

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR JULY 20, 2020

The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the schedule July 20, 2020 Council meeting was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mark Yonko; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members Edward Danyluk, Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, Herb Ewald, Robert Morgan and William Trevorrow; Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter; Engineer Todd Banks;

Absent: Fire Chief Michael Butler; Police Chief Michael Lose

Visitors: Harold Platt; Matthew and Jeanine Matse

Meeting Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2020-07, appointing William Trevorrow to fill a vacancy in the office of Council Member. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Speicher reported the 2020 paving bids for Lettuce Alley, Okra Alley, Court Alley, Lennox Alley and Carrie Alley were opened and reviewed at a special meeting at 2 p.m. earlier in the day and the results were as follows:

Quaker Sales:	Option 1	\$58,056.00
	Option 2	\$79,694.85
Grannas Brothers	Option 1	\$52,352.00
	Option 2	\$80,143.50
HRI, Inc.	Option 1	\$61,306.00
	Option 2	\$90,416.45

Mr. Lingenfelter stated Option 1 would include 4" base repairs, ½" asphalt scratch and leveling, and 1" asphalt wearing and Option 2 would include 3.5" milling, 2" asphalt binder, and 1.5" asphalt wearing noting both options would give the alleys approximately 5 years before crack sealing is needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the Option 1 bid from Grannas Brothers in the amount of \$52,352.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the June 15, 2020 monthly meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the June 24, 2020 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the July 13, 2020 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the June 17, 2020 monthly meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Police:

Chief Lose absent. Mrs. Layton stated Chief Lose called in before the meeting to report the radar machine has been fixed and was placed on Southmont Blvd. noting the data should be delivered to the borough office this week.

Fire:

Chief Butler absent. Mrs. Speicher stated she spoke with Chief Butler and the fire company is thinking of having a country western concert possibly in October at the soccer field noting they wanted councils opinion on them making money from kitchen sales and possibly beer and wine spritzer sales. Council had a favorable opinion since the fire company lost revenues from the cancellation of the annual Jubilee, but wanted to make sure the fire company would be responsible for getting the proper permits and approvals.

Engineer:

Mr. Banks reported the contract documents were sent to Snyder Excavating for the Tomato Alley Project and they are awaiting a signed copy to be returned noting construction is expected to begin before the next meeting.

Mr. Banks reported permits were submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Cheney Run Headwall Project noting there were comments received on the permit and they are responding to those.

Mr. Banks reported they are finishing up the annual report to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority and it should be submitted by this week.

Mr. Banks reported Snyder Environmental Services needed the storm sewer line on Mabel Street cleaned and televised before they could provide a quote for repairs noting with the assistance of Mr. Lingenfelter and Upper Yoder Township, they got most of it cleaned out and they will try again tomorrow to clean and televise the line.

Mr. Banks reported 46 laterals have been televised noting 3 are in need of minor repairs and 20 do not have access noting most of those are on Cheney Oak Drive and the commercial buildings along Menoher Blvd. Mr. Banks stated the commercial buildings have a pvc sewer system running under the building so

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in order to determine excess flow they will have to be evaluated during a wet weather stack inspection. Mr. Banks also stated the laterals on Cheney Oak Drive weren't included in the project at the direction of the previous borough manager because they were new lines so they do not have observation stacks on the laterals. Council discussed whether it would be beneficial to install observation stacks to the laterals on Cheney Oak Drive and Mr. Banks agreed it would be. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve installing observation stacks to the lateral lines on Cheney Oak Drive. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorror and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0). Mr. Banks noted there was nothing new to report on the flow monitoring.

Zoning:

Council discussed the letter Mr. Walker drafted for Grimaldi's Garage regarding high grass, weeds, excess tires, vehicle parts, and vehicles that have been parked in exterior areas for an extended period of time which are not properly inspected or registered. Mr. Lingenfelter reported he noticed tires being removed from the property today.

Street Commissioner:

Mr. Lingenfelter reported the Public Works Department has been working on usual summer maintenance such as grass cutting, repairing and cleaning inlets, street sweeping as well as cleaning and sanitizing the borough building.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Carbonara reported a tentative agreement was reached regarding the Gelormino Assessment Appeal noting all parties agreed to an assessed value of \$373,000. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the assessed valuation of \$373,000 for 941 Pine Grove Lane. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorror and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Speicher noted the administrative committee will be meeting next Tuesday to appoint a committee to work on blighted properties with Solicitor Carbonara and make sure it is feasible for the borough to pursue.

Secretary:

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2019 audit and internal procedures review performed by Kline Kimlin. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorror and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Pile stated the garbage and sewer maintenance bills were received by residents late and suggested the due date be extended. Mrs. Layton noted the bills were late due to issues at the post office with new forms and a check for the bulk mail permit was erroneously deposited to Westmont Borough's account. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to extend the 3rd quarter garbage and sewer maintenance due date to August 31, 2020 due to the bills going out late. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorror and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

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Mayor:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mr. Pile reported the Borough Services Committee is looking at the current burning ordinances and will have more information at the next meeting.

Committees:

Streets: Mr. Ewald reported Peoples Gas is done on Arlington Street and it looks good.

Administration: Mrs. Speicher reported a meeting will be held next Tuesday to review the soccer field lease.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Police: Mr. Morgan reported the monthly meeting will be held tomorrow night in person.

Budget/Tax Collection: Mr. Pile reported tax incomes are down from last year.

Shade: Mr. Morgan reported several dead or hazardous trees were removed in the past week noting Tree expert has list of stumps to grind. Mr. Morgan stated he has list of trees from his inspection and 2 of 19 trees have been taken care of so far.

Bldg & Grounds: Mr. Morgan reported the soccer field lease with the Westmont Hilltop School District is coming up June 30, 2021 and the borough has the right to renew the lease for 4 consecutive 10 year terms. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve renewing the soccer field lease with Westmont Hilltop School District for four consecutive ten year terms. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Pile opposed. Motion carried (6-1).

GJWA: Mr. Pile reported they are waiting for bonds to be issued for the Johnstown sewer system and as soon as those are received GJWA will take over. Mr. Pile reported the North Fork Dam project is waiting for DEP to get back regarding various permits.

Open Records: Nothing to report.

Borough Services: Nothing to report.

Insurance: Nothing to report.

Centennial: Nothing to report.

Business Items:

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve ratification of payroll from June 16, 2020 through July 20, 2020 in the amount of \$17,386.01. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of bills from June 16, 2020 through July 20, 2020 in the amount of \$209,469.70. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve transfers from June 16, 2020 through July 20, 2020 in the amount of \$114,565.96. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the June 2020 Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$1,672,141.24. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the June 2020 Tax Collector's Report in the amount of \$23,338.35. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the July 20, 2020 meeting at 4:58 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton
Executive Secretary

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