

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for October 21, 2019

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 21, 2019 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Engineer Todd Banks; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Police Det. Sgt. George Musulin; Fire Chief Michael Butler; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter

Absent: Council Member Kevin Pile; Mayor Mark Yonko

Visitors: Robert Walker (deer population management)

Bid Opening

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve opening the 2020 – 2022 garbage bids. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

The garbage bids were as follows:

Pro Disposal	\$139,858.00 – 1 Year \$280,801.92 – 2 Years \$423,429.44 – 3 Years
Waste Management	\$13.49 per unit (\$154,109.76) – 1 Year \$13.64 per unit (\$312,332.16) – 2 Years \$13.85 per unit (\$474,667.20) – 3 Years
Advanced Disposal	\$14.00 per unit (159,936.00) – 1 Year \$14.43 per unit (\$329,696.64) – 2 Years \$14.88 per unit (\$509,967.36) – 3 Years
Burgmeier's Hauling, Inc.	\$148,827.12 – 1 Year \$302,119.06 – 2 Years \$460,009.76 – 3 Years

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to accept the garbage bid received from Pro Disposal for 3 years in the amount of \$423,429.44 beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the September 16, 2019 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Visitors

Mr. Walker is very concerned about the deer population in the borough. He and neighbors are having property damage from the vast numbers coming into the borough. After discussion, Mr. Morgan said there is a program that Westmont, Upper Yoder and Johnstown are looking into the issue with the PA Game Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald for Mr. Morgan to explore the program for Southmont Borough to participate. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

The September 2019 West Hills Regional Police Department report was received and is on file. The speed monitoring board is not working at this time and the police are being vigilant in monitoring on busy streets.

Fire Company's Report

The September 2019 Southmont Volunteer Fire Company report was received and is on file. Mr. Butler expressed concern for road safety of the fire trucks on certain streets where people are parking close to the intersections and by fire hydrants. Mr. Butler was asked to make a list of streets where the problem exists.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks stated Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project is closing out in November and he recently met with Snyder Environmental and Mr. Lingenfelter to perform the 11 month punch list of items that still need addressed. Mr. Banks reported the lateral at 266 Southmont Blvd. was missed due to it being close to the Johnstown City line and noted a grinder pump would be needed at the property.

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to install the lateral line and grinder pump at 266 Southmont Blvd. to the engineer's specifications. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Banks requested permission to remove the six flow meters throughout the borough for the season and reinstall them in the spring due to the cost and no accurate testing can be done during the winter.

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve removing the flow meters and reinstall in spring 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

The August 2019 and September 2019 Zoning Officer's reports were received and are on file.

Street Commissioner's Report

Mr. Lingenfelter reported he would like to move the salt shed to the pole buildings next to Diamond Blvd. Playground because it would be more convenient and less costly than building an entirely new shed at the borough building and requested Stiffler McGraw have plans drawn.

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the third addendum to the West Hills Regional Police contract pending a new all-inclusive document be typed up combining the old agreement and all addendums. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the new cable franchise agreement with Atlantic Broadband and have Solicitor Carbonara set up the required public hearing. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Executive Secretary's Report

Mr. Ewald stated there are dead or hazardous trees along Southmont Blvd. and other areas of the borough that the owners need to be notified of their responsibilities. The Shade Tree Committee will look into this matter.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yonko absent. Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald stated the crack sealing machine will be rented again in the spring and he is compiling a list of street grading to be reviewed with Mr. Lingenfelter.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile absent. Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile absent. Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Danyluk absent.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

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L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

N. Centennial: Mr. Morgan stated a resident is requesting permission to install a bench and plant flowers and shrubs near the basketball court and he will provide more information at a later date.

Mr. Morgan stated the Centennial Committee purchased and donated a bulletin board for the front of the borough building so notices no longer have to be taped in the windows and are looking into donating and planting trees in front of the borough building.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from September 17, 2019 through October 21, 2019 in the amount of \$10,198.90. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to payment of bills from September 17, 2019 through October 21, 2019 in the amount of \$273,660.76. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the September 2019 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,646,042.19. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the September 2019 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,098.81. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the October 21, 2019 meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer