

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

**Minutes for August 17, 2015**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 17, 2015 council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, William Kory, Sheree Speicher and Robert Morgan; Mayor Mark Yonko; West Hills Police Chief Michael Lose; Engineer Todd Banks

**Absent:** Council Members Herb Ewald and Kevin Pile; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

**Visitors:** Terry Conrad (Observing)

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of July 20, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose reported Officer Sunseri participated in the Ferndale Firemen's Parade on behalf of the West Hills Regional Police Department on July 15<sup>th</sup>, during the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferndale Firemen's Jubilee.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager absent. The Fire Chief's report and the Hilltop Ambulance report were received and are on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks reported the Abatement Plan, which provides the PA Department of Environmental Protection with a detailed plan and schedule to relieve hydraulic overloads, as well as to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows, was submitted to the PA Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Banks also reported the Phase I permits for the sanitary sewer replacement project were submitted and are awaiting approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising an informational public meeting regarding the sanitary sewer replacement project. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported five zoning permits issued to 439 Southmont Blvd. (patio), 24 Harding Street (retaining wall), 404 State Street (roof), 801 Millcreek Road (mausoleum) and 201 Leila Street (driveway). Mr. Wargo reported two approved sewage compliance certificates issued to 521 Southmont Blvd. and 230 Wonder Street. Mr. Wargo noted construction of the mausoleum at Grandview Cemetery has begun and the Department of Labor and Industry is monitoring the project.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo requested an amendment be made to the personnel policy to require drug/alcohol testing before an applicant is hired. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to amend the personnel policy to include drug/alcohol testing before a potential employee is hired. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara provided an update regarding the Lamar Advertising appeal noting Lamar's motions for presentation of additional evidence and view of subject property were denied and the motion to take judicial notice was granted in part. Solicitor Carbonara noted Southmont's motion to strike testimony of Attorney Nathan Karn was denied. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising Ordinance No. 501 requiring certification of sanitary sewer status prior to the sale of real estate within the Borough of Southmont. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve attendance of council and staff to the PA State Association of Boroughs Annual Fall Leadership Conference October 16 – October 18, 2015 at Seven Springs Resort. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Mr. Wargo reported the chassis for the new dump truck will be in by August 21<sup>st</sup> and will be shipped to U.S. Municipal for assembly noting the new dump truck should be ready by the middle of September. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2009 dump truck for sale. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald absent. Mr. Wargo reported line painting is completed.

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

**C. Personnel:** Mr. Pile absent. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve hiring Harry Lingenfelter part-time at \$7.25 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

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

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

**G. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Mr. Kory submitted an annual building and grounds report noting there are no major issues at this time and Mr. Wargo and the borough workers are doing a great job in making Southmont an attractive community for its residents and visitors.

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

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

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from July 23, 2015 through August 19, 2015 in the amount of \$13,985.65. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve payment of bills from July 22, 2015 through August 18, 2015 in the amount of \$97,647.04. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to accept the July 2015 treasurer's report in the amount of \$689,145.93. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the May 2015 tax collectors report in the amount of \$4,535.96, the June 2015 tax collectors report in the amount of \$9,385.09 and the July 2015 tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,297.85. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the August 17, 2015 meeting at 4:32 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

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