

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 14, 2020

The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the scheduled December 14, 2020 Council meeting via Zoom was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mark Yonko; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members 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: Council Member Edward Danyluk; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Michael Butler

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the November 16, 2020 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose absent. The November 2020 Police Chief's Report was received and is on file.

Fire Company Report

Chief Butler absent. The November 2020 Fire Chief's Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported he and Mrs. Layton are working on responding to questions regarding the excess groundwater letters that were sent to residents that have been found to be contributing excess groundwater to the sanitary sewer system.

Mrs. Layton stated the 2021 engineering services agreement had been received and needed a decision. Mr. Banks stated the contract increased approximately 3%. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the 2021 engineering services agreement with Stiffler McGraw & Associates. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mrs. Speicher reported a special meeting will be held in January to review the Zoning Officer.

Street Commissioner's Report

Mr. Ewald inquired why Mr. Lingenfelter was getting quotes on a leaf machine and stated he thought recent repairs to the leaf machine were not dealt with appropriately and that instead of welding the machine a liner should be purchased. Mr. Lingenfelter stated there are no liners made for a machine of that size and that he

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and Mrs. Layton are looking into purchasing a new leaf machine possible in 2021 because repairs are becoming too time consuming and costly.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Executive Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton reported a decision needed to be made regarding what to do with the remaining \$1,282.87 left in the Centennial bank account so that it can be closed out. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to set aside \$600.00 of the \$1,282.87 to have the centennial banners taken down in the spring and donate the remaining \$682.87 to the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2021 final budgets with a 3 mill increase. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising the approval of the 2021 final budgets. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Ordinance No. 529, 2021 tax millage. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the meeting schedule for the year 2021 as monthly meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Committee meeting will be Tuesdays of each week, when necessary, at 4:00 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, if necessary. The December 2021 monthly meeting will be held December 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to advertise Ordinance No. 530, 2021 garbage fee ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Committees:

Streets: Nothing to report.

Administration: Nothing to report.

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Personnel: A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the following wage increases to begin January 1, 2021:

Executive Secretary	\$526.00 annually
Street Commissioner	\$2,320.00 annually
Full-Time Public Works	\$1.40 per hour
Part-Time Skilled Labor	\$2.00 per hour
Part-Time Unskilled Labor	\$0.50 per hour
Assistant Secretary	\$0.50 per hour

Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Police: Mr. Morgan reported the monthly meeting had been cancelled due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in Cambria County.

Budget/Tax Collection: Mr. Pile stated the borough looks like it will end the year good.

Shade Trees: Mr. Morgan reported Tree Expert has been back in the area to remove hazardous trees and grind more stumps, but still has a lot more left to do.

Bldg & Grounds: Nothing to report.

GJWA: Mr. Pile reported GJWA is waiting for permits from the Department of Environmental Protection for the North Fork Dam Project noting Dalton Dam will need worked on next and they are working on capital improvement for next year. Mr. Pile also reported that a representative of GJWA will propose a meeting with Southmont Volunteer Fire Company to review the results of their recent hydrant pressure tests.

Mr. Pile reported the terms of himself and Mr. Danyluk to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Board will expire December 31, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to appoint Kevin Pile and Sheree Speicher to a five-year term as a Greater Johnstown Water Authority Board Member. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Open Records: Mr. Danyluk absent. Nothing to report.

Borough Services: Nothing to report.

Audit: Nothing to report.

Insurance: Nothing to report.

Blighted Properties: Solicitor Carbonara stated he will be updating the liens on the properties at 407, 409 and 411 Southmont Blvd. and the borough may be able to file a writ to obtain ownership.

Ballfield Improvement: Nothing to report.

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Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve ratification of payroll from November 11, 2020 through December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$12,139.54. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of bills from November 11, 2020 through December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$143,342.84. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve transfers as presented from November 11, 2020 through December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$125,605.46. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the November 2020 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,450,671.27. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the November 2020 tax collector's report in the amount of \$1,366.53. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pile for adjournment of the December 14, 2020 meeting at 5:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Trevorrow. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton
Executive Secretary