

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**

**Minutes for January 20, 2014**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled January 20, 2014 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, and Robert Morgan; Police Chief Andrew Havas; Mayor Mark Yonko; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

**Absent:** Council Member Gregory Paolini

**Visitors:** Frank Sojak, Tribune Democrat; Sheree Speicher, 520 State Street

An Executive Session was called at 4:01 p.m. to discuss administration issues. Executive Session ended at 4:03 p.m. and Council resumed its scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to appoint Sheree Speicher to fill the vacant Councilmember position left by Thomas Strittmatter for a 2 year term until the next election. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). Mayor Yonko administered the oath of office to Mrs. Speicher.

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the December 9, 2013 Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the December 17, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the January 6, 2014 Reorganization Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Pile had to leave the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and gave his committee reports early.

**C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority**

Mr. Pile had to leave the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and gave his report early. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to reappoint John H. Follansbee, III as an at-large member of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas stated the officers have all been scheduled for their Annual Mandatory Training. Chief Havas reported officers received a number of favorable comments from residents who were pleased about "Santa Claus" traveling throughout the area on

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Christmas Eve noting a number of people mentioned they hope this would become an annual tradition.

### **Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager stated the lighting in the fire bay needs replaced as they are down to one set of lights. Mr. Wargo stated the lights are ready to be installed and he will have it done as soon as possible. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

### **Engineer's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported one approved sewage compliance certificate for 205 Thoburn Street. Mr. Wargo stated a Zoning Committee has been formed to update the zoning ordinance.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported a 1986 chevy camouflage truck with a plow was purchased from McKelvey Oil for \$4,750.00 noting the old chevy camouflage truck will be sold in the spring to cover part of the cost.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara reported a constable has served Joe Birch of 509 State Street informing him he has 45 days to bring the property into compliance or demolish it and has 20 days to file an appeal. Solicitor Carbonara reported the Westmont Hilltop School District sent a letter agreeing that action needs to be taken regarding Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission assets since the commission no longer exists. Solicitor Carbonara stated Attorney Robert Shahade, attorney for Upper Yoder Township, requested all entities not take their full portion of assets and instead give it back to a newly formed recreation commission as seed money to become independent. Solicitor Carbonara stated the solicitor for Lamar Signs requested a meeting to appeal the decision to deny their sign permit.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the 2014 IRS standard mileage rate of \$0.56 per mile. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the use of the borough building for both the May Primary on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 and the November Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

## **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Nothing to report.

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**B. Administration:** Nothing to report.

**D. Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Paolini absent.

**F. Shade Tree Committee:** Nothing to report.

**G. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Nothing to report.

**I. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from December 12, 2013 through January 22, 2014 in the amount of \$18,142.93. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve payment of bills from December 11, 2013 through January 21, 2014 in the amount of \$85,795.20. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the December 2013 treasurer's report in the amount of \$527,833.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the December 2013 tax collector's report in the amount of \$7,821.37. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the January 20, 2014 meeting at 5:00 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

*Amanda D. Claycomb*

Secretary/Treasurer