

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

**Minutes for November 18, 2013**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 18, 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, Kevin Pile and Robert Morgan; Mayor Gregory Paolini; Solicitor Michael Carbonara, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

**Absent:** Council Member Thomas Strittmatter

**Visitors:** Deb Winterscheidt (Observing), Bill Krupa (Observing), Mark Yonko (Observing), Randy Griffith (Observing), Fran Sivi (Westmont Hilltop Recreation)

**Visitor Recognition**

Mr. Krupa thanked Mr. Wargo for his assistance in getting the sewer line issues resolved at his property.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Fire Company's Report**

Nothing to report. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported the sanitary sewer project was completed on November 14, 2013 noting it was under bid by approximately \$12,000.00. Mr. Wargo stated a workshop meeting would need to be held in December or January to review the sanitary sewer project.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 117 Leila Street (fence). Mr. Wargo reported four approved sewer compliance applications for 400 Palliser Street, 204 Mabel Street, 44 Shady Lane, 117 Leila Street.

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported leaf collection is on-going and will be done by the end of November.

**Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara reported a search warrant was issued by Magistrate John Barron and photographs were taken and an inspection of the structure was completed at 509 State Street on November 18, 2013. Solicitor Carbonara noted himself, Chief Havas, Mr. Wargo, Mihalko's General Contracting and East End Lock Service were present. Solicitor Carbonara stated Mihalkos General Contracting was on scene to inspect the structure and will provide a report on their findings. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to permit Solicitor Carbonara to continue necessary actions after Mihalkos report is received. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Secretary's Report**

Ms. Claycomb reported \$10,000 has been transferred to the back hoe account and \$15,000 has been transferred to the dump truck account. Ms. Claycomb stated the third quarter taxes have been mailed out.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2014 tentative general budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2014 tentative sewer budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2014 tentative garbage budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to advertise Ordinance No. 495 setting the tax millage for 2014 at 13 mills. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2013-03 authorizing Berkheimer Tax Administrator to impose and retain costs on delinquent taxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

**C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.

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

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Strittmatter absent.

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**F. Shade Tree Committee:** Nothing to report.

**G. Recreation Committee:** Mrs. Sivi stated the Recreation Commission Board voted and approved to proceed with an audit for 2012 and requested Council reconsider the decision to withdraw from the Recreation Commission to keep the recreation programs active for local children and families. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to rescind the decision to withdraw from Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk opposed. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory in favor. Motion defeated (4-2).

**H. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Nothing to report.

**I. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile stated the customer service area has been remodeled. Mr. Pile reported rate increases will be going into effect for customers previously receiving gravity rates noting all rates will now be based on pumping rates.

**J. Open Records:** Ms. Claycomb reported one request was received by Scott Berger for October 2013 zoning permits.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from October 22, 2013 through November 18, 2013 in the amount of \$13,111.11. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from October 23, 2013 through November 19, 2013 in the amount of \$33,936.39. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the October 2013 treasurers report in the amount of \$538,795.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the October 2013 tax collector's report in the amount of \$2,840.98. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the November 18, 2013 meeting at 4:52 P.M. Motion seconded by Kory. Mr. Strittmatter absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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