

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
148 WONDER STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2020

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the scheduled March 16, 2020 Council meeting was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Mayor Mark Yonko; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members Edward Danyluk, Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, Herb Ewald and Robert Morgan; Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter; Fire Chief Michael Butler; Police Chief Michael Lose

**Absent:** Council Member Gregory Paolini, Engineer Todd Banks; Asst. Sec. Debi Riek

**Visitors:** Harold Platt

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council meeting minutes of February 17, 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Visitors:**

Mr. Platt inquired about the status of Tomato Alley. He was informed that it would be included in the 2020 paving project, which may be delayed due to Governor Wolf calling for a statewide shutdown on nonessential businesses to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

**Police Chief's Report**

The March 2020 West Hills Regional Police Department Report was received and is on file. Nothing further to report.

**Fire Chief's Report**

The March 2020 Southmont Volunteer Fire Company's Report was received and is on file. Chief Butler reported on an email received from Cambria County 9-1-1 notifying them that the Cambria County Commissioners approved a new Public Safety Radio System that would replace the current system with a new P25 Phase II turned simulcast system operating on the 800 MHZ frequency range. Chief Butler stated they are looking at a cost of \$15,000 to \$30,000 to replace the system and he will keep council updated on the status.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks absent. Mr. Banks sent an email stating they were planning to begin televising March 18<sup>th</sup> to check laterals that were not replaced.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

The February 2020 Zoning Officer's Report was received and is on file. Council discussed the invoice received for February 2020 services and requested that Mrs. Layton review the contract with Walker Consulting Services regarding the fees charged to the borough for a Flood Plain Management Seminar Mr.

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Walker attended and to contact Mr. Walker to request that he include addresses for each item on his invoices.

### **Street Commissioner's Report**

The February 18-March 16, 2020 Zoning Officer's Report was received and is on file. Council discussed the street cutting ordinance and requested that Solicitor Carbonara draft a new ordinance to require any excavation of the streets be replaced to the center-line instead of one foot from the excavation site.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara stated he's received questions regarding how the borough should handle business during the shutdowns due to the coronavirus. He suggested if a monthly meeting cannot be held, an email should be sent to council to get a consensus of approval for any invoices that need to be paid, which can then be ratified at the next available meeting date.

### **Executive Secretary's Report**

The March 2020 Executive Secretary's Report was received and is on file. Mrs. Layton reported that Lower Yoder Township and Nanty Glo Borough requested to rent the boroughs street sweeper noting that Lower Yoder Township also offered the use of their dumpsite. Mrs. Layton stated a rental agreement was obtained from our insurance agent, H.A. Thomson, which was given to Solicitor Carbonara for final edits. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the request from Lower Yoder Township and sign an equipment lease agreement with them. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to deny the request from Nanty Glo Borough due to it being further away and not as easily accessibly if needed. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Yonko had nothing to report.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Ordinance No. 526, Uniform Construction Code. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the 2020 County Aid Application. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Streets:** Nothing to report.
- B. Administration:** Nothing to report.
- C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.
- D. Police:** Mr. Morgan reported the March 17, 2020 meeting was cancelled based upon a suggestion from their Solicitor due to the coronavirus. Mr. Morgan was given permission to pay invoices until the next meeting.
- E. Budget/Tax:** Nothing to report.
- F. Shade Tree:** Mr. Morgan reported he met with Tree Expert to review trees throughout the borough and he will have a list of items that need to be addressed for the next meeting.
- G. Building & Grounds:** Nothing to report.

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reviewed a letter received regarding the passing of Anthony “Red” Pinnizzotto who was the “At Large” member of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority for the City of Johnstown for almost 40 years. Mr. Pile stated a new “At Large” member will need to be approved by the City of Johnstown and the borough.

Mr. Pile reviewed a list of properties that have water service terminated through Greater Johnstown Water Authority noting there is a property on the list that was running a business without water service, which is a violation of borough codes. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to have Mark Walker inspect Grimaldi’s Garage. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

- I. Open Records:** Right-to-Know Requests were received from Jessica Barnett (Amount paid to various State/Borough agencies) and Karen Muntz (February 2020 zoning permits).
- J. Borough Services:** Nothing to report.
- K. Audit:** Mr. Rodgers requested the audit committee be informed when the final audit meeting is scheduled.
- L. Insurance:** Mr. Paolini absent. A committee meeting will be scheduled to review the boroughs insurance.
- M. Centennial:** Mr. Morgan reported the committee was meeting later in the day and would finalize business.

**Business Items:**

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve ratification of payroll from February 18, 2020 through March 16, 2020 in the amount of \$12,105.98. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of bills from February 18, 2020 through March 16, 2020 in the amount of \$155,129.15 minus the amount of \$35.00 for a Flood Plain Management fee on Mark Walker’s invoice. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the February 2020 Treasurer’s Report in the amount of \$1,569,407.75. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

The February 2020 Tax Collector’s Report was not received.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the March 16, 2020 meeting at 5:09 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Paolini absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton  
Executive Secretary