

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Special Meeting Minutes for December 27, 2017

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled December 27, 2017 special meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Robert Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Council Members Herb Ewald, William Kory and Gregory Paolini

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Ordinance No. 513, increasing the sewer maintenance fee to \$468.00 per year beginning January 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Solicitor Carbonara reviewed the memorandum opinion by Senior Judge Pellegrini regarding the Lamar Advertising litigation. Judge Pellegrini felt that Southmont failed to offer any probative evidence establishing that the proposed billboards were in any way detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the community and allowed the site-specific relief. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to allow Solicitor Carbonara to file an application with the Supreme Court to appeal the decision. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Council reviewed the proposed amended agreement between Southmont Borough and Southmont Borough Volunteer Fire Company, which updates and amends the terms agreed to in the November 16, 1992 agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the proposed amended agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Solicitor Carbonara and Council reviewed the most recent West Hills Police Commission meeting and the 2018 proposed budget allocations for the West Hills Regional Police Department. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve staying with the current contracted percentage of 16.41% for 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Council reviewed concerns regarding the proposed updated zoning ordinance. It was noted most concerns and complaints have been regarding the Luzerne Street area being

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considered a commercial area. Council decided to suggest removing the area of Luzerne Street between 1030 Luzerne Street and 1042 Luzerne Street from the commercial district and also to include a more detailed section regarding fencing. A letter will be sent to the residents along Luzerne Street regarding the decision.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the December 27, 2017 special meeting at 10:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer