

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for November 20, 2017

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 20, 2017 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini (4:33 p.m.), Herb Ewald (4:05 p.m.), Kevin Pile, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Sgt. Ed Fisher; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Council Member William Kory

Visitors: Stephen Shesko, 312 Cheney Oak Drive (Cheney Oak Homeowner's Assoc.) and Eugene Kupchella, 302 Palliser Street (Fair Districts PA); Ron Fisher (Tribune Democrat)

Visitor Recognition

Mr. Kupchella stated he was at the meeting representing Fair Districts PA, which is fighting for the reform of redistricting rules to promote competitive elections and partisan fairness. Mr. Kupchella requested that Council consider adopting a resolution to amend the state constitution regarding how district lines are drawn.

Mr. Shesko informed council of issues he is having with his homeowner's association, Cheney Oaks Homeowner Association. He stated no meetings have been held since 2012 and his requests for records such as meeting minutes have been denied. Mr. Shesko feels that as a dues paying member of the home owners association he is entitled to be invited to meetings and see proof of how money is being utilized. Mr. Shesko requested oversight of home owners associations in the area to prevent issues such as these.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of October 16, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Police Chief's Report

Sgt. Fisher reported Officers West and Woodruff provided a tour of the Police Department for first grade classes from Westmont Elementary School and Officer Stutzman represented the Department at the school's Fall Festival. Officer Todaro represented the Department at the Fire Equipment Demonstration sponsored by a number of local fire departments in the parking lot of the new school.

Sgt. Fisher reported Officers assisted with the annual Westwood Kiwanis' Children's Halloween Party and assisted with traffic and crowd control for the annual Halloween

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Parades at Westmont and Johnstown Elementary Schools. Officers also handed out treat bags in all four member municipalities for “Trick or Treat” night.

Sgt. Fisher informed council a “Meet and Greet with Santa” will be held on December 9, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. noting they will have hand outs and photos with Santa.

Fire Company’s Report

Chief Weslager reported two members passed part one of their basic firefighter training at Somerset County Fire School and members participated in a community fire prevention at Westwood Plaza.

Chief Weslager reported a new genesis rescue tool (jaws of life) was put into service on the rescue and crews also searched and found a nine year old girl that was lost during trick or treat night.

Engineer’s Report

Mr. Banks reported a walk-through of Phase I of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project is currently ongoing noting most issues seem to be from settling. Mr. Banks noted the project appears to be approximately \$500,000 under budget so far.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Kukurin Contracting Pay Estimate No. 12 in the amount of \$362,056.18. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve PennVest Payment Requisition No. 13 in the amount of \$375,557.72. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. . Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Snyder Environmental Services Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$103,587.98. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. . Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Payment Requisition No. 2 in the amount of \$139,089.33. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. . Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Banks reported two flow meters were installed noting the data showed infiltration from Indian Village in Upper Yoder Township is an issue.

Zoning Officer’s Report

Mr. Wargo reported three certificates of compliance were issued to 104 Cheney Oak Drive, 548 Edward Street and 310 Orchard Street.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a public hearing will be held on December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider an ordinance which provides a comprehensive amendment to its current zoning map and ordinance.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve a 5% increase in the 2018 local share participation for Cambria County Transit Authority for a total amount of \$3,991.98. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising Ordinance No. 512, setting the tax rate for 2018 at 13.0 mils. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the following wage increases beginning January 1, 2018: \$1,000.00 per year for Richard Wargo, \$0.51 per hour for Amanda Layton, \$0.58 per hour for Roy Livingston. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Mr. Wargo noted the 2018 general fund budget allows for the hiring of two full time employees at \$11.00 per hour plus vision, dental and health after 60 days of employment and also allows for two part-time fall employees at \$8.00 per hour, one part-time snow plower at \$11.00 per hour, and three part-time grass cutting employees at \$7.25 per hour on an as needed basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 garbage fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 sewer fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Streets:** Nothing to report.
- B. Administration:** Nothing to report.
- C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.
- D. Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the GJWA passed a 2018 budget which includes a bid to take down the water tank along Shady Lane.

I. Open Records: Mrs. Layton reported two open records requests received from Kenneth Deloian (SmartProcure) for 2013 to current purchasing records and from Maureen Karas (Gunton) for zoning permits issued in October 2017.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from October 17, 2017 to November 22, 2017 in the amount of \$19,625.27. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from October 18, 2017 through November 21, 2017 in the amount of \$527,406.73. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the October 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$1,955,917.13. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the October 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,036.75. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

At 4:45 p.m., Mr. Danyluk called an Executive Session regarding legal matters on Southmont Volunteer Fire Company, West Hills Regional Police and personnel matters. Executive Session ended at 5:23 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the November 20, 2017 meeting at 5:23 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer