

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
August 19, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled August Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the August 19, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Danyluk-out of town, Mr. Strittmatter-death in family, Street Commissioner, Jan Bosley-absent

VISITORS: Terri Hippler 211 Dell Street Chris Rutledge 217 Dell St.
Brad Kimmeli 19 Harding St Matt Masrello MD 483 Edward St.
Patty Arnone 580 Edward St.
Mark Arnone 580 Edward St.

President Pile asked for approval of the July 15, 2002 minutes and Committee meeting notes of July 30, 2002. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to accept the Minutes, with corrections. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk, absent. Mr. Strittmatter, absent.

At this time President Pile called upon Mr. Rutledge who attended the meeting to discuss a request from residents of Edward Street and Dell Street who are asking permission to dump fill in their back yards. The area they want to fill is Thorn Alley. There are utilities in this alley. After review by the Engineer and Mr. Bosley it has been determined that the sanitary sewer line is below where the fill is to be dumped. After discussion, Mr. Graham stated that he would see no problem with the request as long as the utilities are not effected. With further discussion, it was suggested that the Dell/Edward Street residents tie the storm drainage into a line previously installed at the rear of Alex Keklak's property. Council is suggesting that written permission is received. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the dumping of the fill pending written permission received from Mr. Keklak. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent

President Pile called upon Dr. Matt Masiello, a local Pediatrician who attended the meeting to express his concern about burning in Southmont. Dr. Masiello feels that burning is not necessary with the services provided by the Borough. Excessive smoke is very hazardous to a child or adult with asthma. He asked that Council refrain from any burning. He thanked Council for allowing him to speak. Council decided to address a proposed draft on burning at this time. A motion was made and passed to take the proposed no-burning draft ordinance out of order of the Agenda. At this time the draft of the proposed ordinance to restrict any outdoor burning was discussed. After discussion, Mr. Kory had some comments in reference to possibly continuing to allow burning. (1) Restrict the time that burning is allowed. Less months, certain days. (2) Increase the fees to \$5.00. Mr. Kory commented that he feels it is too drastic of a measure to completely stop burning. Mr. Kory suggested that someone would monitor the suggested changes presented for a period of one year.

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Mr. Graham also wanted to make a statement; there are too many services provided by the Borough such as leaf collections, limb and branch clean-up, newspaper collections. He feels there is no need to burn anything as we have weekly garbage pickup and our haulers will pick up limbs, branches, bagged leaves and etc. Cookout and barbecues will still be acceptable. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to advertise the proposed ordinance eliminating burning in the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Kory opposed, motion carried. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Pile all in favor. Opposed, Mr. Kory. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Mrs. Hipple asked Council to look into placing a "Stop " sign at the intersection of Edward and Thoburn Streets. The traffic and speed has increased and several families have small children playing in the area. They also asked about the "Stop " sign at Dell, Daisy and Edward Street intersection. Mr. Rutledge stated that vehicles rarely stop at this intersection. Council suggested that Mayor Sloat and Chief Havas review these two intersections. Possibly the word "STOP" needs to be painted on the street at both intersections.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

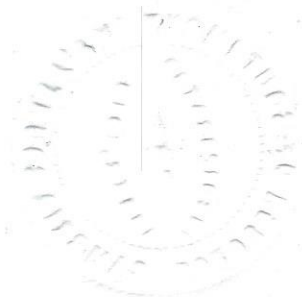
Chief Havas reviewed the written monthly report. Revenues reported for the month of July at \$374.26. Chief Havas will instruct the Officers to patrol the Edward Street intersections. Mr. Krupa asked Chief Havas if there was an accident reported at Mencher and Orchard Street. A tree has been damaged and Mr. Krupa would like the report. Chief Havas reported that a grant in the amount of \$12,000. has been received from the Department of Community and Economic Affairs. Nothing further to report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported that 5 permits were issued since the last report with total construction cost of \$11,833.00. Year to date total is \$597,758.00. Mr. Pile asked Mr. Orms to look into vehicles that are uninspected or unlicensed at Grimaldi's.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky reviewed the written report recording 12 responses for the month. One call was received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Work details were scheduled for erecting and tearing down tents. Engine 26-1 was returned from Glick Fire Equipment on 7-31-02. Nothing to report on the new siren, it was to be shipped on 8-15-02. Mr. Borosky reported that Lower Yoder Township has not agreed on their representatives for the Regionalization of the Fire Department. The Hilltop Ambulance minutes are on file for the month.



ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates has reviewed with Council the flow meters. Mr. Duray is not satisfied with performance of the meter. Mr. Duray would like to move the meter one more time before he sends the meter back for repair or replacement. The Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping is coming along. Mr. Duray is soon ready to talk with Jan as to what is needed from him.

Mr. Duray reviewed the summary of the Cheney Run inspection. The DEP made some comments on an item under Emergency Operations referring to a plan of action for erecting closures. Mr. Duray will review this with Mr. Bosley and reply to DEP. It may not apply to Southmont Borough. Mr. Duray will prepare a description of Ray Alley to have Solicitor Lovette prepare deeds to convey the property over to abutting property owners.

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

In Mr. Bosley's absence Council reviewed his written report. Cleaned borough building, recycled weekly, monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and cut grass weather permitting. Picked up grass and debris after storms and heavy rains. Continued to dye test downspouts and driveway drains according to the DEP Corrective Action Plan. Continued to work on handicapped ramps. Double yellow lines have been painted on various streets. White edges have been painted on both sides of Susan Drive. Painted "STOP" and white bar on Diamond Blvd., at Olive Street intersection and painted crosswalks at Playground on Diamond. Televised Thorn Alley between Dell and Thoburn Street to verify line in relation to Edward Street. Dye tested homes in area of Dell and Edward for residents wanting to use fill to level their back yards. Repaired sanitary sewer line on Dahlia Street and up stream from storm sewer at the same time. That will eliminate the sanitary smell coming from the storm drain. Completed and replaced the root filled sanitary sewer line on the steep bank on Leon Street (Leek Alley) where the backup problem was during the winter months. Two large cherry trees had to be removed.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

No report.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

In Mr. Strittmatter's absence it was reported that the meeting for negotiation with Mr. Tim Miller AFSCME representative and the employees was held August 12, 2002. A Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. The Personnel Committee and Mr. Bosley will attend. The regular Personnel Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2002.

POLICE COMMISSION

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in Southmont

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham had nothing new to report. Reports submitted.

Council reviewed a notice received from Waste Management in reference to \$4.00 per ton increase of solid waste disposed at the landfill. Solicitor advised that he will research this fee increase and get back to Council.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that the Worker's Compensation policy has been renewed in the amount of \$12,688.00 for the year 2002-2003. No further report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers noted that Southmont received the 2001 Auditor's report. Mr. Rodgers commended Mr. Treece, Mr. Bastaja, and Ms. Berkstresser for the fine job on the 2001 audit. A letter will be sent thanking them and commending them for the great job.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reviewed with Council that he will check with Fire Chief Borosky on the placement of the two trees that will be planted in place of planting in front of the Alex Keklak property. (Check received in the amount of \$300.00 from the Keklak's.) The trees on the Fikri property on Floyd Street and Gardner Street have been trimmed. (Mrs. Homola attended the meeting last month to complain of the dead wood in the trees.) Mr. Brawley of 100 King Street is requesting a permit to trim trees on his property. Mr. Krupa is working with him so as to not allow "topping" the trees. Mr. Brawley has topped the trees in the past. Mr. Rodgers moved to approved Mr. Krupa or any other members of his Shade Tree Advisory Committee to attend the Hazardous Tree seminar in Yellow Creek State Park on October 1, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent. The Shade Tree Commission will advertise a meeting on Sept. 10, 2002 to discuss the Shade Tree Inventory and future planting and tree removal.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

President Pile noted the cost effective implementations seem to be doing well. Some minor insurance violations still need to be corrected at the Basketball/Roller Blade courts in Southmont. Mr. Bosley will fix the walkway when he gets hot patch mix.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

The Borough has received payment from the insurance company for the damage done by vandals to the shed on Diamond Blvd. A new door was ordered. Nothing further to report.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham reported on the COG picnic/meeting. He is waiting for minutes from

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has been in contact with the Cemetery Association. Nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat reported that the additional "Stop Ahead" sign on Diamond Blvd. and the "STOP" painted in white on the street has helped make motorists aware of the intersection of Olive and Diamond. Mayor Sloat stated he would like to try to remove the graffiti on the Wonder Street restroom.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette prepared and has advertised the proposed Ordinance in reference to sleeping in vehicles of any kind. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the proposed Ordinance to prohibit sleeping in vehicles. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Mayor Sloat commented that he suggests that Council hold off and review the possibilities of issuing a permit to allow residents with out of town guests to sleep in their trailers, campers or etc. Mayor Sloat discussed allowing the guest only a 3-5 days permit. Motion carried as is, all in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Solicitor Lovette suggested that Council approve this Ordinance and at a later time if necessary, amend the Ordinance.

Solicitor Lovette reviewed with Council the review board to assess damages at the Charles Sprague property at 1044 Menoher Blvd. The Borough had filed a declaration of taking for the right of way portion of the property to install a sanitary sewer line. The Borough installed the sewer line and with extra means replaced all property back in the same condition. The review board will decide if Mr. Sprague is entitled to any compensation for the right of way.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that during the month several residents were concerned about Borough employees entering their property to do the dye testing. Mrs. Czynnik suggested that ID tags be purchased for Borough employees, elected officials and etc. Cost would be approximately \$100.00. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the ID tags in the amount of up to \$150.00. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion carried, all in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent. The Secretary's report noted that Mr. William Krupa received an Urban Conservation award for the year 2002. Mr Krupa received the award at the PA Association of Conservation awards dinner in Harrisburg. Mr. Krupa also received an award from the Cambria County Conservation District in May 2002. Southmont's second application for the GIS software was denied for this quarter. It has been reapplied for next quarter in September. Mrs. Czynnik is preparing a single grant application for computers through Representative Wojnaroski.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Secretary's Report and seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the July Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$399,304.88. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Motion carried, all in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note that we received the Tax Collector's report for July in the amount of \$26,135.30. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Motion carried, all in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$60,721.55. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

OLD BUSINESS

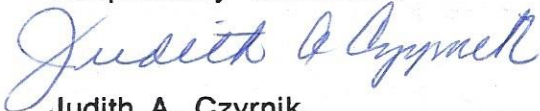
President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile reported on the monthly interest received from Valley National Investment. PSAB Fall Conference is Oct. 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve members of Council, Solicitor, Secretary or Street Commissioner to attend. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Motion carried, all in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

There being no further items to discuss Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Czzyrnik,
Borough Secretary