

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

**Minutes for December 08, 2008**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled December 08, 2008 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czynnik, Clerk- Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas

**Absent:** Engineer Dave Duray, Fire Chief Mike Leckey

**Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Krupa noted Street Commissioner Jan Bosley is not required to attend meetings and should not be listed as absent. Mr. Rodgers noted several word changes. Motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2008 as per changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas reported Officer West attended the Megan's Law Training Seminar sponsored by the Johnstown Police Department. Chief Havas reported the West Hills Police provided escorts for the funeral of John Roberts, father of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Roberts Jr. The revenues for October 2008 were \$188.68.

**Zoning Officers Report**

Mr. Rodgers inquired about reporting income from sewer compliance certificates. Ms. Czynnik stated it will be fixed soon. Mr. Wargo noted an incident report has been filed with the West Hills Police regarding two missing 'Southmont Borough' signs.

**Fire Company Report**

Chief Leckey absent. Mr. Rodgers noted the Cambria County Department of Emergency Services needs any changes to the order of ambulance responses within the municipality. No changes were made. The Fire Chief's report and the Hilltop Ambulance Association report were received and are on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Dave Duray absent. Mr. Wargo reported he was notified by Mr. Duray his engineering fees will rise five dollars on all rates.

## 1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald stated plowing and salting is going well. Nothing further to report

**B. Personnel:** Mr. Danyluk reported a meeting with the Union is set for December 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to set the meeting dates for 2009 as follows: Council Meeting will be the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; Committee Meeting will be Tuesday of each week, when necessary, at 4:00 p.m. and the third Monday at 6:30 p.m., if necessary; December 2009 Council Meeting will be held December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

**E. Budget Committee:** A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the proposed 2009 budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0). Mr. Pile reviewed several line items' status. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to continue using PLGIT, Mainline National Bank and First Commonwealth Bank as the depositories. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

**F. Shade Tree Report:** Mr. Krupa stated the application for Tree City USA will be going in. Mr. Krupa reported he and Mr. Wargo met with PennDOT regarding tree removal in front of the First Church of Christ Scientist located at 1067 Menoher Boulevard. Mr. Krupa noted he is attempting to follow up on recommendations from arborist.

**G. Recreation Committee:** Mr. Kory reported Mr. Dave Roman ordered a sign for the Ridge. Mr. Kory noted Mr. Roman is searching for furniture so the Ridge can be rented year round.

**H. Properties Committee:** Nothing to report

**I. COG Report:** Mr. Krupa noted the recent meeting was canceled. Ms. Czynnik stated the Borough is currently paying four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per year for membership to COG. A brief discussion followed on the current benefits and the future status of membership to COG. Mr. Krupa and Mr. Wargo will follow up.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile noted the budget for the Water Authority will be reviewed and approved at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Pile noted Mr. Anthony Pinizzotto sent a letter requesting reappointment as Board Member to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Board. A discussion followed regarding reappointment of Board members. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to reappoint Mr. Anthony Pinizzotto. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

**K. Open Records:** Mr. Kory reported the Borough webpage is being updated and can be updated through the Borough Office in the future. Mr. Kory noted an article regarding open records in the Tribune-Democrat contained a form for residents to complete when requesting information.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Sloat had nothing to report.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Rodgers called for an executive meeting regarding legal items at 7:40 p.m. Executive session ended and Council resumed its meeting at 8:01 p.m. Solicitor Lovette reported Professional Family Care Services has entered an agreement to purchase property located at 929 Menoher Boulevard. Solicitor Lovette noted Professional Family Care Services has requested to add 929 Menoher Boulevard to the previous property tax agreement. Solicitor Lovette noted the current tax agreement allows Professional Family Care Services to pay eighty-five percent (85%) of property taxes each year until 2017. A brief discussion followed regarding the tax agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to authorize Solicitor Lovette to negotiate a tax agreement with Professional Family Care Services. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the LST Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the Resolution to enter an agreement with Central Tax Bureau. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo noted a letter was sent to Pennsylvania Municipal Services along with the \$750.00 for 2003 through 2005 records.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported a safety committee consisting of himself, Mr. Jan Bosley, Ms. Amanda Claycomb and Mr. Mike Leckey has been formed and meeting will begin in January 2009. Mr. Wargo stated after a six month period of safety meetings, a decrease of up to five percent (5%) is offered toward premiums. Mr. Wargo reported a meeting has been set for February 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. with LTAP and Chief Andy Havas regarding potentially improving intersections throughout the Borough at no cost. Mr. Wargo reported the Cambria County health consortium along with eye and dental from MEIT will save the Borough approximately fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000). Mr. Wargo noted four computers, including two laptops and two desktops, have been ordered for the Borough Office at a cost of approximately \$1,300.00.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Czyrnik stated the payment for 2007 through 2008 taxes was received from Professional Family Care Services. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Tax Collector's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the tax collector's report in the amount of \$50.91. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills**

Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the bills for November 2008 in the amount of \$56,885.77. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

**New Business**

Mr. Rodgers noted the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is March 22 – 25, 2009. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve attendance by members of Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the December 08, 2008 meeting at 8:37 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Claycomb* Borough Clerk