

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for June 19, 2017

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled June 19, 2017 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Council Members Herb Ewald, William Kory and Kevin Pile

Visitors: Ronald Fisher, Tribune Democrat (observing)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of May 15, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the special meeting minutes of June 15, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officer Beblar recently spoke with the Life Skills Students from the Westmont and Conemaugh Township School Districts during their field trip to Stackhouse Park about safety issues and answered their questions about his job as a police officer.

Chief Lose informed council the West Hills Regional Police Department will be holding its second annual "Open House" on July 22, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at their headquarters located at 1000 Luzerne Street.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported crews were dispatched to wires down in District 26 noting wires were burning under a house and power was shut off due to not being able to find the owner.

Chief Weslager reported crews responded to assist Upper Yoder with a vehicle accident with entrapment noting one male patient was removed through the rear window of a rolled over truck.

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported the laterals in Phase I of the sanitary sewer replacement project are slightly behind schedule noting the estimated completion date of August 15, 2017 and a final completion date of October 15, 2017.

Mr. Banks reported the sewer project costs could possibly end up being approximately \$500,000.00 less than the bid price.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Payment Estimate #7 for Kukurin Contracting in the amount of \$342,807.19. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Payment Requisition #8 in the amount of \$372,991.10. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Banks reported closing for Phase II of the sanitary sewer replacement project has been pushed back to July 18, 2017 and the notice to proceed is expected around August 1, 2017 if approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Engineering Services Agreement Supplement #1 to include additional costs for the Permit Phase of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project with the Planning/Permit Applications fee being increased from \$40,000 to \$60,000. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported four building permits issued to 202 Palliser Street (fence), 216 Leila Street (fence), 410 State Street (roof), 157 Harshberger Road (roof).

Mr. Wargo reported four sewer certificates of compliance issued to 331 Diamond Blvd., 508 Diamond Blvd., 1022 Menoher Blvd. and 425 Southmont Blvd.

Mr. Wargo reported the final draft of the zoning ordinance has been sent to the County Planning Commission for review.

Manager's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the purchase of a 2007 GEHL Series 4840E Skid Steer from Petrunak & Company, Inc. in the amount of \$10,495.00. Motion

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seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve Ordinance No. 510, increasing the sewer maintenance fee from \$384.00 per year to \$552.00 per year beginning January 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2017-03, official intent to reimburse both general funds and/or short-term borrowed funds used to construct improvements to its sanitary sewer system with funds received from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton reported to second bi-annual garbage and sewer maintenance bills for 2017 will be mailed out by June 30, 2017.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent. Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to hire Terry Kauffman as a part-time laborer at \$7.25 per hour on an as-needed basis. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile absent. Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile absent. Nothing to report.

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I. Open Records: One request was received from Maureen Karas regarding building permits issued in April 2017.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from May 16, 2017 through June 21, 2017 in the amount of \$24,753.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from May 17, 2017 through June 20, 2017 in the amount of \$560,179.62. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the May 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$1,647,563.03. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the May 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,694.77. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the June 19, 2017 meeting at 4:23 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer