

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for October 21, 2013

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 21, 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, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Thomas Strittmatter (4:30 p.m.) and Robert Morgan; Mayor Gregory Paolini; Solicitor Michael Carbonara, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Council Member Kevin Pile

Visitors: Deb Winterscheidt (Observing), Bill Krupa (Sewer Issues), Mark Yonko (Observing), Randy Griffith (Observing)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the September 23, 2013 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Pile and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the September 30, 2013 informational session minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Pile and Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Visitor Recognition

Mr. Krupa stated he has had sewer issues for numerous years which result with backups in his basement. Mr. Krupa stated he has replaced the pipe from the house to the street and the borough made repairs to a portion of the right of way pipe noting he is still having issues with backups. Mr. Wargo stated the line has been televised and after watching the tapes it was noted that approximately 48 feet of terra cotta pipe could be switched to plastic and a repair needs to be made near the manhole. Mr. Wargo stated State Pipe Services will provide an estimate for the repair. Mr. Krupa stated he felt the solution would be to replace all of the pipes. Mr. Wargo will meet with Mr. Krupa after the repairs are made and will discuss further remedies if backups continue.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported Officers provided traffic control for the 38th Annual Johnstown YMCA Marathon and 10K Race.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported two members took a Structure Burn class in Somerset County and the Fire Department has its annual Boot Drive.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project has begun noting Harding Street and Carrot Alley have been slip lined. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of \$1,000.00 to Stiffler McGraw for a cursory review of the existing sanitary sewer data for the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (5-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two zoning permits issued to 325 Diamond Blvd. (retention wall) and 14 Shady Lane (fence) and two approved sewer compliance certificates for 13 Cox Street and 106 Diamond Blvd. Mr. Wargo reported there has been a change in contractors for the Stillray mudslide restoration as the previous contractor was in an accident and couldn't complete the work noting the time limit may need to be extended slightly.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo stated the 2014 budget has been started and a workshop meeting would be scheduled for October 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to review the budget. Mr. Wargo reported the hinges on the dump truck rusted which resulted in the bed dislocating from the truck while dumping a load of leaves. Mr. Wargo stated the old model of hinges were not able to be greased which eventually leads to rusting noting the new hinges are made with a grease reservoir to prevent rusting. Mr. Wargo stated the cost of repairs is approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara stated he has drafted letters to Westmont Hilltop School District regarding termination of the joint recreation agreement/Ridge property and the desire to terminate the ball field lease because of the decline in usage. Solicitor Carbonara also drafted a letter to The EADS Group to notify them of the hiring of Stiffler McGraw to obtain a second opinion. Solicitor Carbonara reported he spoke with the Area Agency on Aging regarding the property owner of 509 State Street noting they are willing to help obtain guardianship. Solicitor Carbonara also spoke with the property owner's son in Massachusetts noting the son will contact other siblings. Solicitor Carbonara stated a preliminary hearing will need to be scheduled to determine the condition of the home.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the following for part time plowing at \$10.50 per hour on an as needed basis: Matt Smith, Rich Crowley, Scott Buck, Chuck Barbato, Joel Weslager and Dan Layton. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald.

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Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile absent.

D. Police Committee: Mayor Paolini reported Solicitor Timothy Ayres will be leaving.

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: Mr. Wargo reported the soffit and fascia at the borough building have been repaired. Mr. Wargo stated he has contacted Penelec regarding installing electricity at the storage sheds so that lights can be installed to deter vandalism noting they will provide an estimate.

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 September 24, 2013 through October 21, 2013 in the amount of \$10,353.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from September 24, 2013 through October 22, 2013 in the amount of \$144,975.73. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the September 2013 treasurers report in the amount of \$578,169.88. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the September 2013 tax collectors report in the amount of \$983.55. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the October 21, 2013 meeting at 4:55 P.M. Motion seconded by Rodgers. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer