency was found, some manhole problems, some cracks, roots and etc. The storm sewer line in the Borough Park and down through a property on Arlington Street has major problems. It has collapsed and will need repaired and rebuilt.

Mr. Walker received word that PennDot approved a right of way map for the Chapin Arch, which was previously submitted. Some field points need to be done and then everything appears to be completed. Mr. Pile and Mr. Walker will meet to go over the plans for the soccer/ballfield storage shed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records recyclable materials have been taken to Boswell weekly. Catch basins were cleaned after storms. Replaced 1994 truck door due to accident. Installed new signs on sharp curve at Olive and Southmont Blvd. Replaced "Stop" sign on Helen Street and "No Parking" sign and post on Shady Lane. Began scraping and painting old sign posts to re-use. Installed a "Hidden Driveway" sign on Susan Drive near new house. Began picking up Christmas trees. There was a domestic water leak on a residents property at 46 Shady Lane. Water had to be shut off before repairs could be made.

##### STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry set a Street Committee meeting concerning Borough owned properties for Tuesday, January 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. All members of Council are invited. There are only 4 properties plus the Wren Street playground that were appraised. The appraisals at a cost of \$50.00 per parcel were approved at the December meeting. The Committee will determine the possibility of selling the parcels. If the appraised value is less than \$1,500 the lots can be sold without advertisement.

A request for a curb cut was discussed and a motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to refer the request from Mr. Sheldon Cornell of 185-187 State Street for a curb cut to the Zoning Officer for review. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. This curb cut shall be made according to the Street Commissioners specifications and at the property owners cost. This request was made to provide off street parking on Mr. Cornell's property.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Davis reported that all the contract documents for the AFSCME employees have been submitted to Mr. Miller for approval and signatures. We haven't received the signed documents to date. Mr. Davis and the Secretary will call Mr. Miller to see if there is a problem. Mr. Davis stated everything was agreed upon at the last meeting.

Mr. Pile has been notified that all of the following members of Boards Commissions and Authorities will continue to serve, as noted: Mr. Paul Sheesly to the Zoning Hearing Board and BOCA Code Appeal Board for 5 year terms to expire 1-1-2002., Mr. Thomas Lewis III to the Shade Tree Commission, 5 year term to expire 1-1-2002, Mr. Nicholas Antonazzo and Mr. Lary Koval to the Planning Commission term to expire 1-1-2002. Mr. Jeff Hunt, Mr. Ron Madison and Mr. John Bearer have agreed to re-appointments to the Alternate Zoning Hearing Board for a 1 year term to expire 1-1-98. Mrs. Jeannett Paruch will again serve on the Board of Health, 5 year term to expire 1-1-2002. The West Hills Regional Police Commission appointees are Robert Morgan, Kevin Pile, Edward Danyluk, Lou Leventry as alternate and Curt Davis as alternate all for 2 year terms to expire 1-1-99. Re-Appointments to the Shade Tree Advisory Board for 3 year terms are Mary Ann Kory, Jennifer Drummey, Ellen Hoffman, Eileen Middleton all to a 3 year term to expire 1-1-2000. Mrs. Lois Verhovsek of 108 Palliser was recommended for appointment to the Shade Tree Commission by Mr. Davis, replacing Donna Zellers, for a term to expire in 1-1-2000. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to accept all of the Board, Commission and Authorities re-appointments and appointments. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers questioned the re-appointment of Mr. Antonazzo who had previously decided not to accept the re-appointment. Mr. Pullen stated he had agreed to the re-appointment when he was approached.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 2 permits issued this month in the amount of \$40,500. Mr. Pullen and Mr. Davis reviewed with Council the meeting with Mr. Chiodo, Mr. Duray, and Mr. Leventry and Mr. Davis. It was decided that the Committee will develop a written agreement of requirements and specifications for the development in the PineBrooke Development. It will be given to Zoning Solicitor Pat Kiniry for review before it is sent on to Mr. Chiodo. The Committee has decided to hold off on any zoning changes until a later date. The change from commercial to residential is not a Zoning Hearing Board function, it is a Council function. Mr. Davis expects this agreement should take about 2 to 3 weeks. The natural water course stream improvement could take 3 to 4 months. Everything will be reviewed with the Zoning Solicitor.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reported that the year to date total volume is 57,858 lbs. with credit of \$964.12. No other report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that the Fire Co. has submitted the 1997 activities list to the Secretary.

Mrs. Czyrnik meet with John Aspel of H.A.Thomson who is the agent carrying the Borough's Liability insurance. Mr. Aspel reviewed the coverage for the renewal (4-1-97) of the policy. While reviewing the coverage Mr. Aspel asked for Council to review the building and contents coverage. The municipal building is currently covered for \$245,900. The contents at \$18,500. The concrete block garage is covered for \$26,900. Mr. Aspel asked that Council look at having the property appraised for a more realistic replacement cost. After discussion it was agreed to have the Secretary call Industrial Appraisal for a proposal on the costs of an appraisal for insurance purposes. It was decided to have a video camera recording of all the inventory and buildings.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reviewed with Council the December 1996 report. The 1996 receipts show a collection rate of 108.1%. The total expenditures rate for December 1996 was 78% under the budgeted amount. The General Fund Balance to carry over to 1997 is \$238,711.55. Mr. Davis would like to see a line item called Capitol Improvement Fund in the next budget.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that 4 trees were removed on Diamond Blvd. Two trees had been replaced previously and 2 more will be replaced in the Spring. Mrs. Czyrnik will check on the letter to Zucco and follow through with the Magistrate for collection costs for the removal of two trees and branches from Mr. Zucco's Cox Street property.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported he is to meet with Ron Walker to review the drawings for the storage shed and handicapped restroom facilities. Ms. Sythe and Mr. Pile meet with AYSO representatives and they will donate \$1,000 for the Soccer/Ballfield project. They also have agreed to do voluntary labor work for the project. The field will probably be out of service for at least one year. We will come up with a time line to do the project. We need to establish separate accounts for labor and material costs. A motion by Mr. Rodgers to approve opening two separate accounts, was seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE

No report. Will meet with the Fire Company when they are ready to review drawings of the proposed building.

### C.O.G. Report

Mr. Davis reported that C.O.G had their Organizational meeting, no minutes were received.

### CHAPIN ARCH

No other report.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morgan had a report of water leaking at the Water Authority tank. Mayor Morgan checked the tank and found a spring in back of the tank. He had the Street Commissioner spread salt to remove the ice. Mr. Bosley watched the area and it appeared to stop within a day or two.

Chief Butler had a concern about parking on both sides of Thoburn Street near the Edward Street intersection. The Mayor is recommending that "No Parking" be placed on the downside of Thoburn Street. A motion by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Krupa to continue posting the "No Parking" signs on the downside of Thoburn Street. All in favor, motion carried.

### SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lovette reported that he received a copy of Jackson Township's anti-pornography ordinance. He will review the ordinance with Zoning Solicitor Kiniry and make the necessary changes and have the ordinance ready for approval and advertising at the next meeting. A junked vehicle ordinance is to be revised, as well as the Zoning Ordinance that will tie the Borough into the latest BOCA Property Maintenance Code. Some changes are to be determined for the two gas stations on Southmont Blvd.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's report records that transfers have been made to balance the Treasurer's report line item accounts for 1996. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to receive and approve the Final Treasurers Report for 1996 noting the transfers of accounts. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers recommended that Council meet with Richard Lear of PAMS. Provide a list of our questions for him and then meet with the School District at a later date to review the recent embezzlement findings.

Mr. Danyluk approved selling two phones to Mrs. Kush in the amount of \$3.00 each. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Czynnik received the Police Pension Audit for 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995. Mr. Rodgers and Mayor Morgan each have a copy. The Administration and Personnel Committee set a date February 4, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. to review the findings. There is a Spring Legislative Conference in Grantsville on March 23 - 25 1997. Anyone interested in attending please let the Secretary know by next Council meeting. If anyone is interested in any of the DCED training session listed please let the Secretary know for registration.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report with a balance of \$238,711.55 in the General Fund for December 1996 and Final Transfers were accepted in the Secretary's Report.

### TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$6,281.36 collected in Real Estate taxes and \$44.00 in Per Capita collections for the month of November. Total amount of \$6,325.36. A motion by Mr. Rodgers accepting the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. An audit was done by the County and it is recorded that no concerns were raised based on the review. This was the first audit ever done by the County in the 26 years Mr. Quinn has been the tax collector.

### APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

After questions and review, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the bills for a total of \$39,775.35. Seconded by Mr. Davis Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Davis, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

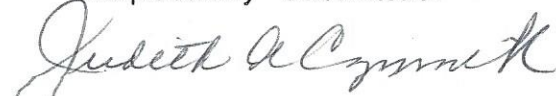
Council reviewed items on the "Tickler List" that have been taken care off. Some items have been partially completed and will remain. New items will be added.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Davis was given the Loyalty Oath by Mayor Morgan on his appointment to to West Hills Regional Police Commission.

Council adjourned 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Judith A. Czynnik,  
Borough Secretary

