

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
May 15, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled May Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the May 15, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

**PRESENT:** President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Zoning Officers: Dyke Orms and Ryan Adams, Engineer: Dave Duray, and Borough Manager: Loretta Spak.

**ABSENT:** Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley and Mr. Kory who is out of town.

**VISITORS:** Mr. Michael Carbonara, 1046 Menoher Blvd., fence; Mr. Pete Chiodo, Pinebrook Office Park.

President Pile asked for approval of the April 17, 2006 Council Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

President Pile called upon Mr. Michael Carbonara who would like to "thank" the street crew for making a special trip to pick up his brush debris. Mr. Carbonara is requesting a time extension on getting his fence repaired. The fence is 250 feet and is costly to replace, he is receiving quotes but he may need to repair in sections which could take until late summer of 2007. Mr. Danyluk suggested that Mr. Carbonara speak with Zoning Officer, Mr. Adams, and work out a timeline and keep council updated on progress.

President Pile called upon Mr. Pete Chiodo, who has addressed Mr. Duray's nine (9) concerns on the Pinebrook Office Park project and he is requesting approval by Council for Southmont to pay for 180 feet of sanitary sewer line from proposed manhole to existing manhole at an estimated cost of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000). Mr. Duray passed out his second plan review on the nine (9) issues, discussion followed. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to split the cost of 180 feet of sewer line between Southmont Borough and Mr. Chiodo not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) which includes the new manhole; Mr. Chiodo is anxious to start breaking ground for the proposed building as soon as possible with the understanding the project is contingent on the approval from Greater Johnstown Water Authority and the Cambria County Conservation District. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

West Hills Police report for April shows revenue in the amount of \$301.73 (ordinance violations \$50.01 and vehicle violations \$251.72). Police Chief Andy Havas has reviewed draft resolution #2006-02 regarding amplified music being heard off the licensees premises in favor of enforcing the Borough's own previously adopted noise ordinance. Solicitor Lovette reminded all this is the first step only, time restraints and other items will be looked at later. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to pass Resolution #2006-02. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**

Mr. Adams report was received. Report records activity of eight (8) permits at a total construction of \$309,870 as of 4/28/06. Ms. Spak will get a photo ID for Mr. Adams. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to pay Mr. Orms, Assistant Zoning Officer, and Mr. Adams, Zoning Officer, one hundred dollars (\$100) each per month for two training months (May and June). Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town. Solicitor Lovette mentioned that we do not have to attend Sheriff Sales and municipal liens get paid even before the mortgage.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Borosky's written report records fifteen (15) responses during the month of April. There were three (3) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had twelve (12) assists in April; five (5) to Upper Yoder, four (4) to Westmont, two (2) to Lower Yoder, and one (1) to Riverside. Ms. Spak will remind Mr. Bosley to remove items (pipe) in front of fire company shed by next Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, prior to jubilee. Chief Borosky stated any night that councilmen can volunteer to work the jubilee would be a big help; busiest days are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Councilmen should show up at 6:00 p.m. and they will be placed with firemen in the gambling booths or if you prefer in the kitchen. The fire company is getting set up for internet access. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to pay forty-three dollars and forty-six cents (\$43.46) for the cable purchase. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve temporary jubilee signage. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for May was received and reviewed. Leon Street paving still needs to be completed. An inspection walkthrough will be done with Quaker Sales before payment is made. A letter has been sent to Upper Yoder Township requesting payment for their portion of paving on Leon Street. Mr. Duray will follow up with Grandview on seeding of new embankment. Mr. Adams, Zoning Officer, will look into dumping of dirt and/or asphalt behind Pinebrook Lane; take pictures and recheck in several weeks for any changes. Discussions ensued on sample ordinance requiring sewer lateral testing as part of the sale and transfer of any structure, item placed on hold until Johnstown Redevelopment Authority contacts us. Ms. Spak is to complete the Land Use Regulation Survey received April 25, 2006. Mr. Duray will send Southmont Borough's five (5) priorities to Office of County Commissioners per letter dated May 1, 2006. The release of annual liquid fuel allocations is contingent upon the Commissioners receiving the five (5) priorities.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Received Mr. Bosley's written report, discussion followed. Mr. Bosley absent. Committee meeting was scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss truck purchase (research Costar program), payment to Lower Yoder Township for street sweeper, and Mr. Bosley's goals. Mr. Bosley is required to attend committee meeting. Mr. Danyluk made a motion for Highway Marking, Inc. to do line painting in the amount of \$2,698. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Danyluk reminded Council that he and Mr. Bosley will be attending the PennDot Transportation Outreach on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Strittmatter would like to make PennDot aware the cleaning of embankment on Menoher needs completed (safety hazard, drainage problems, etc.). Pictures of Menoher and a letter stating problem will be taken to the Outreach meeting.

**ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The personnel committee met April 25<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Bosley and Mr. Gentile. A meeting will be scheduled with Ms. Spak to discuss her goals and opinions. Waste Management contract which expires December 31, 2006 will need to be bid and will be placed on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting agenda.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Sloat mentioned there has been no further movement of Upper Yoder Township merging with West Hills Police.

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kory out of town, nothing new to report.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Strittmatter mentioned the 2006 budget amount for construction capital account number 439.61 was not entered. Ms. Spak has entered the budget line amount of \$112,818.99 which is shown on the April treasurer's report. We will need to watch spending, make sure the revenue is coming in for the expenses not depending on the reserve monies.

**SHADE TREE REPORT**

Mr. Krupa mentioned the Borough Association Dinner Southmont hosted went very well. President Pile extended a "thank you" to Mr. Krupa for handling the dinner with help from Ms. Spak, it was a job well done. The Arbor Day celebration had a nice turn out, four (4) trees were planted on Palliser Street and two (2) on Thoburn, which look very nice. President Pile extended another "great job" to Mr. Krupa and to Mayor Sloat for Arbor Day. The tree on Langhorne will be removed this week by whoever gets to it first (Buchanan's or Tom & Bob's). Solicitor Lovette will place a call to Buchanan's tree service as a courtesy for Mrs. Rosenbaum, regarding the prepayment she made for the Langhorne tree work.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Nothing new to report, no minutes were received. President Pile reported the Ridge is booked up for Spring/Summer months.

**BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT**

Mrs. Kelly, Garden Club, is working on sign for Barnett Street. President Pile asked council to look over the signs on Menoher while driving for opinion on size that should be used.

**COG REPORT**

Mr. Ewald has nothing new to report.

**GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kory out of town, nothing new to report.

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**

The April minutes were received. Mr. Pile mentioned they are working on many projects one is a walking trail behind the Riverside treatment plant which will go through Riverside and Ferndale. Mr. Soulcheck has retired from his position with the Water Authority.

At 9:00 p.m. an executive session was called to discuss personnel issues. At 9:15 p.m. Council reconvened.

Ms. Spak will contact Mr. William Carstensen and Mr. Mark Wissinger to attend the May 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sloat has nothing new to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Ordinance #462 providing for the vacating, removal, repair or demolition of structures dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of residents. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Ms. Spak will contact Westmont Borough and state our interest to learn more for a joint West Hills Regional Planning Commission; will ask for Lower Yoder Township also to be invited into the Commission. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve any Borough employee who wishes to attend the GIS training in Altoona at a cost of one hundred dollars (\$100) for two (2) day training. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve the April's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$340,951.80. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodgers noted we received the April Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$98,214.37. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$35,294.33, will hold check #8302 in the amount of \$1,985.00 to Lower Yoder Township for street sweeper until May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory out of town.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List". Lower State Street traffic calming and NIMS proclamation and implementation will be placed on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting agenda. Abandoned property will be removed from the "Tickler List". The fence at 1046 Menoher Blvd and CD due Feb. 1, 2007 will be removed from the "Tickler List" and placed on the "To-Do List" and will be placed on the agenda when closer to due dates. The Street light repair list was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Danyluk made a motion for any Councilmen who wish to attend the PSAB 95<sup>th</sup> annual conference June 11<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup> in Seven Springs are approved to attend. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to send a congratulatory letter to Barbara Sloat, 301 Diamond Blvd., who has authored a book for adult learners and is the honoree in the arts and letters category during the YWCA 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tribute to Women. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the May 15, 2006 meeting at 9:30 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loretta Spak*, Borough Manager  
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