

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for December 9, 2013

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled December 9, 2013 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Edward Danyluk; Council Members; Richard Rodgers, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter and Robert Morgan; Mayor Gregory Paolini; Solicitor Michael Carbonara, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Council Member Herb Ewald

Visitors: Mark Yonko (Observing)

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas stated there have been numerous plumbing burglaries of vacant homes noting none were in Southmont Borough and the individual responsible has been caught. Chief Havas also stated an individual took keys to 140 apartments and stole valuables when residents were not home noting none were in Southmont Borough and the individual has been caught.

Fire Company's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to permit the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company use of the soccer field for the 2014 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried. (6-0). Mr. Wargo reported the fire company has obtained a review for the year 2012 from The Catanese Group for \$2,500.00. Mr. Wargo stated an actual audit is needed noting he obtained a quote of \$3,600.00 from Kline Kimlin to perform an audit for the years 2012 and 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve reimbursing Southmont Volunteer Fire Company \$2,500.00 for the 2012 review from The Catanese Group. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve paying \$1,800.00 towards the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company 2012 and 2013 audit from Kline Kimlin. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0).

President Danyluk called for an Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. to discuss legal matters pertaining to property. Executive Session ended at 4:35 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to permit Solicitor Carbonara to communicate with Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission denoting what is stated in the agreement regarding the state of the commission as of December 31, 2013 when Southmont Borough is no longer in the commission. Motion seconded by Mr.

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Pile. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Mr. Pile had previous obligations and left the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the November 18, 2013 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a workshop will be scheduled in January 2014 to review the sanitary sewer projects to occur in spring 2014 and to meet with Stiffler McGraw to get an update on the sanitary sewer review.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported four sewer compliances approved for 418 Orchard Street, 174 Floyd Street, 104 Daisy Street and 417 State Street.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a letter will be served on Mr. Joseph Birch informing him the Borough will condemn the house located at 509 State Street if it is not brought into compliance.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Claycomb reported H.A. Thomson reviewed the worker's compensation loss controls and liability/property loss controls and no new recommendations were given. Ms. Claycomb reported the second and final sewer maintenance payment for 2013 was received from Upper Yoder Township.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Ordinance 495, setting the tax millage for 2014 at 13 mills. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Resolution 2013-04, disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the 2014 meeting schedule as follows: Monthly meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. Committee meetings will be Tuesday of each week, when necessary at 4:30 p.m., and at 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday, if necessary. The December 2014 monthly meeting will be held on December 8, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A

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motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the 2014 General Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the 2014 Garbage Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve to 2014 Sewer Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to advertise a sanitary sewer increase of four dollars (\$4.00) per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (5-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile absent.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

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

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Recreation Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

I. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile absent.

J. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from November 19, 2013 through December 11, 2013 in the amount of \$12,702.27. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of bills from November 20, 2013 through December 10, 2013 in the amount of \$45,024.46. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the November 2013 treasurers report in the amount of \$533,627.26. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the December 9, 2013 meeting at 4:56 P.M. Motion seconded by Rodgers. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Claycomb

Secretary/Treasurer