

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
May 18, 1998 7:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled May Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the May 16, 1998 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Thomas Strittmatter, Mayor Lary Koval, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: Ron Walker, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Secretary: Judith Czynnik, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, and Zoning Officer-Fred Pullen.

ABSENT: Mr. Rodgers, vacation, Fire Department: Fire Chief Butler (Back operation)

VISITORS: None

President Pile asked for approval of the April 20, 1998, the Special Meeting April 28, 1998 and the Special Meeting May 11, 1998 minutes, as revised. A motion was made by Mr. Leventry to approve the minutes as described. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. At the Special Meeting of May 11, 1998 Mr. Thomas Strittmatter was appointed to fill the vacancy of Curtis Davis who has moved from the Borough. Mayor Koval administered the oath of office to Mr. Strittmatter.

At this time a motion was made by Mr. Leventry to open the 1998 Street Paving bids. Mr. Kory seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. One bid was received from Quaker Sales Cooperation.

The base bid was \$63,660.55 for the paving of Susan Street, Logan Street, Gardner Street, Stillray Street and Milton Street. The Alternate Bid No. 1 was for State Street paving in the amount of \$48,445.00. After discussion, Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve the Base Bid of \$63,660.55. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Rovansek, Strittmatter, Kory, Krupa, Leventry and Pile, all in favor. Opposed none. Rodgers, vacation. All in favor, motion carried.

There was some discussion as to what the costs of the retaining wall will be. Mr. Leventry made a motion to table the Alternate Bid No. 1 for State Street in the amount of \$48,445.00, at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. This Alternate Bid will be further discussed at the June meeting. Mr. Walker of Hinks and Locher hopes to have core sample results back within the next few days. This will determine the design of the wall.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's report records revenues at \$579.51 for the month of April. Chief Havas reported that the Department is involved with a "Be Bike Smart" program in conjunction with Cambria Alleghenies Regional Safety Network and the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission. The program will be June 9th at 10:30 a.m. at the Mound. Officer Lose will represent the Department. Officer Mulkey presented a Drug & Alcohol program at St. Theresa's Catholic Church on April 16, 1998. This program is presented annually to St. Theresa's CCD Class. Officer Matthew Watts of the West Hills Regional Police will be recognized at the May 20, 1998 Police Commission meeting. Officer Watts responded with quick action and rescued two residents of a structure fire in Westmont. The meeting will be held in Southmont Borough building. All of Council is invited to attend. At this time, President Pile appointed Mr. Strittmatter to the Police Commission Committee, Street Committee, Budget Committee, as well as Chairman of the Administration & Personnel Committee. All in favor, motion carried. Mayor Koval, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Leventry will attend the May 20th Police Commission meeting. President Pile will be unable to attend. Mrs. Czynnik will notify the Commission.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 10 new permits were issued since the last report, with an estimated construction cost of \$42,390.00. The year to date estimated construction total is \$735,211.00. Mr. Pullen reported on the BOCA Property Maintenance hearing at Magistrate Barron's office, May 13, 1998 concerning the Haidar property at 1070 Luzerne Street. Neighboring residents, Mr. Koban, Mr. Muncert, Mrs. Hurrell, Mr. Pullen and Mr. Brownlee were in attendance. Representing the Borough was Mr. Charles M. Glass, Assistant Zoning Officer and Attorney Patrick Kiniry. Mr. Pile also attended. After inspection of the site, Magistrate Barron gave Mr. Haidar 60 days to clean the property up and the complete the repairs listed on his building permit. If this is not accomplished he will return to Barron's office and fines would be assessed. Mr. Haidar's latest Building Permit has expired and a new one will be issued when he makes application.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

In Chief Butler's absence, (Chief Butler had a back operation today) the written monthly report was reviewed and records total emergency responses in the Borough and assists at 17 for the month, with a fire loss of \$2,000.00. Sixteen members of the Fire Department attended 43 sessions of fire school for a total of 170 hours of training. The courses were Terrorism in the Fire Service, CPR re-certifications tests and Vehicle Fire Fighting. The fire loss was a vehicle fire at Butler's Garage at 420 Southmont Blvd. The Chief reported that the Jubilee will be May 25th thru the 30th. Hilltop Ambulance Report has been received and is on file.



### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ron Walker reported that the retaining wall design is not complete as yet. Waiting for core test results. Hinks & Locher have completed their review of the Stormwater Management of the Pinebrooke Subdivision. The flows of Lot No. 3 will not flow into the pond. The pond will "over control" the flows generated by the subdivision. There still is some delay in the statements from Summit Bank on the Escrow account. After repeated requests, we do not have statements from February, March and April. Mr. Walker has approved a payment of \$6,900.00. Mr. Walker feels there is approximately \$44,000.00 of work to be done on the contract. We are to receive "as built" drawings for the pond and the roadway before the completion inspection is done. Solicitor Lovette said either C & D Associates or Hinks & Locker will do the drawing, and nothing will be accepted until all drawings are complete and Engineers, Borough Council and Street Commissioner have inspected the street and the pond. DEP has reviewed the project and it is in compliance. Mr. Walker has informed Council that the Fire Company would like for Hinks & Locher to do the project spot check inspections during their proposed building addition. At a future time we will need to update our map for the Cheney Run area, to include the new house on Susan Drive and the Pinebrooke Development. Nothing has started to date at the Chirillo Development on Lot #3.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### STREET COMMISSIONER

Mr. Bosley's report records that employees have continued to check water flows in designated sanitary sewer manholes for the Corrective Action plan. Continued work on the ballfield drainage, as weather permitted. Installed a French drain on the field, tapped into the storm sewer on State Street. Lichtenfels was in to do the work of restoring the field before the Jubilee. Crack sealed the weeks of 4/6/98 and 4/13/98. Put milled material in a few alleys. Had Roto-Rooter open several clogged catch basins and televise a sanitary sewer line on Stillray Street. During the severe rain storm on 5-5-98, (2.5"/3" of rain) the sanitary manhole casting pushed up on Susan Drive because of a surge. A diesel tank application with variance to the unoccupied building has been re-submitted to the DEP. The GJHS Buildings Trades students should have the block work at the Community Park storage/restroom done by 5-22-98. Doors and trusses have been ordered. Street sweeping was done, with a total of 30.5 street sweeping hours.

At this time, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Bosley submitted to Council for review a State Bid cost for a new Case 580 Super 4 x 4 Extendhoe. The State Bid price is \$54,721.00. Cambria Tractor & Equipment is the dealer making the State offer. Cambria Tractor suggested that we advertise to sell the 1982 Case Backhoe Loader that we currently have. Cambria Tractor is offering \$11,500.00 trade in. We might receive bids for amounts higher than the \$11,500.00 trade-in price.

No outside bidding is necessary for a backhoe with a State Bid. After discussion and review of making transfers within the Budget, Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve the purchase of the Case 580 Super model extendhoe, with the submitted specifications and the 24" bucket, in the amount of not more than \$55,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Rovansek, Strittmatter, Kory, Krupa, Leventry and Pile, all in favor. Opposed none. Rodgers, vacation. All in favor, motion carried.

A second motion by Mr. Leventry was to advertise and receive bids for the sale of the Borough's 1982 Case 580 model loader, with a minimum bid of at least \$11,500.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Rovansek, Strittmatter, Kory, Krupa, Leventry and Pile, all in favor. Opposed none. Rodgers, vacation. All in favor, motion carried. (PSAB Code, sect. 1201.4)

#### STREET COMMITTEE

No further report.

#### ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

#### POLICE COMMISSION

President Pile reported that Mayor Koval, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Leventry will attend the May 20, 1998 meeting of the Commission, at Southmont's Municipal building. A letter will be sent to WHRPC notifying them of the appointment of Mr. Strittmatter. The meeting was re-scheduled for May 20th, because of Election Day. Officer Watts will be honored at this meeting.

#### RECYCLING COMMITTEE

No report.

#### INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that the Blanket Dishonesty renewal was on the bill sheet for the payment in the amount of \$275.00. A new worker's compensation program is being reviewed and the Insurance Committee will make recommendations at a later date.

There was no action on a notice from Jerome Kaharick, Attorney representing a visitor to Grandview Cemetery. The case does not involve the Borough. The accident happened within the Cemetery. Mr. Kory had a prior commitment and left at 8:05 p.m.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.



SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa discussed five Shumard oak trees planted on the corner of Thoburn and Mabel Streets at the Arbor Day celebration. Arbor Day went well. Mr. Krupa submitted an invoice for Tom and Bob's Tree Service in the amount \$1,415.00 for tree removal in various areas. These were advertised for removal. Mr. Krupa suggested that a second letter be sent to the Dell Street resident who's property abuts Wonder Street. There are low overhanging limbs that need to be removed.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mayor Koval reviewed the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission minutes. A list of committee and appointments is on file. Mr. Koval reviewed the High School and Mound Playground updates. Upper Yoder Township has agreed to develop a lot in the Township for rollerblade/basketball if all engineering studies are approved. Mayor Koval is recommending that a soda machine be installed at the soccer/ballfield storage shed. The machine will be the responsibility of the soda company, and the Borough will not assume any responsibility. The Recreation Commission will receive 15 percentage of the proceeds. The soda company is waiting to hear from the Council. Mr. Krupa recommended that it be installed on a trial basis. It was suggested that all details be checked out and then it will be further discussed at the June meeting. A dusk to dawn light will also be discussed.

BUILDING /GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No report.

C.O.G. COMMITTEE

No report.

CHAPIN ARCH

Nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Koval reported on the stroke screening scheduled for June 18th beginning at 9:00 a.m. About half of the scheduled times slots are signed for. A news release will be given to the Tribune. Mayor Koval attended the Kiski Conemaugh River Basin conference representing Southmont Borough. Saturday May 23, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. is scheduled as a cleanup day at the Diamond Playground.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lovette had no report.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's report records that advertisements were made for the Special Council meetings, and are on the bill sheet. Mr. Bosley had requested that Council approve the hiring of the seasonal employees for 1998. Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve the hiring of up to three part time seasonal employees at \$5.15 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Rovansek. All in favor, motion carried.

Dr. Cwik has requested that Council find another appointment to the Board of Health. He feels that due to his health problems another appointment should be made. I contacted Dr. Hanzel who did the Health Inspections this year, and he will get back to us if he can accept the appointment. Received confirmations for the PSAB Conference for Mr. Pile and Mrs. Czyrnik. A motion by Mr. Krupa, approving Mr. Pile as the voting delegate from Southmont. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Central Tax Bureau is reviewing a payment made by GPU for Earned Income Taxes for 1997. These taxes should have been made to Pennsylvania Municipal Service. They will review what taxes are part of Centax and what part is to be reimbursed to PAMS.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of April in the amount of \$307,545.13 in the General Fund balance. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

### TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report for the April Report records \$48,291.30 in Real Estate collections and \$2,494.10 in collections for Per Capita. No report or Collections for March. A motion was made by Mr. Leventry that we received the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Rovansek. All in favor, motion carried.

### APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

After questions, and review, a motion was made by Mr. Leventry to approve the Payment of the Bills in the amount of \$34,945.04. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Rovansek, Strittmatter, Krupa, Leventry and Pile, all in favor. Opposed none. Rodgers, vacation. (Kory left at 8:05 p.m.) All in favor, motion carried.



OLD BUSINESS

Items on the "Tickler List" were discussed. Items were reviewed, removed and re-listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bosley reported on a LTAP meeting held in Upper Yoder Township, and hosted by Upper Yoder and Southmont. It was a four hour seminar. Carbaugh, Livingston and Weir attended the meeting. No cost to the Borough. Mr. Krupa asked that Mr. Bosley check on a bare wire where Diamond Blvd. and Susan Drive. meet.

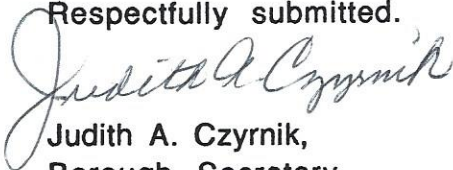
The independent auditor's are going to begin their audit by the end of this month and the beginning of June. I am gathering reports. A letter will be sent to the Sheriff's Department in reference to a sale of the property at 1022 Menoher Blvd., owned by Jerry and Cynthia Price, who is living in the state of Indiana. Cenwest Bank is handling the mortgage. There is currently an outstanding sewer and garbage invoice in the amount of \$444.74. A letter will be written to the Sheriff's Department notifying them of the outstanding fee.

Mr. Leventry will set up a time to view the sanitary sewer videos that we need to correct. Discussion was held on the underground diesel tank removals. Mr. Leventry feels this will be done by September. Possibly we will contract with Sunoco and Pacific Pride as a back up, for the purchase of gasoline.

Southmont will make the safety videos available to the Westmont Recreation Commission employees. They can be viewed when we view the videos, usually twice a month during lunch. Mrs. Czyrnik suggested that the Personnel Committee look into the possibility of a cell phone for Mr. Bosley. Several times in this past month we needed to get in touch with him and had no way to do so. We had previously used a pager, but then he has to find a phone. Mr. Bosley will not be at the June meeting, he will be on vacation.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Judith A. Czyrnik,  
Borough Secretary