

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONY

July 15, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the July 15, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Officer Mike Lose, Fire Chief Chet Borosky

ABSENT: Mr. Pile-out of town, Police Chief Andy Havas

VISITORS: Mrs. Kerry Keklak 89 Thoburn Street
Mrs. Mary Ann Homola 45 Gardner Street

Vice-President Rodgers asked for approval of the June 17, 2002 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town.

At this time Vice-President Rodgers called upon Mrs. Keklak who attended the meeting to discuss a letter that was sent to Council on July 2, 2002. Council members had received the letter, however no action was taken to date. In the letter Mr. Keklak responded to a letter (June 19, 2002) he received from Mr. Krupa in reference to several conversations, an agreement to plant trees and the removal of a tree from the Keklak's front lawn that was badly "topped". Council reviewed the letter from the Keklak's and after discussion Mr. Krupa stated that it is the intent of the Shade Tree Commission to replace damaged or diseased trees to add and replace the Urban Forest. Mr. Krupa stated he would agree to replacing two trees at the cost of \$150.00 each, \$300.00 total. Mr. Krupa will find a location around the Borough building to replant the two trees. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the replanting of two trees, without precedence, to replace the two trees removed from the property at 89 Thoburn Street. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town. Mrs. Keklak will get back to Council after she talks with her husband.

Vice-President Rodgers called upon Mrs. Mary Ann Homola who asked the Shade Tree Commission to look at the trees along Gardner Street near the Floyd Street intersection. Mrs. Homola presented pictures of the damaged and dead limbs on the pine trees on the property at 174 Floyd Street. Mrs. Homola is requesting that the Shade Tree Commission notify the property owner of the potential problems due to the dead limbs on the trees. Mr. Krupa will speak with the property owners.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

In Chief Havas's absence, Officer Michael Lose reviewed the written monthly report. Revenues reported for the month of June at \$535.91. Officer Lose reported that the shrubs were removed at Harshberger and Daisy Streets, per PennDot's notice to

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported that 8 permits were issued since the last report with total construction cost of \$238,160.00. Year to date total is \$557,525.00. Mr. Orms informed Council of the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on June 27, 2002 hearing the appeal of Bruce Graham of 163 State Street. The Zoning Hearing board decided in favor of Mr. Graham granting him a permit with the provision that the footers and support for the deck remain within the required 5' setback. Mr. Orms checked on a complaint about a pipe installed to remove water from a basement. Mr. Orms spoke with the property owner who had the basement dug up on the outside wall and a french drain was installed below the foundation. It appears that the only flow from the pipe will be storm water and nothing from the basement.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky reviewed the written report recording 4 assists for the month. One call was received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Work details were scheduled for erecting and tearing down tents. The Engine has been taken in for body repairs and service. The Department has borrowed an Engine from Lower Yoder Township. Council will send a letter of thanks to the Lower Yoder Township Supervisors and the Fire Department for the use of their engine. Several members of the Fire Department have attended EMT education classes. Chief Borosky asked for Council's input on an issue that has come before the Fire Department. They have been called to assist the Ambulance Association in lifting patients. Mr. Borosky checked with our PIRMA Insurance and the agent said the Fire Department members would be covered under Code 609 of the Workers Compensation Law, if they are assisting, and only if they have received authorization from the Chief. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to allow ambulance assist if requested, only when authorized by the Fire Chief. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town. Mr. Bosley reported that he is still waiting for Mr. Randy Zucco to sign the 16' easement approval for the Borough to install the pole for the new siren. Mrs. T. Fred Young would have to sign the papers also, and she has been unavailable. Mr. Bosley will keep in touch with Mr. Zucco. The Hilltop Ambulance minutes are on file for the month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates has reviewed with Council the inspection of the 2002 paving program. Quaker Sales has completed the work and it is satisfactory. Quaker will prepare the final invoice. (Check will be held until all Liquid Fuel reports are received.) Mr. Duray continued with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Corrective Action Plan progress. Borough employees have been dye testing to determine any further violations of storm water infiltrating the sanitary sewer line. Mr. Duray would like to install a flow meter in the connection located on Wonder Street that belongs to Upper Yoder. This would be done with Upper Yoder's approval and in preparation for the elimination of a bypass located on State Street. Mr. Duray will notify Upper Yoder of this request.

Engineer's Report Cont'd

Mr. Duray is still planing on selling the flow meter that we used for a short time. Solicitor Lovette stated that under Code 1202, if it is sold it would have to be

advertised once 10 days prior to bid openings. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to advertise, at the discretion of Mr. Duray, the sale of the flow meter. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town. Bids will be opened at the August meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley reviewed his written report. Cleaned borough building , recycled weekly , monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and cut grass weather permitting. Picked up grass and debris after storms and heavy rains. Completed work on the sanitary sewer line along Southmont Blvd. Completed working on Cheney Run Stream clean up. The Department of Army Corp of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection alternate inspection of the stream each year. Mr. Bosley reported that the sewer line work on Leon Street/Leek Alley will begin next week. Mr. Bosley reported that 3 curb cuts have been completed and 7 others are in progress. Installed and painted the handicapped parking space at 21 Shady Lane. Delivered hand letters to all residents abutting the alleys that were milled and sealed during the street paving. Located and marked the sanitary sewers on Harshberger Street in the area of the proposed widening and improvement by PennDot. The Borough will no longer collect green and brown glass, as per Total Recycling. Apparently there is no longer a market for the colored glass. The employee's benefit year to date totals were presented. Mr. Rodgers thanked Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley for the front yard and new building signs. They are very attractive signs.

Mr. Bosley asked for permission to attend the workshop for the Changing Roles for the Roadmaster. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Mr. Bosley and Mr. Danyluk attending the workshop in Bedford, September 22, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk had nothing further to report except that Borough streets are in very good condition and will be re-inspected in the fall. Mr. Danyluk reported that the allocation for County Liquid Fuels is \$14,000.00

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has scheduled a meeting for negotiation with Mr. Tim Miller AFSCME representative and the employees. The meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. The Personnel Committee and Mr. Bosley will attend.

POLICE COMMISSION

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham had nothing new to report other than the green and brown glass will no longer be recycled as the Recycling Center will no longer accept the colored glass. Mr. Graham reported that Waste Management will not collect, transfer or dispose of discarded propane cylinders. Council will discuss the recycling and garbage contract at a Committee meeting.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reviewed with Council the Keystone Municipal Insurance program endorsed by the PSAB. Mr. Kory stated that the program is very new and they do not have literature available to date. Mr. Kory spoke with Mr. Tom Klaum, Vice President of PSAB who explained that the Keystone Insurance Group is similar to the PIRMA Group Southmont is enrolled in. When literature is available Council can review and compare costs with PIRMA Group. Mr. Kory suggested that Southmont stay with PIRMA until information becomes available. On another issue, Mr. Kory asked about the Keystone Group Term Life Insurance offered to Borough Elected Officials. (BEOP) The annual enrollment fee is \$25.00 per council person and \$4.40 per month for individuals or \$7.40 per family. When Councilmembers term expires they would be eligible to convert the plan at a different rate. Costs to the plan will either be by members or by Borough. This plan will be further discussed on July 30, 2002 at a Committee Meeting. Mr. Rodgers reviewed the Insurance inspection done at the Borough's Recreation areas. Three items that need repairs were mentioned. Mr. Bosley will look at the areas and make the repairs as necessary.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported on a 6 month budget update. The Receipts for the 2002 Budget are at 67% which is very good. The Expenditures for 2002 are at 37.7%, which is also very good.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reviewed with Council the 2002 year shade tree plantings. Twelve trees have been planted to date and we are waiting for 6 more trees. Lichtenfels Nursery will plant the remaining trees. Mr. Krupa will review the problems on Floyd and Gardner Street, as per Mrs. Homola's request.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the Insurance items mentioned and Mr. Bosley will look at the areas and make the repairs, as necessary. There has been an outbreak of vandalism at several of the playgrounds. The police are investigating.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Damage done by vandals to the shed on Diamond Blvd. was estimated at \$1200.00. It has been turned over to the Insurance Co. Also, the outside garage roof has been

G.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham reported on the GOG picnic that is to be held in Lorain Borough Park on August 6, 2002. Mr. Graham will not be able to attend.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory heard from Mr. Ayers, president of the Citizen's Cemetery Association. He said that the Association is receptive to the input from Mr. Kory and Southmont Borough. Mr. Kory will mention the proposed paving next year of Millcreek Road. Westmont Borough is proposing to pave the road after construction at the Ferndale Elementary School is complete.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat reported that he had looked at the trees on the property at 174 Floyd Street, as per Mrs. Homola's request. Mayor Sloat also reviewed with Council a complaint he received about an accident at the intersection of Diamond Blvd. and Olive Street. There is a "Warning" sign placed a good distance up on Diamond Blvd., before the Stop sign. Mr. Bosley stated the sign is placed according to PennDot regulations. Mayor Sloat is suggesting that an additional "stop ahead" sign be placed closer to the intersection or a bold white bar painted at the intersection. Mr. Bosley will make the changes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette will make the additions to to proposed Ordinance prohibiting sleeping in vehicles within the Borough. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to advertise the proposed Ordinance to prohibit sleeping in vehicles. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that during the month the property at 105 Harshberger Street shrubs have been removed, after the resident received a letter from PennDot. The shrubs are in the PennDot right of way and have caused a site distance problem. Borough crews reported that vandals had written graffiti on the restrooms at the Soccer/Ballfield. Borough crews removed the graffiti. Council members and Mrs. Czyrnik will attend the dinner at Lino's given by Representative Wojnaroski on July 18, 2002.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the June Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$386,522.20. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note that we received the Tax Collector's Report for amending the month of May \$10,127.55 and the report for June in the amount of \$2,810.94. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$43,826.36. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, and Mr. Krupa. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

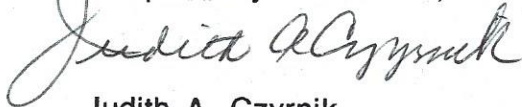
Vice-President Rodgers reported on the monthly interest received from Valley National Investment.

PSAB Fall Conference is Oct. 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh.

Council discussed the the Garbage contract which will expire 12-31-02.

There being no further items to discuss Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Czynnik,
Borough Secretary