

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

**Minutes for October 15, 2012**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 15, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Thomas Strittmatter and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini; Police Chief Andrew Havas

**Absent:** Council Member Kevin Pile (out of town), Borough Manager Richard Wargo (excused), Fire Chief Mike Leckey

**Visitors:** Thomas Chernisky, Cambria County Commissioner

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the September 17, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from September 20, 2012 through October 15, 2012 in the amount of \$7,628.30. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the bills from September 19, 2012 through October 16, 2012 in the amount of \$209,297.84. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the September 2012 treasurer's report in the amount of \$489,072.39. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the September 2012 tax collectors report in the amount of \$400.40. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas reported an arrest has been made in regards to car break-ins. Chief Havas reported Officer West handed out Halloween bags and literature about Halloween safety to the people who attended a recent Farmers Market at the Westmont Presbyterian Church on Luzerne Street. There were no problems during the Johnstown Marathon other than one driver being cited for excessive speed through an emergency zone. Chief Havas stated an Officer will be present for the Kiwanis Halloween party on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Westwood Plaza from noon to 1 pm.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Leckey absent. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

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### **Engineer's Report**

The engineer's report stated EADS reviewed sewer system TV logs with Mr. Wargo to plan for a sewer repair contract in 2013 noting the total project budget is to be \$150,000 to address sections of pipe with major pipe defects. The MS4 permit application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection on August 30, 2012 and DEP may require six months to review the application.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Morgan reported one approved sewer compliance for 570 Harshberger Road and two approved zoning permits for 422 State Street (fence) and 111/113 Wonder Street (demolition). Mr. Morgan reported work on the driveway approved at 501 Edward Street has begun and the only item yet to be completed is paving.

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Manager's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Solicitor's Report**

An Executive Session to be held at the end of the meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

Ms. Claycomb reported an estimate was received from Magic Mist Carpet Cleaning for the two offices and the hallway for \$270.00. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the estimate received from Magic Mist Carpet Cleaning for \$270.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

## **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald stated he created a worksheet for the street department to log their weekly schedule. Mr. Ewald stated the leaf machine and street sweeper were being repaired.

**B. Administration:** Mr. Rodgers suggested looking into contracting out alleys for snow plowing.

**C. Personnel:** Mr. Pile absent.

**D. Police Committee:** Mayor Paolini reported the new police vehicle has been active and the old police vehicle has been sold noting three bids were received. Mayor Paolini stated they are beginning work on the 2013 budget. Mayor Paolini reported eight part-time police candidates were interviewed noting there are three potential candidates.

**E. Fire Company Committee:** Nothing to report.



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

**G. Shade Tree Committee:** Mr. Morgan reported Ideal Tree Service is to submit an estimate for replacement shade trees which will include the cost of digging the holes.

**H. Recreation Committee:** Correspondence was received from Fran Sivi, Recreation Director, thanking the street department for their help at The Ridge to repair a long time water problem. Mr. Ewald reported the Recreation Commission is researching expanding to surrounding communities.

**I. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Nothing to report.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile absent. Mr. Pile submitted a report stating approximately one mile of pipe is to be laid and should be done by Thanksgiving weather permitting. Several proposals were received concerning Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Evaluation of surface mining of coal area east of Saltlick Reservoir. The Real Estate and Finance Committee will be reviewing the proposals. A letter was received from PA Department of Environmental Protection concerning North Fork Dam and the Unsafe Designation.

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

An Executive Session was called at 7:46 p.m. regarding personnel. Executive Session ended at 8:04 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve paying Richard Wargo a bi-weekly gross amount of \$354.31 for limited light-duty desk work from home three days a week for up to four hours each day with breaks which was approved by his physician. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the October 15, 2012 meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

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