

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

**Minutes for January 21, 2019**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled January 21, 2019 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; Fire Chief Michael Butler; Police Chief Michael Lose; Police Sgt. Ed Fisher

**Absent:** Engineer Todd Banks

**Visitors:** John Balog, Bob Callahan, and Richard Rambish (West Hills Regional Police Commission)

President Rodgers announced that Council held an executive session to discuss personnel matters during a workshop on January 15, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 5:15 p.m. noting all of council was in attendance, but Mr. Wargo was not in attendance.

**Correspondence**

Council reviewed a letter from Southmont Borough Tax Collector Jeanine Matse requesting payment for work done on 69 unpaid County/Borough parcels. Council decided to review the current ordinance and discuss at the February 18, 2019 monthly meeting.

Council reviewed a letter from Roy Livingston notifying council that he will be retiring as of May 30, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to accept Roy Livingston's notice of retirement as of May 30, 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the December 3, 2018 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Visitors**

Mr. Rambish requested a firm answer from council regarding the proposed third addendum to the West Hills Regional Police contract so they can finalize their budget. Mrs. Speicher informed them that the borough is going into the third year of a four-year contract with West Hills Regional Police and they will honor the current contract at the present time. Mr. Rambish asked if council would reconsider in the future and Mrs. Speicher stated they would be willing to talk about new rates at the end of the contract.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose reported Officer Woodruff traveled with Santa Claus through Westmont Borough on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Butler reported five more members have been nationally certified as Fire Fighter I noting 99% of members are now nationally certified as Fire Fighter I or II.

Chief Butler reported 2018 has been the fire company's busiest year so far noting they responded to approximately 300 calls when they usually average around 150 per year noting most were related to sewer backups due to the sewer projects.

Chief Butler informed council the old engine has been donated to the Cambria County Fire School instead of selling it.

**Engineer's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pay Estimate No. 15 for Snyder Environmental Services in the amount of \$260,319.88. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Engineering Supplement No. 2 in the amount of \$90,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the certificate of substantial completion for Phase II of the sanitary sewer project dated November 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported two certificates of sanitary sewer compliance issued to 109 Leila Street and 300 Leila Street.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported he is obtaining quotes for striking and painting the borough building with work to be done in the spring.

**Solicitor's Report**

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve providing council members with a borough email account. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2019-01, disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising Ordinance No. 515, setting the garbage rate for 2019. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

**C. Personnel:** Mr. Pile reviewed the list of wage recommendations provided by the Personnel Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the following 2019 wages: Richard Wargo \$44,300.00; Amanda Layton \$16.05/hour, Harry Lingenfelter \$11.60/hour; Mark Kaplaniak \$8.00/hour; Sam McAdams \$8.00/hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Morgan opposed. Motion carried (6-1).

A motion as made by Mr. Pile to approve hiring a part-time snow plower at \$11.00-\$13.00/hour. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Pile stated the Personnel Policy and Job Descriptions will need to be reviewed and updated.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to remove Amanda Layton as a check signer to comply with auditing practices. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Pile stated there are some line items he would like to review for the future.

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

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

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported GJWA reorganized and all officers stayed the same. Mr. Pile stated Competitive Power Ventures has backed out of the contract to construct wind turbines in Upper Yoder Township.

**I. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

**J. Borough Services:** Nothing to report.

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**K. Fire Company:** Nothing to report.

**L. Audit:** Nothing to report.

**M. Insurance:** Nothing to report.

**N. Centennial:** Nothing to report.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from December 6, 2018 through January 21, 2019 in the amount of \$20,143.43. Mrs. Speicher. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to payment of bills from December 5, 2018 through January 22, 2019 in the amount of \$99,403.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the December 2018 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,560,303.60. Motion seconded by Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the November 2018 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,648.65 and the December 2018 tax collectors report in the amount of \$7,644.63. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Speicher for adjournment of the January 21, 2019 meeting at 5:17 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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