

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for October 20, 2008

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 20, 2008 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czyrnik, Clerk- Amanda Claycomb, Engineer Dave Duray 7:20 p.m., President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Absent: Council Members; Mr. Kevin Pile and Mr. Tom Strittmatter, Street Commissioner Jan Bosley

Visitors: Mr. Bob Walker of 312 State Street and Mr. John Lovette of 305 Leo Street

Meeting Agenda

Mr. Kory made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2008. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Notes of September 23, 2008. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. At this time Mr. Rodgers called on Mr. Bob Walker to address Council. Mr. Walker inquired whether Southmont Borough currently has an Ordinance preventing sexual predators from establishing residence in the Borough. Solicitor Lovette stated there is not an Ordinance pertaining to sexual predators. Chief Havas noted the police personally notify each resident within a set radius if a sexual predator moves into the Borough. Mr. Walker noted there are two houses needing inspection regarding BOCA code violations. Mr. Wargo will inspect and address any problems.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas stated extra police officers will be on duty during Halloween. Chief Havas noted the police budget is finished and will be discussed at the October 21, 2008 Police Committee Meeting.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo stated many certificates of compliance have been received noting only one has needed dye tested. Mr. Wargo stated there is a decline in zoning permit applications stemming from cold weather. Mr. Danyluk stated there are still houses in the Borough which still do not have numbers posted.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey reported the Fire Company was denied both federal grants for \$300,000.00, but a recent boot drive raised over one thousand dollars. Chief Leckey reported the fire department ordered nine sets of bunker gear at a cost of \$1,500.00 per set using the \$5,000.00 Council granted and also state and legal money. Chief Leckey stated the fire department also ordered lime green vests under a federal mandate.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Duray reported on the Harding Street Step project stating the railing detail has been revised since railing is not required on the single step portion. Mr. Duray stated the Harding Street steps currently consist of one to three step portions. Mr. Duray noted this may cause the cost of the railing to be lower than the original \$4,400.00 cost. Mr. Duray reported the sanitary sewer cleaning and televising work performed by Hydro Technical Services, Inc. is complete. Mr. Duray stated Oppy Construction has submitted an invoice. A brief discussion followed on the change order received from Oppy in September.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported the public works department has been working on leaf collection and the next project will be crack sealing.

B. Personnel: Nothing to report.

C. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

D. Insurance Committee: Mr. Strittmatter absent. Nothing to report.

E. Budget Committee: Mr. Pile absent. Ms. Czynnik noted item name changes within the budget. Ms. Czynnik stated hospitalization was increased by forty-seven percent (47%). Mr. Wargo stated he contacted the County regarding hospitalization noting current health insurance is approximately \$36,000 per year and will increase to \$51,000 which does not include eye and dental. Mr. Wargo stated the County's health insurance program would be \$44,000 which also does not include eye and dental. A motion to make a commitment with the County was made by Mr. Kory. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory and Mr. Krupa in favor. Mr. Pile and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (5-0). Ms. Czynnik noted a draft of a suggested new fee resolution needing approval. A brief discussion followed on health inspections. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the fee resolution changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa stated he is working on recertification for Tree City USA. Mr. Krupa reported Davy Tree is working on trimming for Penelec throughout the Borough noting it is going well. Mr. Krupa reported there were trees that need to be taken down by the Public Works Department by the end of the month.

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G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory reported the Recreation Commission and the school board have each agreed to contribute one-third of the cost to fix the damaged restrooms at the field located on State Street. Mr. Kory held a discussion on the open records act, which will be discussed at the Workshop on October 28, 2008.

H. Properties Committee: Nothing to report.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa reported COG has discussed pulling back regarding salt sales. Mr. Krupa noted the state has better prices, but sixty percent (60%) of the contracted amount must be taken stating COG had a voluntary seventy-five percent (75%) amount.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile absent. Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Minutes show the stipend was not discussed. President Rodgers discussed the letter to the school district regarding information on the collection of past income taxes. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to allow Solicitor Lovette to send the letter to the school district. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Manager's Report

A motion to approve Ordinance Number 473 amending garbage fees to be paid by property owners was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve Ordinance Number 474 amending sewer maintenance fees to be paid by property owners was made by Mr. Ewald. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported on Local Technical Assistants Program (LTAP) stating engineers may be brought in from PennDOT to look at ten specific traffic control problem areas at no cost and give the Borough suggestions or possibly money to correct situations. Mr. Wargo will attempt to obtain these services within one month. Mr. Wargo reported on installing LED lights into traffic lights throughout the Borough. Mr. Wargo noted the lights could save the Borough approximately \$100.00 at the Menoher traffic light.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Czynnik stated an Ordinance is needed to increase the sewer maintenance fee from \$24.00 to \$48.00. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mr. Kory. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

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Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the tax collector's report in the amount of \$1,092.39. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion to approve to pay the original Oppy Construction bill in the amount of \$9,575.67 and the bills for September 2008 in the amount of \$69,652.83 was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa in favor. Mr. Pile and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the October 20, 2008 meeting at 8:45 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Ewald, all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb Borough Clerk

