

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
June 16, 2003 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the June 16, 2003 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: Dave Duray, Fire Chief-Chet Borosky, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czynnik, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas.

ABSENT: Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley-Poison Ivy.

VISITORS: Mr. Carbaugh was in attendance.

President Pile asked for approval of the May 19, 2003 minutes and Committee Meeting Notes of May 27 and June 3, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and Committee Meeting Notes, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Wren Street Bid Opening

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to open the Wren Street property bids. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

One bid was received from Sandra King on behalf of Southmont Medical Associates and Sandra and Andrew King.

Proposal #1 is for the Southmont Medical Building is for the property that is adjacent to 350 Southmont Blvd., boundary lines and level in topography.

Proposal #2 is for the balance of the Wren Street property on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew King. The combined total is for \$32,000.00. After review of Mrs. King's proposal, Solicitor Lovette contacted her to clarify the proposal. After interpretation from Solicitor Lovette, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to sell the entire Wren Street property to Sandra King on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Andy King and the Southmont Medical Associates in the amount of \$32,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile, all in favor. Opposed none. Motion carried. Southmont will need the Engineers to prepare a legal description.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's report records revenues at \$412.39. Chief Havas reported that Officers attended several different seminars' involving home repair scams and fraud, homicides and DNA. Officers also attended a seminar sponsored by the Women's Help Center on domestic violence, intervention and investigation. Corporal Lose and Officer Fisher completed a course on use and received certification on training other officers on the use of the Taser weapon.

Page 2- Minutes-June 16, 2003

After discussion with Chief Havas on the City dog enforcement, it was the consensus of Council to stay with the Cambria County Humane Society handled by the West Hills Police. The City's program is still not operable.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report records that there were 4 permits issued this month. Construction total year to date is \$332,433.00. There was discussion on a report of the Department of Labor and Industry withdrawing its regulations for administration and enforcement of the UCC code from the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. The intention of the Uniformed Construction Code was initially to have a positive impact on the safety and building standards for future construction. It was not intended for minor repairs. It will be resubmitted within two years. Council feels Mr. Orms should continue authorizing building and zoning permits. Zoning Permit fees will remain in effect. Mr. Strittmatter asked Mr. Orms to check on a swimming pool recently installed in his neighborhood. Mr. Bilger of Diamond Blvd. has received a BOCA letter and Mr. Orms will continue to check this situation.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's report records that there were 9 assists during the month. There were 3 calls during the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Two members of the Fire Company attended a Department of Health Vehicle Rescue Class. Seven members attended in-house CPR recertification class. Chief Borosky thanked the Borough for the use of trucks and equipment during the Jubilee, which was rained out on several days. No report on any monies to date. Chief Borosky reported on a Motorola radio to be used as a speaker with the siren to cost approximately \$700.00. It was discussed by the Council about the phone line for the new siren. Without a timer we do not need the phone service to the siren. Mrs. Czarnik will call and cancel the service. Hilltop Ambulance Association report on file. Nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates reported on the street paving for 2003. Streets will be marked, milling and paving should begin next week weather permitting. The Department of Environmental Protection notified the Borough that they have received the Notice of Intent permit application related to the NPDES permit requirements. This notification authorizes the borough to proceed with storm water programs. The flow meter was working properly for several weeks until these past storms, the Wonder street meter blew out and the meter has not worked properly since. Mr. Duray will write to Upper Yoder Engineers informing them of the infiltration still coming into Southmont, causing the overflow. Mr. Duray reported that the GIS program is installed in the Borough's computers, waiting for sanitary sewer update to complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written monthly report was reviewed in his absence due to poison ivy. Mr. Bosley's report records that employees cleaned the Borough building, recycled weekly, and monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and continued to do maintenance on vehicles and equipment. Picked up branches after storms in the area and chipped Christmas trees and storm damaged branches. Replaced several missing or damaged signs and trimmed back branches blocking signs and intersections. Removed the mulch piled at the Barnett Street/Menohar for the Garden Club. The Garden Club decided they did not want that mulch. Began annual clean-up of the Cheney Run channel. Repaired a fence and doing maintenance in the underground portion of the channel before inspection. Sent letters to several residents who have debris piled against the fence. The old siren has been unhooked and removed by Penelec. Mr. Bosley worked in alleys that are to be paved trimming trees and brush. Also widened and trimmed Stillray Alley on Menohar side where creeping brush and debris narrows the roadway, before paving begins. A letter was received from Mr. Gregory on Cheney Oak Drive with reference to unfinished sidewalk and high grass and weeds. The sidewalk is part of this summers project and the other residents have been sent letters to cut their grass. A reply will be sent to Mr. Gregory.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing further to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing further to report. The next negotiation meeting will be held June 25, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. A letter was received from Union Representative Timothy Miller requesting that all Council members become involved with the negotiations. Nothing further-Council will go to Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmont Borough building. Nothing new on the Upper Yoder proposal.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Report on file.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that the Worker's Compensation Insurance will expire 8-1-03. There will probably be an increase in the 2003-20004 rates. Nothing further to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that the Fire Company requested \$7500.00 to repair a water line on the Fire Engine at Budget time. Council overlooked the request and Mr. Rodgers recommends that Council approve an additional \$2500.00 transfer to line item number 411.70 (Major Equipment Purchase) for this repair. This transfer can be made with annual transfers. A motion by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Graham to make the transfer of the \$2500.00. All in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Czyrnik has sent all documents to Mellon Investors to sell the Principal stocks. When this sale is completed and money is received a transfer from Valley national Investor will be made to Portage National Bank to a Money Market account earning 2.25% interest. Budget is in order, nothing further.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa passed pictures around of the Arbor Day ceremony held on May 3, 2003 on Mabel Street. Mr. Krupa reported the Newsletter was mailed before the end of May. There are several trees left to be planted and Mr. Krupa is trying to pinpoint Lichtenfels on a planting date. Rainy weather is the factor. Tree removal and trimming were finished this week.

A third plaque noting contributions made in memory of a loved one to the Borough Shade Tree Commission has been started and will be hung in the Council Chambers.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported on the election of officers for the Recreation Commission. Bids have been received for the holding tank at the Ridge. The bid was awarded to Kamzik Septic Service. Compensations were set for summer employees and subcontractors.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory reported on the tour he took with Mr. Bosley of the Borough properties. A list will be submitted to Council. Concrete work will be done this year. Borough employees have stored items in the shed and could probably use more room. Leaf machines and plows have been stored at the Diamond Shed. Employees have cleared weed and brush around the shed. Mr. Kory will submit a list to Borough Council.

COG REPORT

Mr. Graham reported the next COG meeting will be the annual picnic for COG members. The COG credit union is planning to merge with Lee Hospital Credit Union. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to agree with the COG merging with the Lee Hospital Credit Union. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing to report this month. Mr. Kory has been in touch with Mr. Ott of the Cemetery Association. Tours thru the Cemetery are scheduled in July thru mid-August.

Gr. JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

Council authorized adding the Water Authority to the Agenda.

Mr. Graham reported on the prior month meetings. Mayor Sloat administered the oath of Office to Mr. Graham as a Southmont Borough representative to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Mr. Graham updated Council on current issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat had nothing further to report. Mayor Sloat will be out of town August 8 thru August 20, 2003.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the Fee Schedule changes. A bad check charge of \$25.00 will be added. Health inspection will go from \$10.00 to \$20.00, No-Lien and Special Report from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Zoning/Building fee will remain the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the Fee Changes and prepare the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Council discussed an Ordinance to prohibit tractor trailers, boats and RV trailers parking on borough streets. Solicitor Lovette suggested Council finalize what they want in the Ordinance and he will prepare the Ordinance. President Pile suggested a Committee meeting, set for July 8, 2003 to finalize the issue and other Borough business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czynnik's written report records the truck will be ordered later this month and the leaf machine will be ordered this week. Delivery will probably be early fall on both. The Garden Club will begin cleaning up the Barnett Street/Menohar site. Cambria County inmates will be doing the work. I asked that they provide us with a copy of their insurance for these inmates. The Garden Club asked for shovels and rakes to use and "Work Area" signs. The Garden Club will bag the debris and the Borough will pick it up. There appears to be a problem with the front doors and the sealant leaking around the windows on the doors. Painting contractor will look at the problem. The latest Non-Uniformed Salary & Benefit schedule was received. Mr. Rodgers has the copy for review. Residents have received letters from the Borough with reference to the right of way along the Cheney Run fence. One resident has pine trees pushing against the fence. This will be shown to the DEP inspectors.

Motion made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Secretary's Report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$364,076.24. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted that the Tax Collector's report was not received this month. Copies will be submitted when received.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$45,315.83. Motion seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pile asked for review of the items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed and removed or re-listed.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, Mr. Pile called an executive session at 8:20 to discuss Personnel issues. Council reconvened at 8:43 p.m. and the meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Czyrnik

Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary