

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
April 21, 2003 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled April Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the April 21, 2003 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas.

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: None

President Pile asked for approval of the March 17, 2003 minutes and Committee Meeting Notes of April 8, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and Committee Meeting Notes, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Graham All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to open the 2003 Street Paving Bids. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

Three bids were received, as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt #1 Alleys	Alt.#2	Total
Quaker Sales	59884.90	5244.75	10467.90	75597.55
HRI (Whittakers)	61697.75	4677.75	10958.00	77333.50
Derry Const	62445.65	5528.25	1104.20	78978.60

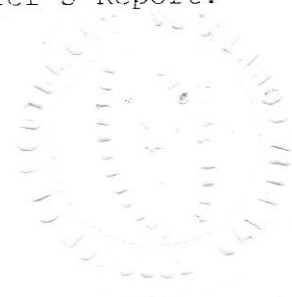
A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the low bid from Quaker Sales in the amount of \$78,987.60 pending Engineers and Solicitor approval. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile, all in favor, opposed none.

Mr. Bosley reported to Council that Mr. Batey of Westmont called to discuss the possibility of the Millcreek Rd. paving costing more due to the current oil prices for materials. Mr. Batey will be bidding that job for May bid opening.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's report records revenues at \$557.16. Officers Lose, Kesslak and Fisher attended a class on chemical sprays at the Johnstown Police Department. Chief Havas had nothing further to report. Council requested that West Hills provide additional police for the annual Southmont Jubilee May 26 thru May 31, 2003. Chief Havas agreed to the request. Chief Havas expects to begin Police line painting for Vascar.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Police Chief's Report. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.



ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report records that there were three permits issued this month. There was one Business Registration issued this month. Construction total year to date is \$217,633. Mr. Orms reported that he has received the permit for the Johnstown Brewing Company for the "Brew House". He will have Mr. Duray review the plans before issuing the permit to be sure of storm water requirements.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's report records that there were 14 assists during the month. There was one in house training session. Members continued training for yearly SCBA certification. Three calls were received between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Chief Borosky submitted the monthly Financial Statement. One firefighter was injured during the structure fire on March 20. He received minor injury and returned to the fire. Chief Borosky requested the use of Borough trucks for the week before and after the Jubilee. Mr. Graham made a motion to allow the use of the trucks and equipment. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Chief Borosky reported on the new siren. The new siren on Menoher has not been installed to date, due to some computer problems. Some residents were concerned about the sound output. The siren was set to sound for about a minute and half at a measured level of 104dB. These levels are well within the OSHA and FEMA guidelines. Engineered Communications Inc. representative Mr. Ron Godava will make the corrections and possibly find a way to install the timer onto the new sirens. The problem will be resolved. There is a community warning signal with this new siren. Mr. Borosky stated that 911 does not have the ability to activate the Community warning just yet. The fire siren is a "wail tone" and the community warning is a steady tone for three minutes. The community warning is for the safety of residents in the event of tornado, flooding, etc. It can also be used as a microphone to alert residents of the disaster. These will need to be activated through a radio and keypad. Council will discuss this further. Chief Borosky discussed the "regional Firefighters" meeting at the 911 Center last month. The next meeting will be at Southmont on May 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Hilltop Ambulance Association report on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates reported that the new updated GIS program is ready to be installed. Mr. Duray will schedule with Mr. Bosley to install the Arc View system. Six sewer tap allocations were requested through the Department of Environmental Protection for the year 2003. All reports have been filed to the DEP., for Southmont's Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Duray also submitted to the Borough a data summary on the 2001-2002 Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring with metering schedule and metering summary. Mr. Pile was interested in the milled material left over from the street paving for the road into the Ridge. Mr. Duray stated that Southmont would be using the material for the alleys this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written monthly report records that employees cleaned the Borough building, recycled weekly, and monitored designated sanitary

sewer lines and continued to do maintenance on vehicles and equipment.

Weekly notes for Council. Mr. Bosley reported employees have been picking up piles of leaves and anti-skid before the crack sealing begins in the morning. Mr. Bosley installed a "low tech" rain gauge at the Borough Building. The electronic gauge will be returned. A rough spot and hole was patched between the hockey and basketball courts. Employees also crack sealed on the hockey court. Installed delineators at the corner of Okra and Arlington, cars are driving over grass and curb area. Dug holes for replacement trees at Arlington, Mabel and Leila Street. Had walk light buttons replaced at Menoher and Luzerne Street. Architects for Western Sports Medicine are interested in paving the Celeste Dr. with their parking lot. Mr. Bosley told them as long as paving met PennDot specifications and to talk with our Engineer, Dave Duray. Mr. Bosley reported that rain dates have been rescheduled. Mr. Bosley discussed the 1971 used compressor. It needs a replacement distributor in the amount of \$595.00. Southmont purchased the machine in 1984. A new compressor would cost approximately \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00. After discussion, Mr. Graham made a motion to approve purchasing the distributor for the compressor. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Bosley also received prices for a gate needed at the Cheney Run entrance for Borough employees to enter for clean-up of the channel. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the lowest bid and have the gate installed. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. (lowest bid \$275.00)

Mr. Bosley discussed Councils recommendations last fall to check into prices on a new leaf machine. Southmont is still eligible to purchase through the State "Piggy-Back" plan. We would not have to advertise. After discussion, Mr. Rodgers made a motion to purchase the new ODB leaf machine. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. (Cost approximately \$23,000.00) Mr. Bosley reported that some of the alley lights have not been installed to date. He will check on their installation.

Mr. Bosley reported that there are a few sanitary sewer projects for this year, a small project on Floyd Street, and some sidewalks to correct this year. More dye testing will be done. Mr. Bosley will need the additional summer help soon. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve the maintenance agreement with the City of Johnstown for the traffic light at Menoher and Luzerne Street. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing further to report. Mr. Danyluk has a few remaining sidewalks for inspections.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing further to report. Next negotiations meeting May 8, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. Another proposal was given to the members and they need to re-read the new proposal.

POLICE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting Tuesday May 20, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmont Borough building. Nothing new from Upper Yoder Township with reference to joining the West Hills Regional Police Commission. Solicitor Lovette stated that the Solicitor's for each municipality in the Police Commission are still discussing ideas.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report. A dividend has been received from EMC for the Insurance Pool in the amount of \$360.79.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Nothing further to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa reported that Arbor Day will be May 3, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., in the 100 block of Mabel Street, three trees will be planted in memory of Mrs. Janice Riek. Resident participation is being planned. Other trees will be planted for Arbor Day. Only one tree trimmer, out of four requests for bids responded to Mr. Krupa's request for tree trimming. They are currently trimming trees and will remove some trees. Stumps will be removed at a later date. Several previously planted trees are being replaced by Lichtenfels Nursery at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Borough forces to dig holes for the new trees. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported that Mr. Vickroy is getting quotes and proposals to place new fence and to re-string the fence at the Hockey/Basketball court. Mr. Pile asked that Council members walk around the Courts and it will be discussed at a Committee meeting. The Recreation is seeking quotes for roof replacement at the Grove. The holding tank has been installed at the Ridge. Mr. Vickroy will see what the next step will be in dismantling the treatment plant.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Nothing to report. Mr. Kory will meet with Mr. Bosley for review of the building.

COG REPORT

Nothing to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory had nothing to report this month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat had nothing to report other than he attended an Emergency Management meeting in Ebensburg for Municipalities. Mayor Sloat stated discussion was held on security measurers and how the Federal then the State level would contact County levels who would in turn notify local levels about any acts that need to be in place for any disasters. Mayor Sloat felt the Emergency Management needed to work on security at the 911 Center. A letter was received from PennDot with reference to the postponement of the traffic light at Harshberger and Goucher Street on March 27, 2003. The project is to be rescheduled for 2004.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette reported that the Ordinance 439 Ad-Hoc increase for retired police officers was advertised and need approval. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the Ad-Hoc Ordinance No 439. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records that Mr. Pile, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Rodgers meet with the Westmont School District in reference to Tax Appeals from Ebensburg. The Borough and School District will work together. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Resolution 2003-01 authorizing Mrs. Czyrnik to sign the FEMA snow emergency refund. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to authorize disposition of old files as outlined in Resolution 2003-02. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Reminder of the Annual PSAB Convention June 22 thru the 24th at Hershey. May 22, is the deadline for reservations. Spring Clean-up May 14th & 15th. A letter was received from Mr. Paul Burns who is responding to the letter written to Mark Pardoe in reference to tree trimming along Menoher and the agility program put on hold by Union Representative Tim Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Treasurer's Report for March in the amount of \$277,607.41. An adjustment was authorized by the Auditor's in the amount of plus \$23.41. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted that the Tax Collector report had nothing to report for the month of March. Seconded by Mr. Kory.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$62,444.99. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pile asked for review of the items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed and removed or re-listed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile noted that the Auditors completed their report for 2002 and filed in a timely matter. Also, the Liquid Fuels audit for the year 2000-2001 is on file. The Greater Johnstown Water Authority minutes have been submitted to Council for review. President Pile informed Council of a letter of resignation from Mr. Charles Glass from his term on the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to accept the resignation which is effective April 30, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. A letter will be sent to Mr. Glass thanking him for his services. A new appointment will be made after the Committee meeting. Council discussed the Uniformed Construction Code deadline. Council will make a decision on changing the Building Permits to Zoning Permits. This will be further discussed at the Committee meeting either May 6th or May 13th.

At this time President Pile called for adjournment of the April 21, 2003 meeting of Council. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Czyrnik

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Borough Secretary