

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for March 16, 2009

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled March 16, 2009 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czyrnik, Clerk- Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Engineer Dave Duray 7:25

Absent: Council Member Mr. William Kory (on sabbatical leave), Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Visitors: Mr. John Lovette, 305 Leon Street

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported two additional officers have completed an advanced DUI training class. Chief Havas noted the Police Department has been approved for a grant to replace outdated equipment approximately in the amount of \$20,000 through Congressman Murtha's office. Council inquired on recent drug activity in the Borough. Chief Havas stated a rise in drug activity has been noted throughout the state. Chief Havas agreed to place an article in the upcoming newsletter encouraging residents to report drug activity.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Chief's report and the Hilltop Ambulance Association report were received and are on file.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit has been issued for an addition at 112 Mabel Street. Mr. Wargo also reported on sewer compliance activity stating two applications for sewer compliance were received for 425 Southmont Blvd and 803 Diamond Blvd and did not require dye tests. Mr. Wargo noted a permit application for potential storage buildings near Cheney Oak Drive was received from Mr. Pete Chiodo and is being reviewed by Mr. Dave Duray and the County Conservation District.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Duray reported on 2008 CAP Activities noting the CAP report has been sent to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority

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and the Wasteload Management response has also been submitted to the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Duray stated Upper Yoder has submitted a map to the Borough in regards to sewer issues noting it does not show information needed.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported crack sealing is scheduled for the beginning of April 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve to advertise 2009 Paving. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Personnel: Mr. Danyluk had nothing to report.

C. Police Committee: Mayor Sloat reported negotiations for new contracts for the officers are set to begin soon.

D. Insurance Committee: Mr. Strittmatter had nothing to report.

E. Budget Committee: Mr. Pile reported on budget items stating snow and ice removal materials are over budget. Mr. Wargo noted prices for these items have risen from the time when the budget was approved.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa noted a Tree Tender Workshop will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 for the TreeVitalize Grant and will be paid for by the Borough. The workshop is available to all Council members and Shade Tree Committee members. Mr. Krupa stated Arbor Day is scheduled for May 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the Diamond Blvd. Playground. Mr. Krupa stated interest has been shown by residents in tree planting. The next Shade Tree Committee meeting is March 31.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Ewald reported the Recreation Committee will begin to rent out "The Lounge" noting furniture and a television have been installed.

H. Properties Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Pile inquired about painting fences at the soccer field. Mr. Wargo stated he will have the prisoner program paint the fences while they are completing other projects for the Borough this year.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa reported the next COG meeting is April 7. Mr. Krupa noted flyers were available with COG members and other information regarding COG listed.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported third party insurance is not an available option on liability insurance. Mr. Pile also reported the windmill data is being reviewed by Saint Francis University to see if it is feasible to place them on several locations. Mr. Pile noted the Water Authority has met with Ligonier Borough regarding placing an interconnection through the Borough with a cost of approximately ten million

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dollars (\$10,000,000). The Water Authority would sell Ligonier Borough around 400,000 gallons of water per day.

K. Open Records: Mr. Kory absent. Mayor Sloat noted tapes of Council Meetings do not need to be kept after the Minutes are approved. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to erase the Council Meeting tapes after the Minutes have been approved. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. An open records request was received from Attorney Michael H. Wojcik of 718 Fairview Road (Pittsburgh, PA) requesting all public records created from January 1, 2005 to date regarding work performed on sanitary sewer lines, any notices of defects and any maintenance or inspection plans within a five block radius of Harshberger Road. Information provided to Attorney Wojcik totaling two packages of 344 pages each and billed at \$0.25 per page.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sloat noted he officiated his first wedding ceremony on February 28, 2009.

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made to advertise the Secretary/Treasurer Ordinance to appoint the same person to serve as Borough Secretary and Borough Treasurer by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve a Resolution 2009-02 appointing Ms. Claycomb as Assistant Treasurer was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Solicitor Lovette noted a draft has been made for a pre-trial in the Greater Johnstown Water Authority case and will be filed soon.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the year-end audit went well. Mr. Wargo stated suggestions from the auditor are now in place noting a lock has been added to the filing cabinet and bills a check system has been set up for bills and payroll. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve ratifying a salt contract with Costars. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported the new vehicle for the Public Works Department has been ordered with delivery in fall 2009 and payment in January 2010. Mr. Wargo noted a grant has been submitted with Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission to install LED lights into existing traffic lights in the Borough. Mr. Wargo stated six manholes will be installed by the Borough to finish televising and cleaning which will save approximately \$23,000.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mr. Strittmatter. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve Resolution 2009-01 was made by Mr. Strittmatter. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve members of Council to attend the Cambria County Boroughs Association dinner on April 21, 2009 was made by Mr. Strittmatter. Motion

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seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to pass a resolution to dispose of outdated Borough computers by sale or donation was made by Mr. Pile. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve the job descriptions of the Borough Manager and the Borough Secretary/Treasurer was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve the mileage rate of \$0.55 per mile was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve waiving a past due sewer and garbage account in the amount of \$303.85 for 18 Harding Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to note the receipt of the January and February tax collector's reports. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion to approve the bills for February 2009 in the amount of \$68,554.64 was made by Mr. Pile. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa for adjournment of the March 16, 2009 meeting at 8:53 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk