

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**

**Minutes for September 18, 2017**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled September 18, 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, Herb Ewald, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

**Visitors:** David Taylor (Street Light), Sandra Sabo and Joe Alvarez (Shed on Shady Lane)

**Visitor Recognition**

Mr. Taylor stated he wished to formally request a street light be installed at the corner of Court Alley and Pearl Street. Mr. Wargo noted the office has contacted Penelec numerous times via phone and fax, but have not heard anything back yet. Mr. Wargo stated he will compile a letter to send as a formal request.

Mr. Alvarez stated he was speaking on behalf of Sandy Sabo. Mr. Alvarez stated Attorney Robert Shahade recommended Mr. Alvarez and Ms. Sabo inform the borough that the shed is illegal since it is located on a piece of property across the street from the property owners residence and not on an abutting piece of property. Mr. Wargo stated he will look into the legality of the shed and will speak with Attorney Shahade. Mr. Alvarez also reported that the property owner has been utilizing an illegal burn pit. Mr. Wargo informed him to contact the West Hills Regional Police while the burning is taking place.

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of August 21, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made to accept the planning commission meeting minutes of August 30, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose reported the police department participated in the C.H.I.E.F. Day Fundraiser 2017 sponsored by Karen Howell and the Upper Yoder Twp. Police Department in memory of Chief Walter Howell.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager reported crews responded to a structure fire in District 26 noting the fire was put out five minutes after arriving on scene and there was heavy damage to the kitchen and smoke damage to the house.

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Chief Weslager reported crews responded to a vehicle accident with entrapment in District 27 noting one male was removed from the wreckage after the car door was removed and steering column cut off.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks reported two flow meters are to be installed at Helen Street/Wonder Street and Harshberger Road/Goucher Street.

Mr. Banks reported there are 30 laterals and 1,000 feet of main lines remaining for Phase I of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project noting a progress meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pay Estimate No. 10 for Kukurin Contracting in the amount of \$854,874.99. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve PennVest Payment Request No. 11 in the amount of \$948,821.17. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Banks reported Snyder Environmental Services is scheduled to begin Phase II construction on October 9, 2017 on the lower end of Southmont Blvd. noting crews are already out locating utility lines.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported four building permits issued to 316 State Street (siding), 1022 Menoher Blvd. (siding/windows), 220 Mabel Street (patio), and 330 Orchard Street (porch).

Mr. Wargo reported three certificates of compliance approved for 117 Wonder Street, 558 Edward Street, and 9/10 Cox Street.

Mr. Wargo reported the planning commission approved a draft of a new zoning map and zoning ordinance at a meeting on August 30, 2017. Solicitor Carbonara provided council with a memo detailing the procedure for implementing the comprehensive zoning amendment. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to authorize Richard Wargo to purchase signs to place throughout the borough notifying the residents of a public hearing and to advertise the public hearing in The Tribune Democrat. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported brush cleanup will be September 25 – September 27, 2017.

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Mr. Wargo stated Matthew Smith submitted his resignation on August 22, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to accept the resignation of Matthew Smith as of August 22, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

#### **Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation Worksheet for Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Systems. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve attendance to the 2017 Cambria County Borough's Association Fall Dinner on October 24, 2017 at Cresson American Legion. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

#### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising Ordinance No. 511, prohibiting parking in designated areas of Diamond Blvd. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Motion carried (7-0).

### **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Nothing to report.

**B. Administration:** Nothing to report.

**C. Personnel:** A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve an advertisement requesting applications for a part time public works employee. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**D. Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Wargo provided council with a schedule of workshops and meetings to review the 2018 budget. The meeting dates are as follows: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> workshops at 4:00 p.m.; November 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting to approve tentative budgets; December 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting to approve final budgets.

**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:** Nothing to report.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from August 22, 2017 through September 18, 2017 in the amount of \$13,574.65. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve payment of bills from August 23, 2017 through September 19, 2017 in the amount of \$692,368.12. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the August 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$1,359,063.04. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the August 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$3,426.28. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the September 18, 2017 meeting at 4:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Layton*  
Secretary/Treasurer