

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
September 26, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled September Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the September 26, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Graham, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Engineer: Dave Duray, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak, and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

ABSENT: Fire Chief: Chet Borosky

VISITORS: Mr. Joe Gaydos, 414 Southmont Blvd., spoke with Mr. Krupa concerning a neighbor's pine tree.

President Pile asked for approval of the August 15, 2005 Council Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hill Police Chief Andy Havas's report records revenue for July in the amount of \$313.53 and revenue for August in the amount of \$512.93. West Hills police along with Upper Yoder police had a seminar at Westmont High School concerning emergency evacuation/student take over policy as an in-service training for teachers. West Hills police received two portable radiation detection monitors to be used for scanning of suspicious vehicles. The West Hills police will be handing out orange trick-or-treat bags to children for Halloween this year. Mr. Krupa will meet with Police Chief Andy Havas to see about any handouts they can donate to the PSAB Fall meeting Southmont is hosting.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity of nineteen (19) permits and a total construction of \$193,822 as of 9/13/05. Mr. Orms inspected 511 Diamond Blvd and gave verbal report to Council. Solicitor Lovette will look into what Council can do concerning abandoned properties. Mr. Graham requested Mr. Orms to inspect property at 149 State Street. Solicitor Lovette's findings concerning abandoned property along with Ordinance 419 professional animal control officer and Ordinance 448 prohibiting the harboring of an animal nuisance will be placed on agenda for Oct. 4th committee meeting.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records seventeen (17) responses during the month of August. There were three (3) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for September was received and discussed. Flow meter summary results will be forwarded to Council before next meeting. Mr. Duray reviewed and discussed the Upper Yoder Township 2000 thru 2004 DEP Corrective Action Plan (CAP); Mr. Duray will forward Southmont Borough's last five years CAP submissions to Upper Yoder Township Authority (see letter dated September 15, 2005). P. C. Rizzo will respond to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority letter dated August 26, 2005 requesting narrative of the efforts it has taken to remove infiltration and inflow in its sewer system. Mr. Graham made a motion to repair the Flow Meter to be placed at State Street bypass at a cost of up to twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500), if cost is more a telephone poll will be conducted and ratified at next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers requested a long range plan for an infiltration corrective action for State Street bypass; Mr. Duray will look at different options and will have rough numbers available for next meeting (worse case scenarios). The fall street inspection will be scheduled for next week (w/e 10/8) all councilmen are invited to attend. Mr. Krupa will be contacting P.C. Rizzo concerning PSAB Fall dinner meeting Southmont is hosting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report; Mr. Jedrzejek, 93 Thoburn Street, filling and grade work to catch basin is completed. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to pay ½ share of Millcreek Road, Borough of Westmont invoice, in the amount of \$13,122.37. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, motion carried. A letter will accompany check requiring notice of estimate for budget purposes. Mr. Krupa commented that Mr. Bosley has done a good job on tree trimming along the Borough Streets, in particular the MTRP trees planted on Leila Street.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk has nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Spak and Mr. Bosley will go over manpower for brush clean up and snow plowing, if part time advertising is needed it will be advertised. Mr. Krupa updated Council on progress with the PSAB fall dinner meeting; pictures and other items will be gathered. The Southmont Newsletter (Kindred Spirit) will be mailed out the 2nd week of October, please get any of your articles into Ms. Spak.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat mentioned that the West Hill Police demonstrated emergency equipment they use from emergency procedures; also a new patrol car was purchased; sold an older vehicle.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report. Discussion followed on recycling of plastics only. We will schedule Haresh Pandya of PA Wood (a Davidsville company who recycles plastic only) to attend the Oct. 4th committee meeting.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter scheduled a budget meeting for Nov. 1st.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa mentioned we are still waiting to hear about the tree grant. Lichtenfels has five (5) more trees to be planted, waiting for favorable weather. Tom and Bob's Tree Service will be removing some trees on Diamond Blvd. Mr. Krupa will be scheduling a shade tree committee meeting. Mr. Krupa updated Council on the community forestry seminar he attended in Pittsburgh, which dealt with utilities and tree conflicts.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The minutes for the August meetings were received. Westmont Hilltop will inform us when trick-or-treat night will be.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report. Mr. Bosley will pick up the picnic table donated by Ron Keafer for the bird sanctuary and place it in the shed for storage.

COG REPORT

No meeting, nothing new to report. Ms. Spak will contact COG and see when next meeting is scheduled. Discussion followed on COG organizing the Atlantic Broadband franchise renewal, they have in the past and Southmont has paid dues for this process.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report. President Pile mentioned the Grandview holding pond engineered by P.C. Rizzo and Associates. This will be brought up at next month's meeting with Mr. Duray.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Graham has nothing new to report; the minutes from the September 15, 2005 meeting were received.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat and Police Chief Havas will look at the handicapped parking space request by Ms. Mishler (152 Violet Street) and will report findings back to council at next meeting. Mayor Sloat will be reviewing/updating the Emergency Management Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept Resolution #2005-06 which recognizes Southmont Volunteer Fire Company. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to advertise Ordinance #459 regulating transient merchants. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak updated Council on the changes that are being made to the Webpage; Mr. Sernell is doing a good job. We will work on putting the current month's approved minutes on the webpage; also add some additional links i.e. utilities. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the August manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the August Treasurer Report in the amount of \$378,367.10. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to note the August tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$40,981.06 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List". Mr. Graham made a motion to rent three (3) speed humps and signage from Patton Township in the amount of \$300/month plus Option 1 installation \$880 plus removal by Patton \$330 totaling \$1,510 for one month. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Krupa called for question; voice vote undecided, showing of hands four (4) yeas and three (3) nays. Motion approved. The traffic counters will be placed on Arlington Street until the speed humps on State Street are installed. The Pirma fire resolution will be removed from the "Tickler List".

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Spak presented the 2006 MMO for the pension plan to Council. President Pile and Mr. Strittmatter will be attending the real estate assessment appeal on September 27th for Natalie Schmerin. Another real estate assessment appeal is scheduled for October 18th for Sima Suler. Mr. Kory mentioned the wooden fence on Menoher Blvd. across from the church is leaning toward Menoher Blvd., Mr. Orms will look at. Mr. Orms will also check for zoning permit for 398 Diamond Blvd.

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Mr. Kory made a motion that any official who would like to attend the PSAB fall leadership conference can attend. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham made a motion that any elected official, Mr. Caputo (Johnstown Water Authority) and Borough employee can attend the PSAB fall dinner meeting of October 25th. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Please leave Ms. Spak know who will be attending. The surrounding municipalities garbage collection will be placed on agenda for October 4th committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter for adjournment of the September 26, 2005 meeting at 9:10 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

9/30/2005 8:34 AM

