

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for January 15, 2018

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled January 15, 2018 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

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

Visitors: Eric Muncert (Rezoning), Mary Koban (Rezoning), Barb Muncert (Rezoning), Ed Elston (Rezoning), Matt Heider (Rezoning), Kathryn Pullen (Rezoning), Cheryl Pullen (Rezoning), Ann Furlong (Rezoning), Mike Heider (Rezoning)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the December 4, 2017 council minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the December 27, 2017 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve the January 2, 2018 reorganization meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Visitor Recognition

Ms. Koban handed out a packet of information from the Concerned Residents for the Environment, Wetlands, and Wildlife (CREWW) regarding the Southmont Borough Proposed Zoning Ordinance. CREWW would like to request that the properties bordering Stackhouse Park be removed/exempted from the proposed C-1 commercial area of the proposed zoning ordinance noting the properties that directly border Stackhouse Park include 1042 Luzerne Street to 1070 Luzerne Street and 1110 Menoher Blvd. to 1130 Menoher Blvd. CREWW believes that these properties can never be commercially developed and therefore have no commercial value. Ms. Koban reviewed four key points to this reasoning noting commercial development of these properties would most likely have high detrimental impact on the environment, wetlands, and wildlife. Also, commercial development of these properties would most likely have high detrimental impact on the traffic and safety of impacted residents, commercial development of other properties (lower end of Southmont Blvd) located within Southmont Borough may provide better commercial viability for re-zoning, and commercial development of these

properties appears to be in conflict with portions of Southmont Borough's Ordinance No. 359 Section 105.

Mrs. Furlong notified council that her house at 1120 Menoher Blvd. is a historic structure and is national register eligible.

Mr. Rodgers informed the visitors that council would review the provided information and get back to them. Ms. Koban stated she is out of the country for work quite heavily and would like to request to be notified ahead of time of any future meetings so that she has enough time to make arrangements to be there.

A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve notifying the members of CREWW via email regarding any upcoming meetings or updates to the proposed zoning ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported the Police Department held its third Annual Open House on Saturday, December 9th and Sgt. Fisher and Officer Stutzman assisted the West Hills Fire Department on Thursday, December 21st with the "Santa Tour" in Westmont and Brownstown Boroughs.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted West Hills with a house fire in Brownstown Borough noting members made entry into the basement and extinguished the fire.

Chief Weslager also reported members escorted "Santa" throughout the borough passing out treats and members baked cookies and had "Santa" at the fire hall for residents to visit for the first year noting there was a great turnout.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Mceldowney reported on Phase I of the sanitary sewer replacement project noting the substantial completion is to be signed and Kukurin Contracting will be returning to the borough in the spring to inspect and fix and issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Kukurin Contracting Pay Estimate No. 14 in the amount of \$259,252.69. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition No. 15 in the amount of \$13,394.73. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Snyder Environmental Services Pay Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$357,501.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition No. 4 in the amount of \$465,936.42. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported three sewer compliances issued to 212 Wonder Street, 138 Palliser Street and 450 Southmont Blvd.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported he went on the walk through with Stiffler McGraw and Kukurin Contracting on Phase I of the sewer project noting he made a list of items that need to be addressed in the spring.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported a Petition for Allowance of Appeal was filed with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on January 8, 2018 regarding Lamar Advertising noting Lamar has 30 days to respond.

A workshop was scheduled for January 23, 2018 to review the fire company and proposed zoning ordinance.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton reported the first garbage and sewer maintenance bills for 2018 were mailed to residents.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve William Trevorrow for a five year term on the Zoning Hearing Board to replace Richard Rodgers taking effect January 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve Nicholas Antonazzo for a five year term on the IPMC Code Appeal Board to replace Richard Rodgers taking effect January 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

I. Open Records: Mrs. Layton reported one open records request received from Mary Koban regarding documents related to the proposed zoning ordinance.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from December 7, 2017 through January 17, 2018 in the amount of \$21,626.76. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from December 7, 2017 through January 16, 2018 in the amount of \$768,559.91. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the December 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$2,234,221.97. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to note the receipt of the November 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$1,961.11. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the January 15, 2018 meeting at 4:35 P.M. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer