

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
January 15, 2001 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled January Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the January 15, 2001 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Kory, Mayor Lary Koval, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley
Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: David Duray, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Fire Dept.: Michael Butler,
Zoning Officers: Dyke Orms and Fred Pullen

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Shirley Chaney 127 Arlington Street

President Pile asked for approval of the December 11, 2000 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

At this time President Pile called upon visitor Shirley Chaney who asked that Pepper Alley (formerly Peach Alley) needs to be plowed straight through to Arlington Street. Council will review the request. Mr. Bosley stated that they do plow past her driveway however, the lower portion of this alley is very narrow and has overhanging brush into the alley. Mrs. Chaney has been notified that this brush needs cut back.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's written report which records the revenues for the month of November at \$257.88 and December at \$260.82. Chief Havas reported that officers will be doing their In-Service training that is mandated by the State. Each officer is required to do 12 hours of training. The West Hills Regional Police Department has been assisting other Departments in investigating the recent robberies and burglaries in the area. The WHRPC has applied for grants for a Special Operation Response Team. Officer Bellak has been certified as an instructor for this program. This Response Team is for responding to specialized incidents and uses specialized weapons.

Chief Havas discussed the Zone Patrol changes that are in operation since Lower Yoder Township has been included in the WHRPC agreement. There appear to be no problems. Chief Havas stated that the Police Commission meeting will be held in Lower Yoder Township on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Yoder Township Building on J Street. Chief Havas had no further report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported on the December report submitted to Council. One new permit was issued for December. The year to date (2000) total of construction is \$641,421.00.

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A court hearing has been tentatively set for January 17, 2001 on a Code violation at 114 Peden Lane. A Building Permit was issued (2016) for a fence around a pool of water, however none was installed. This pool of water is approximately 5 foot deep. This has been turned over to Chief Havas and a citation will be filed with the District Magistrate. Mayor Koval asked Mr. Orms to look at a vehicle parked at 413 Southmont Blvd. at John Hornick's residence. It has been covered with a tarp and has not been moved for quite some time.

Mr. Pullen and Mr. Orms will meet later this week to review the summary Mr. Pullen has prepared for Mr. Orms, on the Zoning Administrator's position. Mr. Pullen is recommending that when a zoning appeal is filed, the fee of \$600.00 must be paid before the appeal is heard. We have three outstanding invoices for zoning appeals heard last year. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to prepare a Resolution for a \$600.00 payment to be made before any appeal is heard. Any further costs will be invoiced and any overcharges will be refunded to the appellant, per the Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Pullen thanked members of Council who attended the luncheon in his name.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Butlers written report records 14 assists for the month. Southmont VFC assisted on a structure fire in Brownstown. There was a casualty at this fire. Southmont set up a water supply to protect nearby structures. New equipment purchased this past month includes 1 Air Pack, 1 Voice Amplifier and 2 fiberglass axe handles.

Chief Butler's yearly report records \$105,700.00 fire loss in the Borough for the year 2000. There was one major structure fire at 117 Wonder Street and the others were minor vehicle and electrical fires. Members of the Fire Department attended 47 sessions of fire school, for a total of 188 hours of training.

Council requested an Activities List for the Fire Department for the year 2001, for insurance purposes. Chief Butler asked about the surge/lighting protector for the building. Mr. Bosley is accepting bids and should have several to submit to Council, for Insurance purposes. Hilltop Ambulance reported 82 calls for December.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. David Duray of Hinks and Locher Engineers reviewed a call received from Scott and Tammy Pyshnik off 1027 Luzerne Street, in reference to the paving done on their driveway after the replacement of the sanitary sewer lines in that area. Mr. Duray informed the Pyshnik's that the Contractor will look at this in the Spring. Mr. Duray stated that the request for tap-ins (EDU'S) for the year 2001 will be forwarded to the Redevelopment Authority. The Engineers will begin preparing Corrective Action reports. Mr. Duray submitted a review letter from the Department of Environmental Protection, with DEP's recommendations. Mr. Duray also submitted, for Borough use, charts and maps of the sanitary sewer system in the Borough. With reference to the letter from DEP the Borough has until 2002 to correct any sanitary sewer overflows. Mr. Duray explained the charts and maps showing several possible problems in the Borough. Mr. Duray submitted a list of recommendations for the Corrective Action Plan.

Mr. Duray's recommendation for flow verifications are to modify the float in the manhole at State Street and Parsley (Pear) Alley to confirm the activation of the bypass, to delete monitoring UYT #1 and UYT#2, and to include two manholes on Diamond Blvd. for monitoring. Mr. Duray recommends we install flow metering devices in the UYT#3 and UYT#4 to quantify flows from Upper Yoder, to continue monitoring specific manholes for flow depth within the Borough through the end of May to prioritize further dye testing, to install a rain gauge at the Borough Building and to investigate the diversion structure at State Street & Southmont Blvd., to delineate the quantity and direction of flow from his manhole. Mr. Duray discussed the cost of the flow meters. The Borough would need two flow meters at \$3,500 each and a computer program at \$1,200. This program would be necessary to read the meters. This is an ongoing problem and we will need to monitor sanitary lines for infiltration for future smoke and dye testing. This will be discussed further at a Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the recommendations and move forward with the Engineer's recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Engineer fees are on file for 2001.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Pile made an Agenda change as Mr. Kory has to leave early.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Fred Fisher from FWF Insurance, asked if we wanted an insurance quote for the Liability. (We would have to notify PIRMA 90 days in advance if we are receiving bids.) At this time Mr. Kory feels there is no action necessary.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Mr. Kory talked with Mr. Bosley about getting a bid from Marisa Masonry for the repair of the Municipal Building. Mr. Marisa is to come in this week. We are still receiving Electrical Contractors bids for the surge/lighting protection. In the Spring Mr. Kory will look at replacing the Borough entrance signs.

CHAPIN ARCH

Mr. Kory had nothing further to report on the deed transfers. The Borough is waiting for PennDot to proceed with the transfers.

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records streets and alleys were plowed and salted as needed. Vehicle and equipment maintenance was done. The plow frame for the 1998 truck was rebuilt and reinforced. Finished picking up leaves and did maintenance on leaf machines before they were put away for the winter. The new truck was delivered on December 13, 2000 and put into service immediately. Mr. Bosley has continued to contact electrical contractors for bids on the electric/lighting surge protection.

Mr. Bosley met with Mr. Tom Gray of Hinks and Locher Engineer's to review the monitoring done by the Borough. Mr. Bosley submitted a "To Do List" and "Tickler List", per Council's request.

STREETS

Mr. Danyluk reported on a problem at 163 State Street this past weekend. The blockage was in the Borough line. The lines are very low. Mr. Danyluk suggested that two clean-out pipes be installed and that the Borough is considering installing a manhole. No further report.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report.

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Koval reported that there would be a West Hills Regional Police meeting at Lower Yoder Township at 7:00 p.m Tuesday, January 16, 2001. Nothing further report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Report submitted. Mr. Rovanseck reported that Southmont has received \$861.96 in volume credit for the recycled material. The cost to recycle to date is about \$2,500.00 for 2000. Mr. Krupa mentioned that he had a phone call that the recycling shed was not opened on several Saturdays in the past. Mr. Krupa did mention this to the Police, as they are to open the shed on Saturdays. Mr. Krupa and Mayor Koval will mention this at the WHRPC meeting

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that account line transfers have been made for the final 2000 General Fund Budget.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported the application for the Tree City USA award has been received. Arbor Day will be May 5, 2001. Mr. Krupa is asking Council for suggestions as to where we should have our annual celebration. Mr. Danyluk suggested we plant a tree in honor of Mr. Pullen's twenty years of service. Mr. Krupa asked Mr. Bosley to remove a tree limb from a tree on Diamond Blvd., if possible.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

President Pile reported that payments were made by Westmont and Southmont for the first and second quarter's. The 2001 Budget was passed.

COG REPORT

Mr. Rovanssek reported that COG discussed the flow meters. COG would purchase the flow meters and municipalities could rent them. No further action. COG had discussed the purchase of a camera to televise sewer lines, but it went no further. Mr. Rovanssek mentioned the agreement from East Conemaugh Borough for the Emergency Management within each community in Cambria County. The 911 Center is studying this issue to prepare an agreement that would cover all municipalities. The Secretary will check with PIRMA to see if our employees are covered for worker's compensation in the event of an Emergency Management situation were our employees would be called out to assist another community and they have received Council approval to assist.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No further report.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the letter proposal from Upper Yoder Sewer Authority with the reference to sewer rental. There are some changes that need to be made to the offer. Mr. Danyluk suggested that we have a Committee meeting to further review the proposal. Mr. Duray will be asked to attend, as he had some questions on the Upper yOder Sewer Authority proposal. The Committee meeting has been set for January 30, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. To date we have not received the Upper Yoder Sewer Authority outstanding balance of \$4000.00 for the years 1999 and 2000.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records a luncheon was held on December 27, in honor of Fred Pullen who retired as Zoning Administrator, after 20 years. David Weir's Life Insurance benefit began as of January 2001. He is on all other benefits. The Borough received a credit from the Hospitalization plan. (Roy Livingston's daughter was removed in February when she turned 19. However, they failed to change the rate for Roy Livingston to husband and wife, not family.) Dave Weir fell and broke his wrist. He has been given a return to work release. He is to wear a wrist restraint. We received a check for the balance of the soda machine money for 2000 from the Wonder Street Community Park. Both machines have been winterized and will be reopened April 1, 2001.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the December and Final Treasurer's report with account line transfers, as presented in the amount of \$314,388.15. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers noting that the Borough has received the December's Tax Collector's report with no Real Estate collections and no Per Capita collections. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Mr. Quinn submitted the list of names returned to the County, for collections of RE taxes. All in favor, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of the bills, in the amount of \$56,362.50. Seconded by Mr. Rovansek. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory, left early.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added. Completed items were removed. We have received several letters in response to our support in protecting the development of the Quemahoning watershed.

NEW BUSINESS

The PSAB Spring Legislative Conference will be held March 18-20 at the Holiday Inn-Harrisburg-Hershey in Grantsville, PA. Borough Council should notify the Secretary if interested.

Greater Johnstown Water Authority members representing Southmont Borough will meet with Council on March 19, 2001 for updates in the Water Authority current concerns and activities. The Annual Water Authority dinner meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2001 at the Incline Station Restaurant. Council is invited. Please confirm your reservation with Mr. Soulcheck by February 6, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted.

Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary