

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for February 16, 2015

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled February 16, 2015 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara (4:32 p.m.), Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, William Kory, Kevin Pile Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Council Member Herb Ewald (out of town)

Visitors: Amy Rocco (207 Violet Street, Property Maintenance Update)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Visitors

Mr. Wargo informed Mrs. Rocco that Solicitor Carbonara was running late because of court and the property maintenance issues with 211 Violet Street would be discussed as soon as Solicitor Carbonara arrived.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose stated in December 2014, the West Hills Regional Police assisted the West Hills Regional Fire Dept. on Christmas Eve with their "Santa Claus Visit." Chief Lose reported all West Hills Regional Police Officers have completed their 2015 Mandatory In-Service Training.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager two members attended ten sessions of fire school at Somerset Fire School. Chief Weslager stated members have been busy with all the snow keeping fire hydrants clear.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reviewed the engineers report received from Stiffler McGraw, which noted the following: "At this time, approximately 70% of the required field work is completed for Phase 1. The amount of snow has hindered our ability to complete the remaining 30% of field work. Most of the information we are missing at this time are back lot runs where we intend to find the existing manholes using our mainline television inspection camera. The Borough Street Crew has provided assistance opening manholes that were buried and/or paved over. DEP has provided our office with Construction Drawings for the Cheney Run Flood Control Project. The Water Authority provided our office with digital

shape files of their system in Southmont. This information was downloaded into our CAD files. Plan drawings were sent back to Water Authority so they can check the accuracy. The Gas Company provided hard copies of their system maps to our office. We interpreted their maps to show the locations of gas mains on our drawings. Plan Drawings were sent back to the Gas Company for them to check the accuracy. Detail design cannot begin until the field work to locate all existing utilities is complete. As weather permits, we intend to complete the necessary field work. In summary, we are behind schedule right now for submission of permit plans in mid April.”

Zoning Officer’s Report

Mr. Wargo reported on building permit issued to 1 Cheney Street (storage shed).

Manager’s Report

Mr. Wargo stated he was invited to attend a demonstration on sewer cameras at LB Waters on February 18, 2015. Mr. Wargo reported he had some issues with ordering salt noting every one seems to be running out. Mr. Wargo stated he has approximately 50 tons currently stock piled and has secured a back up plan for ordering salt is unavailable through COSTARS noting it would cost around \$11.00 more per ton and only ordered in emergency situation.

Solicitor’s Report

Mr. Wargo reported he contacted Kerry McCollough and tried contacting Matthew McCollough regarding the damages and integrity of 211 Violet Street noting he informed Mrs. McCollough that he needs to get into the property to inspect it and has not heard back from Kerry or Matthew McCollough yet. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to allow Solicitor Carbonara to take necessary legal actions to obtain permission to enter 211 Violet Street with a licensed inspector and engineer to inspect the damages and integrity of the structure. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). Solicitor Carbonara reported DCED gave their approval to move forward with the interim financing for the sanitary sewer projects. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to advertise a special meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2015 for the purpose of approving an ordinance authorizing the \$2,000,000.00 interim financing loan. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

Secretary’s Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve attendance of elected officials and staff to attend the PA State Association of Borough’s Annual Conference April 26-April 29, 2015 in Lancaster, PA. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). Mrs. Layton reported Kline Kimlin began the borough audit on February 11, 2015.

Mayor’s Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: A motion was made by Mr. Pile to hire Philip Staib on a part-time basis at \$10.50 per hour to plow, as needed. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory reported he reviewed the salt bin with Mr. Wargo noting the back of the building is deteriorating and needs to be repaired. Mr. Wargo will obtain quotes for spring 2015.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the Water Authority is talking with Rosebud Mining regarding strip mining noting the strip mining was previously discussed with Amfire, which was bought by Rosebud Mining. Mr. Pile reported the Water Authority is still having issues with the number of geese at North Fork Dam and Dalton noting the Water Authority is discussing possible solutions.

I. Open Records: Mrs. Layton reported one open records request received by Jillian Hawk regarding December 2014 building permits issued.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from January 22, 105 through February 18, 2015 in the amount of \$15,513.44. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from January 21, 2015 through February 17, 2015 in the amount of \$95,139.68. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the January 2015 treasurer's report in the amount of \$564,071.19. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the February 16, 2015 meeting at 4:50 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Layton

Secretary/Treasurer