

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for April 15, 2019

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled April 15, 2019 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, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; Police Chief Michael Lose; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Fire Chief Michael Butler; Council Members Kevin Pile and Ed Danyluk

Visitors: Brad Kimmell (Snyder Environmental Complaint), Ron Fisher (Tribune Democrat)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the March 18, 2019 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the April 9, 2019 special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Visitors

Mr. Kimmell stated Snyder Environmental Services used his property to access the neighboring properties during the sanitary sewer replacement project, which led to severe damage to his garage and patio, two-thirds of a row of hedges being torn out, and the lawn being torn up. Mr. Kimmell acknowledged that Snyder Environmental Services' insurance carrier did compensate him for the damages to the garage and patio, but Chad Duriez declined responsibility for replanting the grass because an outside contractor had come in to repair the garage and patio. Mr. Kimmell stated the outside contractor did not damage the lawn or hedges and the only reason the outside contractor was on the property was to repair damages done by Snyder Environmental Services. Mr. Kimmell stated he is only asking for the grass to be replanted and the rest of the hedges be removed. Mr. Banks stated Snyder Environmental Services will be back in Southmont on April 22nd and he will get in contact with Chad in the meantime.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officer Woodruff organized a Department food drive, in conjunction with the Divine Mercy Academy West Campus for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, noting the Department was able to provide several bags of non-perishable groceries for this cause.

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Chief Lose informed Council there will be a drug collection event at West Hills Regional Police headquarters on Saturday, April 27, 2019, sponsored by the DEA.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Butler absent. The March 2019 Chief's Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported the Gardner Street Storm Sewer Project was awarded to Snyder Excavating for \$22,810.00 noting he has a Notice of Award Agreement and a Notice to Proceed to be signed with construction to begin mid-May.

Mr. Banks stated he also has a Notice of Termination to close out Phase I of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

Mr. Banks stated Snyder Environmental Services will be back in Southmont on April 22nd to continue restoration, review the punch list, and to install laterals in the "Triangle" off Menoher Blvd. Solicitor Carbonara stated he provided access easements that Mr. Wargo is hand delivering to the property owners.

Mr. Banks stated flow meters are to be installed to monitor inflow within the next two weeks.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 527 Edward Street for a porch and ten certificates of compliances issued to 507 Edward Street, 157 Floyd Street, 214 Wonder Street, 93 Thoburn Street, 20 Harding Street, 311 Bliss Street, 4 Shady Lane, 12 Logan Street, 429 State Street, and 130 Arlington Street.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported demolition on the old salt storage building began April 15th.

Mr. Wargo stated DJR Painting began the prep work on the municipal building and will begin painting the first or second week of May. Mr. Wargo informed council the painter noticed there is no flashing about the front entrance of the building and the gutters are in very bad shape noting the repairs would cost approximately \$1,400.00. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve DJR Painting to install and/or repair the flashing and gutters around the municipal building in the amount of \$1,400.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Ewald requested the old recycling shed behind the municipal building be painted and the broken garage door window fixed. Mr. Wargo will add it to his list of things to be done.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara informed council he has looked into the PA Uniform Construction Code and confirmed only two municipalities opted-out, Southmont Borough and Daisytown Borough. Solicitor Carbonara stated the code would not be effective for 180 days after approval. Mrs. Speicher asked if Solicitor Carbonara could prepare a document showing the pros and cons of opting-in to the PA UCC.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve Ordinance No. 518, establishing the position of Street Commissioner, as of May 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Ordinance No. 519, eliminating the position of Borough Manager, as of May 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton presented the 2019 County Aid Application for review and approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2019 County Aid Application. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Southmont Borough Rules of Order. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the offer from Hometown Press to supply the borough with up to 1,000 copies of a "New Resident Welcome Folder" to be funded by community advertising. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

President Rodgers called for an Executive Session at 4:25 p.m. regarding personnel matters. Executive Session ended at 4:32 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to appoint Harry Lingenfelter as Street Commissioner beginning May 1, 2019 at a salary of \$30,000 with a possible performance bonus of up to \$2,000.00 after a six (6) month probationary period. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to appoint Amanda Layton as Executive Secretary/Treasurer beginning May 1, 2019 at a salary of \$38,000.00. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile absent.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile absent.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Danyluk absent.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Danyluk absent.

I. Open Records: Mr. Danyluk absent.

J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

N. Centennial: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from March 19, 2019 through April 15, 2019 in the amount of \$15,463.07. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to payment of bills from March 20, 2019 through April 16, 2019 in the amount of \$121,286.56. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the March 2019 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,420,602.57. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the March 2019 tax collectors report in the amount of \$56,051.07. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the April 15, 2019 meeting at 4:39 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer