

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for March 19, 2012

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled March 19, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Ed Danyluk, Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter, and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, Fire Chief Mike Leckey, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas

Absent: Engineer Scott Rugh (excused)

Visitors: Ronald Kautz Southmont Volunteer Fire Company (observing), Judy Strittmatter 104 Daisy Street (579 Edward St. garage construction)

Meeting Agenda

President Danyluk opened the meeting with visitor recognition. Mrs. Strittmatter voiced her concerns with the construction of a garage at 579 Edward Street. Mrs. Strittmatter was concerned that since the property owner previously began construction without a permit he would continue to do so in the future. Mr. Wargo stated although the property owner did previously begin construction without a permit the issue has been resolved and a permit has been obtained with conditions. Mr. Wargo noted the actual construction of the garage will begin in June, but if any of the conditions are violated the permit will be null and void. Mr. and Mrs. Strittmatter stated if further construction begins without a permit they will file suit with the property owner and the Borough. Attorney Carbonara stated Mr. Wargo is following through so far and as long as the conditions are met everything will be fine. Mr. and Mrs. Strittmatter stated if the conditions are met they will have no issue with the construction.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the February 20, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the March 6, 2012 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the bills from February 22, 2012 through March 20, 2012 in the amount of \$59,286.79. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from February 23, 2012 through March 21, 2012 in the amount of \$12,627.39. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the January 2012 treasurers report in the amount of \$493,117.69. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the February 2012 treasurers report in the amount of \$495,231.31. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the January 2012 tax collectors report in the amount of

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\$0. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the February 2012 tax collectors report in the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported the speed trailer will be placed at various locations in the four municipalities within the next several weeks. Chief Havas reported the department just purchased two new PBT machines that will replace outdated equipment that can no longer be calibrated.

Fire Company's Report

Nothing to report. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve EADS submitting the annual MS-4 report to the Department of Environmental Protection. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the final sanitary sewer rehabilitation designs and permit EADS to advertise. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Wargo noted the bids will be opened April 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported four sewer compliance certificates were approved for R47 Gardner Street, 20 Harding Street, 418 State Street, 137 Arlington Street.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the Laurel Highlands Correction Institution workers will arrive in June. Mr. Wargo reported he met with Mr. Morgan, Mayor Paolini and Chief Leckey to review and update the Emergency Operation Plan. Mr. Wargo stated the moving permit ordinance needs updated to state landlords will be responsible for tenant moving permits. Mr. Wargo stated Mr. Bill Trevorrow requested the use of Council chambers to hold a regional zoning meeting on March 22 at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Mr. Trevorrow's request to hold a regional zoning meeting in Council chambers on March 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported he has been in contact with Suppes to purchase a one ton truck for approximately \$62,000.00 noting it will take four months for the new truck to arrive. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to bid the current one ton truck as soon as the new truck becomes available. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo stated a sidewalk inspection will be done in April and May 2012 in the north end of the Borough noting a tree inventory will be taken during the inspections. Mr. Wargo recommended purchasing a lawn mower and trailer and have a Borough employee complete the grass cutting instead of bidding it out. Mr. Wargo noted over a three year period the equipment will pay for itself. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the purchase of a lawn mower and trailer for \$8,500.00. Motion seconded by Mr.

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Kory. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported the new lighting is being installed in the building noting the fire hall lighting has been completed. Mr. Wargo reported Kline Kimlin has completed the 2011 tax collector and Borough audits noting no findings were made. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2011 tax collector and 2011 Borough audits. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal matters.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Claycomb reported she met with Greg Cunningham of H.A. Thomson to discuss workers compensation loss control services noting no recommendations were made.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Resolution 2012-07 which urges the Pennsylvania General Assembly to modernize the State Prevailing Wage Act. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Mr. Rodgers reported the administrative committee met with Mr. Wargo on March 15 to discuss various items noting the sign ordinance needs reviewed and garbage bids need to be advertised. Mr. Wargo stated Pro Disposal has requested recycling be included in the bids. Mr. Wargo noted a location for the recycling bins would be needed that would not cause traffic congestion. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to advertise the garbage bids in April with and without recycling. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile reported he and Mr. Wargo will be conducting a general review of the Union Contract soon.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Fire Company Committee: Nothing to report.

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

G. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Recreation Committee: Nothing to report.

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I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the annual dinner will be held on April 12. Mr. Pile stated the 2008 bond issue has been refinanced for an additional \$3.3 million. Mr. Pile stated the Ligonier interconnection project should be completed by October 2012.

K. Open Records: Nothing to report.

An Executive Session was called at 8:05 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Executive Session ended at 8:50 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the March 19, 2012 meeting at 8:53 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer