

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
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Johnstown, PA 15905

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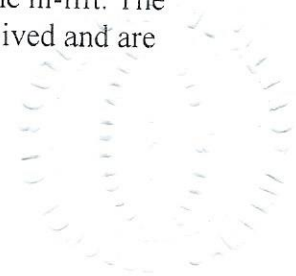
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grants in the near future. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve Mr. John Follansbee as an at-large member of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile noted the Water Authority has passed a Resolution to recover legal fees resulting from filing liens and recommended the Borough consider passing a similar Resolution. Solicitor Lovette will prepare information for the next meeting.

K. Open Records: Ms. Czymnik stated there has been one request for Ordinance information regarding garbage responsibilities.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sloat had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported Ordinances pertaining to sex offender residency are being challenged in other counties and states. Mr. Pile reported the Central Tax Bureau has shipped the first batch of notices.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the health insurance was switched to the County Consortium and the Union negotiations are settled. Mr. Wargo noted the communications systems for Public Works are in use. Mr. Wargo stated the new office computers are also in use. Mr. Wargo reported the \$150,000 CD expires January 31, 2009. Mr. Wargo stated he researched various institutions and rates for the CD noting the following rates: First National Bank, 2.0%; Mainline National Bank and Slovenian Bank, 2.25%; PLGIT, 2.37%, Summit Bank, 2.8%, First Commonwealth, 2.85%. A motion to approve the CD holder as First Commonwealth was made by Mr. Krupa. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2008 budget transfers (See attached). Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mr. Krupa. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to note the receipt of the tax collector's report in the amount of \$7,804.64. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion to approve the bills for December 2008 in the amount of \$79,392.24 was made by Mr. Pile. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr.

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Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

New Business

Mr. Rodgers called for an executive session for personnel reasons at 8:30 p.m. The Executive session ended and Council resumed its meeting at 8:57 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to increase the pay of Mr. Jan Bosley and Ms. Amanda Claycomb by \$0.35 per hour for the 2009 calendar year. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve a \$500.00 incentive for Ms. Claycomb and a \$1,000.00 incentive to Mr. Bosley. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to increase the pay of Mr. Rich Wargo by \$4,500.00 for the 2009 calendar year. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa opposed. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (4-2).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pile for adjournment of the January 19, 2009 meeting at 9:02 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb Borough Clerk

