

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for June 15, 2009

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled June 15, 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, Fire Chief Mike Leckey, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Engineer Dave Duray 7:25 p.m.

Absent: Mayor Gerry Sloat, Council Member Mr. William Kory (on sabbatical leave)

Visitors: Mr. John Lovette, 305 Leon Street (observing); Mrs. Rose Harford and Ms. Christy Harford, 104 King St. (tree issues); Mr. Charles Lowes and Mrs. Rose Lowes, 420 State St. (tree issues); Mr. Ron Gallucci and Mr. Keith Wright (Gallucci Sanitation); Mr. Raul Lee (Lee Disposal); Mr. Mike Bellvia (Pro-Disposal); Ms. Charlene Cervin (Waste Management)

Meeting Agenda

Mr. Danyluk noted a correction in the zoning officers report portion of the May 18, 2009 Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2009 as per the changes stated. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to open the garbage bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. The bid prices for one year were as follows: Pro-Disposal \$114,240.00; Gallucci Sanitation \$116,144.00; Waste Management \$118,695.36; Lee's Disposal \$122,808.00. The bid prices for two years were as follows: Pro-Disposal \$230,764.80; Gallucci Sanitation \$235,772.32; Waste Management \$240,360.96; Lee's Disposal \$249,614.00. The bid prices for three years were as follows: Pro-Disposal \$349,231.68; Gallucci Sanitation \$358,989.48; Waste Management \$365,111.04; Lee's Disposal \$380,419.20. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Pro-Disposal's bid of \$349,231.68 for three years pending a review by Solicitor Lovette. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0). At this time Mr. Rodgers called upon visitors to address Council. Mrs. Rose Harford requested Council look at a tree with roots pushing the sidewalk up in front of her residence at 104 King Street. Mr. Krupa stated the tree is healthy and there is no reason to take it down. Mr. Krupa also noted a tree service was brought in for an opinion and stated the same. Mr. Wargo will follow up on the issue along with an arborist. Mrs. Rose Lowes stated two trees in front of her residence at 420 State Street are dead and would like for them to be removed. Mr. Krupa stated plastic around the trees when

originally planted made the roots grow improperly causing the issue. Mr. Krupa stated he will remove the trees in the fall.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported Officer Mulkey and Officer Fisher gave presentations at the West Side Elementary School May 26 through May 29, 2009. Chief Havas noted the new computers, which were purchased with funds from the Grant received through Congressman Murtha's office, have been installed.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey reported the Jubilee went well. Chief Leckey stated a meeting was held at Congressman Murtha's office with Mr. Wargo regarding grants to refurbish the existing fire engine. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo reported nine zoning permits issued and two negative sewer compliance tests. A brief discussion followed regarding codes violations. Mr. Wargo will bring suggested amendments for the clarification on BOCA Code letters and fees.

Engineer's Report

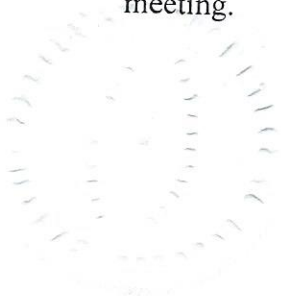
Mr. Duray noted price quotes for the Harding Street railing were received and are as follows: Mark Lemme \$4,500.00; Weimer's Blacksmith & Welding Shop \$6,160.00; Jems Fabrication \$8,539.00; Dolan's \$10,148.00. Mr. Duray noted he is unable to contact Mark Lemme but will keep trying. A motion to approve maximum payment of \$6,160.00 for the Harding Street Step railings from the remainder of the Step Grant and the Construction Capital line item was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Strittmatter in favor. Mr. Pile and Mr. Krupa opposed. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (4-2). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising open bids in August for cleaning and televising the sanitary sewer lines. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported four to six manholes are in the process of being installed.

B. Personnel: Nothing to report.

C. Police Committee: Mayor Sloat absent. Mr. Strittmatter reported the next meeting is June 16 and proposals that have been made to the officers will be reviewed at the meeting.



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D. Insurance Committee: Mr. Strittmatter stated the police commission switched workers compensation to a company near Scranton. Mr. Wargo will quote the company for Borough use.

E. Budget Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa thanked Solicitor Lovette for pointing out the Borough Code section regarding trees which helped with resident issues. Mr. Krupa noted twelve additional trees have been planted along Diamond Boulevard and Mabel Street, which brings the total trees planted to fifteen.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Ewald stated Mr. Dave Roman submitted a letter of resignation. Mr. Wargo stated mulch hauled from The Grove for the Diamond Boulevard Playground was not enough and additional mulch is needed. Members of Council attending the next Recreation Meeting will bring the issue to attention.

H. Properties Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa reported the Borough needs to send an approximation of new fluorescent traffic and street signs for next year to COG. Mr. Krupa noted the next meeting is August 4 which is the COG Annual Picnic at Highland Park.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the rate increases went into effect June 1, 2009. Mr. Pile stated Wells Fargo is taking over the bonds issue July 1, 2009. Mr. Pile reported the grant for the interlink connection looks promising. Mr. Pile noted a pipe along Somerset Pike recently broke and was repaired. Mr. Pile reported the Westmont water tank required a new altitude valve and catwalk to reach the valve all costing approximately twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00).

K. Open Records: Mr. Kory absent. No open records requests received.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sloat absent.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Rodgers called for an executive meeting regarding legal items at 8:23 p.m. Executive session ended and Council resumed its meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Manager's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve bidding of the 2004 dump truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported LED equipment for the traffic lights have been ordered. A motion was made to approve the cable contract by Mr. Krupa. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion

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carried. Mr. Wargo noted the website for the Borough is offline as it is being reconstructed. Mr. Wargo reported the sidewalk grant was denied as there were approximately 130 applications submitted with only 20 approved for funding. Mr. Wargo noted dye testing result updates will be given to Council every month. Mr. Wargo reported the results for June 2009 noting twenty-five sites tested with nine positive readings.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Czynnik stated payment was received for rental of Council Chambers for elections and cleanup fee. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to note the receipt of the May tax collector's report in the amount of \$2,737.54. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills for May 2009 in the amount of \$83,625.81. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Danyluk for adjournment of the June 15, 2009 meeting at 8:55 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk