

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
March 21, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled March Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the March 21, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Engineer: Dave Duray, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak and Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms.

ABSENT: Mr. Kory, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

VISITORS: Mr. Frank Santichen, 590 Harshberger St., to observe only.

President Pile asked for approval of the February 21, 2005 Council Minutes and the Committee Meeting Notes of March 1st. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes and to accept the Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to open the 2005 street paving bids. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Received three (3) bids: Derry Construction Co., Inc. base bid of \$110,667.70, HRI, Inc. base bid of \$125,548.80 and Quaker Sales Corporation base bid of \$104,436.65. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the low bid by Quaker Sales after review by Street Commissioner, Solicitor and Engineer if not in order to go to next lowest bid. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for February shows revenue in the amount of \$328.67. Police Chief Havas discussed the letter dated March 17th from Mr. Kenneth Caple, 113 Orchard Street, in reference to dog waste pickup; this issue will be taken care of by Police Chief Havas who has spoken to the neighbor (violation of Ordinance #448). Chief Havas discussed the verbal request of Ms. Ajay, 204 State Street, for Council to revisit previous written request of May 13, 2004 for a four way stop sign. The accident that happened on March 4th was due to a driver running stop sign. Ms. Spak will call Ms. Ajay to report council revisited her request and no action will be taken at this time. Chief Havas discussed the J-Net software they have installed into their office computer which gives them access to traffic and criminal records directly, saves time and money. The police are going out for bids for auditors.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms has nothing new to report.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records eight (8) responses during the month of February. There were three (3) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Chief Borosky absent, report on file. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file. Thoughts on raising income for the Fire Company will be on the agenda for the April 12th Committee Meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for March was received. Copy of letter from DEP on the internet/webpage directions to get the MS4 2004-2005 Annual Report which is due by June 9th was given to Mr. Duray. Mr. Duray recommends we repair the probes on the model 910 flow meter; discussion followed. Mr. Graham made a motion to repair the 910 flow meter probes not to exceed the cost of two thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$2,999). Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. Council requests that Mr. Bosley start to input the sewer information into the GIS system on Thursday, March 24th; also Mr. Danyluk is to be contacted every Tuesday and Thursday to discuss Borough happenings. President Pile mentioned that he called Mr. Bosley's cell phone before 3:00 P.M. today and the cell phone was shut off; phone should be left on during working hours. Ms. Spak to update Council on the above mentioned issues after speaking with Mr. Bosley. Mr. Strittmatter mentioned a no parking sign on Daisy Street is lying on ground and post is sticking out of the ground; will need to be repaired/replaced. Ms. Spak will notify Mr. Palmer, Harding Street, and Mr. Hinton about free wood/limbs lying at Susan Drive, Shady Lane and alongside Langhorne.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk has nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Spak and Mr. Bosley are still in the process of hiring three part time employees before April 1st and will be looking to hire two part time students to start in June. Mr. Graham made a motion for Ms. Spak and Mr. Krupa to be the delegates to attend the annual United Way meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat mentioned they are still researching health insurance. West Hills Police contacted AT&T and changed their long distance program which gave them substantial savings; Ms. Spak will look into for the Borough.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling report was received and is on file. A 3' x 3' sign was placed at recycling trailer threatening to stop program if unacceptable items are placed in trailer. The spring newsletter will address the issue.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has some questions concerning accounts 301.20 real estate taxes prior year and 301.40 real estate returned from county, Ms. Spak will check budget and receipt information; will also check account 321.80 franchise TV cable 2004 receipts.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa mentioned the shade tree meeting of March 15th went well. Reviewed number of trees to be planted, most owed from residents who had trees removed. No final site for Arbor Day, three choices, will inform Council next month of site. Please forward any articles you would wish to appear in the newsletter to Ms. Spak before April 8th. Arbor Day is first Saturday in May (May 7, 2005). Newsletter will be mailed to residents April 22nd.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The February minutes were received. The insurance company did agree on a settlement of eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$82,500) for the Kimberly Hicks lawsuit from several years ago. President Pile stated the recreation center will take care of cleaning the restrooms at the Southmont ball fields.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory absent, nothing new to report.

COG REPORT

Nothing new to report, meetings are every other month.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory absent, nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the March 4, 2005 meeting were received. Mr. Graham noted that everything is going well with the new management company (RDM Resource Development and Management), no complaints, no hiccups, running smoothly. RDM has implemented some cost savings with some billable fee items, also reevaluating inventory and putting procedures in place. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to appoint Mark Wissinger as the Southmont Water Authority Member to replace Mr. Dunkleberger. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Ms. Spak will send letter to Mr. Wissinger, will contact Mr. Soulcheck and will schedule Mr. Wissinger to be sworn in by Mayor Sloat.

Lower State Street Committee

Mr. Graham forwarded a draft copy of the traffic calming policy to Council, please review; this will be on the agenda for the April 12th Committee Meeting. Mr. Graham discussed his findings on traffic counters. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to purchase two of the Peak Traffic Counters at the approximate cost of \$1,337 per unit (approximate total \$2,674). Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat recommends a laptop computer be purchased for Borough use. Mr. Sernell will look into prices for a refurbished laptop, this will be placed on the agenda for the April 12th Committee Meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette absent. President Pile updated Council on open items on Solicitor Lovette's to do list. Ms. Spak will schedule an appreciation luncheon for Mr. Quinn and Mr. Carstensen for April 22nd or 29th. Ms. Spak will check with Solicitor Lovette if the Sprague award is paid by Borough or by insurance carrier. Ms. Spak will make changes discussed to the draft handicap ordinance and forward to Solicitor Lovette. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the agreement form for the key to the restroom and storage shed at the Soccer/Baseball field. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to update the fee resolution. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Krupa will follow up with Mr. Snyder, 481 Southmont Blvd., on potentially hazardous situation due to the leaning trees on his property. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the February's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$269,095.43. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to note the February tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$35,643.42 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List", nothing to remove or add at this time. Mr. Bosley is to get prices for paint to adhere to the galvanized fire company shed. Mr. Danyluk mentioned he would like to put on hold the discussion for Southmont's Engineering firm until full council is present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Graham made a motion for anyone who would like to attend the PSAB 94th Annual Conference be approved to attend. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve the PSAB CDBG Action Advisory Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Graham for adjournment of the March 21, 2005 meeting at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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