

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

**Minutes for November 17, 2014**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 17, 2014 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Det. Sgt. George Musulin; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

**Visitors:** Deb Winterscheidt (observing), Brian Churillo - John Hill Real Estate (Regional Zoning)

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the October 20, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

**Visitors**

Mr. Churillo stated Westmont Borough and Upper Yoder Township are interested in meeting with representatives of Southmont Borough to discuss a comprehensive regional zoning planning commission and ordinances. Mr. Wargo stated a zoning hearing review meeting is being held November 18, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. and it would be a good idea for Mr. Churillo to attend for a further discussion.

**Police Chief's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager reported three members took a total of thirteen sessions of Fire School and members patrolled the street and helped with traffic control during trick or treat night. Chief Weslager reported a tree fell on Ferndale Avenue (Dist. 27) knocking down seven telephone poles and there was an accident with entrapment (Dist. 27) with two people needing removed from the vehicle and taken to the hospital with severe injuries.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported Stiffler McGraw has stated permits for the sanitary sewer projects should be in place by August 2015 and the elevations for catch basins and manholes is being reviewed.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 221 Leila Street for a retaining wall and one approved sewer compliance certificate issued to 826 Diamond Blvd. Mr. Wargo reported the Zoning Hearing Board held a meeting on November 14, 2014 to announce the decision to deny the appeal filed by Lamar Advertising to install a billboard. Mr.

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Wargo reported the demolition at 509 State Street is complete noting a lien has been filed against the property. Mr. Wargo stated he had a hearing regarding a citation he filed against Grimaldi's regarding unkempt property and junk vehicles noting Magistrate John Barron continued the hearing until he could look at the property himself.

### **Manager's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Solicitor's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve advertising for a special meeting on November 24, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss interim financing and the consent order with DEP. Solicitor Carbonara reported the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee is amending bylaws to allow for one annual meeting instead of four quarterly meeting per year.

### **Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2015 tentative general budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2015 tentative sewer budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2015 garbage budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve stipend increase for new Greater Johnstown Water Authority Board Members to \$20.00 for committee meetings and \$35.00 for board meetings. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Ewald not in favor. Mr. Pile and Mr. Danyluk abstained from voting. Motion carried (4-1).

## **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald reported the leaf machine is still out, but will probably be done by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**B. Administration:** Nothing to report.

**C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**D. Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

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**F. Shade Tree Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported the Water Authority is working with the Pennsylvania One Call Negotiation Team regarding the possibility of paying for damages caused by a subcontractor hitting a pipe near Johnstown High School.

**I. Open Records:** Mrs. Layton reported one open records request received from Jillian Hawk regarding zoning permits issued in October 2014.

#### **Business Items**

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to approve ratification of payroll from October 21, 2014 through November 17, 2014 in the amount of \$16,486.16. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills From October 22, 2014 through November 18, 2014 in the amount of \$66,781.10. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the October 2014 treasurer's report in the amount of \$558,083.93. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the October 2014 tax collector's report in the amount of \$179.04. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

An Executive Session was called at 4:30 p.m to discuss personnel. Executive Session ended and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting at 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve an increase of \$1.75 per hour for Matt Smith beginning January 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile and Mrs. Speicher opposed. Motion carried (4-3). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve an increase of \$2,500 per year for Richard Wargo beginning January 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve an increase of \$1.00 per hour for Amanda Layton beginning January 1, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory and Mr. Pile opposed. Motion carried (5-2).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the November 17, 2014 meeting at 5:05 P.M. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried.

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