

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
March 20, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled March Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the March 20, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Engineer: Dave Duray, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak, and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

ABSENT: Fire Chief: Chet Borosky

VISITORS: Mrs. Kris Cramer, Kline Kimlin, 2005 audit; Ms. Jeanette Paruch, 113 Palliser Street, parking ticket; Mr. Joe Gaydos, 44 Southmont Blvd., signs.

President Pile asked for approval of the February 20, 2006 Council Minutes and the March 14, 2006 Committee Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

President Pile called upon Mrs. Cramer, CPA Kline Kimlin, who handed out to Council the Borough of Southmont Audited Financial Statements and Supplementary Information December 31, 2005. The audit went smoothly this is the Boroughs second year of following GASBE 34; the Borough follows the cash basis of accounting. Mrs. Cramer reviewed audit report; Southmont Borough received a clean unqualified opinion. Kline Kimlin does recommend that Council establish and implement written expenditure policies to outline specific purchase order requirements. Mrs. Cramer will forward sample expenditure policies to Ms. Spak to create a draft purchase order policy for council's review. Discussion followed concerning the tax collector accounts' being listed as Borough assets. Solicitor Lovette's opinion is to get the accounts out of the Borough's name. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to put the tax collector accounts in Mrs. Magistro's name. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

President Pile called upon Ms. Paruch. Ms. Paruch discussed a fifteen dollar (\$15) parking ticket she received on Palliser Street. President Pile suggests Ms. Paruch approach West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas; there is nothing Council can do.

President Pile called upon Mr. Gaydos. Mr. Gaydos voiced his concerns on a sign placed in his neighbor's back yard facing his back yard. Solicitor Lovette suggests Mr. Gaydos take the matter to Magistrate Barron; nothing council can do, this does not affect any zoning ordinances.

President Pile called upon Mr. Chiodo, who is looking for Council's recommendations concerning project on Susan Drive which was discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Duray passed out to council and to Mr. Chiodo his preliminary plan review on the Pinebrook office park project. The nine (9) items were discussed. An issue to be addressed, in

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Mr. Duray's opinion (#2), is the site distance pulling out of the driveway and looking left (inadequate according to PennDot standards). The driveway needs to be moved to the south (down Susan Drive) approximately 15 feet to comply with PennDot site distances. Mr. Chiodo will review recommendations and will get back to Council, may be awhile still waiting to hear back from Cambria County and from Greater Johnstown Water Authority.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for February shows revenue in the amount of \$183.18 (ordinance violations \$54.80 and vehicle violations \$128.38). Police Chief Andy Havas has nothing new to report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report was received. Report records activity of five (5) permits at a total construction of \$305,100 as of 3/06/06. Solicitor Lovette has sent a letter (dated 1/12/06) to Mr. Ayres referencing Grandview Cemetery Zoning Permit 2005-21 requesting a beginning date for the fence construction. As of today there has been no reply. Mr. Orms will contact Mr. George Kondor, Jr., Director of Grandview, for update. The property at 556 Harshberger Road and at 149 State Street has been inspected and has been cleaned up. Mr. Orms will be meeting with Mr. Ryan Adams concerning the zoning administrator position, he will keep council informed.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records ten (10) responses during the month of February. There were five (5) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had seven (7) assists in February three (3) to Upper Yoder, one (1) to Westmont, two (2) to Lower Yoder and one (1) to Conemaugh Twp. Mr. Kory would like to "Thank" the fire company for their fast, efficient and courteous service to a problem at his home. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for March was received and reviewed. Ms. Spak will follow up with the six (6) residents that need to repair their downspouts (smoke & dye tests) with a letter stating if not repaired and/or heard from we will subcontract work out and invoice resident for cost. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to give the resident a date of May 31, 2006 to begin repair. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Duray mentioned the flow-meter will be placed in bypass for monitoring. Mr. Duray will formerly mail his Pinebrook office project recommendations (that was previously discussed) to Mr. Chiodo. Mayor Sloat mentioned using permeable pavers when driveways are being replaced to reduce runoff and storm-water and sewer infiltration, discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report, discussion followed. Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley will get together to look over rear porch siding on municipal building. Matthew McGlynn and Steve Baxter (P/T employees who worked last year) will be available during crack sealing which is scheduled for April. The Borough's 2001 Dodge pickup is due to be replaced in the fall; we are placed on the federal surplus vehicle waiting list. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to spend approximately six hundred dollars (\$600) for PennDot approved reflective fire hydrant markers. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to rehire Steve Baxter as a part time seasonal employee. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk made a motion based on Mayor Sloat's recommendation and data gathered to deny Ms. Mishler, 152 Violet Street, a handicap parking spot and not to renew Mr. Kenney's, 146 State Street, handicap parking spot; approved Ms. Niekamp, 21 Shady Lane, handicap parking spot on Stillray. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Spak will send letters to above mentioned residents and Mr. Bosley will remove the handicap parking signs from State Street.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa will discuss at an Executive Session.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat mentioned Upper Yoder Township has approached the committee to see if they can be accommodated by West Hills Regional Police, which will be discussed at Tuesday, March 21st meeting. Upper Yoder's police chief has retired and they have three (3) full time officers.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory would like to be notified when the plastic recycling trailer next goes to Mr. Haresh Pandya.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers has nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has nothing new to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa discussed the tree removal contractor who was contacted by Mr. & Mrs. Rosenbaum, 324 Langhorne Avenue; if tree is not removed by the end of March another contractor will be contacted. Mr. Bosley has received an estimate for the fence in the amount of seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$775); caution tape is up around the area. The Shade Tree meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27th (was advertised)

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will be discussing shade tree inventory, tree removal and planting. The tree that fell on Palliser Street is cleaned up. Mr. Krupa appreciates the quick work of Mr. Bosley and the road crew along with the fire company. The newsletter will be going out in April, please get your articles into Ms. Spak by Wednesday, April 5th, Arbor Day is the first Saturday of May (5/6/06). Mr. Krupa reminded all Council they should try to attend the Borough Association dinner meeting we are hosting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at the Imperial Room in Ebensburg at 6:00 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The minutes for the January and February meeting were received. President Pile reported the Spring/Summer recreation programs will be going out soon. The sub-contractors pay out effective June will be changing from an 80% - 20% split to 70% - 30% split (30% to Westmont Hilltop Recreation).

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley will be inspecting the building and grounds when weather permits.

COG REPORT

Next meeting is scheduled for April 4th. Ms. Spak will contact COG and check on the delegate survey on the franchise cable colition.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The March minutes were received. President Pile mentioned everyone should try to attend the community forum on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Somerset High School regarding water to Somerset County. The Greater Johnstown Water Authority is working on many projects (Blough, Hooversville, Stoystown, wind turbines, etc.).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat and Mr. Orms have inspected two (2) properties that BOCA letters were sent to for compliance (149 State Street & 556 Harshberger Road).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette forwarded a draft ordinance concerning vacant properties to Ms. Spak; she will copy and forward to council for review. Solicitor Lovette is following up with the D.A.'s office concerning the community map information guide, he will keep council informed. Discussion ensued concerning letter from Ms. Jeannie Broskey on garbage bill for vacant home at 219 Leila Street; follow ordinance.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Mr. Krupa and Ms. Spak to attend as delegates the annual meeting of the United Way of the Laurel Highlands, scheduled for Wednesday, May 31st at 11:00 a.m. at the Talus Rock Girl Scout Council Center. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. The Street light inspections were assigned. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the February's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$267,839.96. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Nothing to note at this time, discount collection has started.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$41,264.70. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List". Mr. Ewald mentioned about Council providing man power for the Jubilee. President Pile has given a "thank you" to Mr. Sernell for getting the Borough office free three in one dell printer/copier/fax machines.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Spak will contact Solicitor Shahade concerning The Johnstown Brewing Company selling kegs of brew produced in their facility.

At 9:25 p.m. an Executive Session was called. At 10:20 p.m. Council reconvened, discussed Personnel issues.

As chairman of the Personnel Committee Mr. Krupa made a motion to give Mr. Bosley, as was agreed at the November 21, 2005 council meeting, a Five hundred dollars (\$500) salary raise and also to have a committee meeting in April, 2006 to review the goals set for the September, 2006 salary raise. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Rodgers moved to amend the motion to make it a four hundred dollars (\$400) incentive payment and to establish firm goals for the September 1, 2006 incentive raise. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Danyluk wasn't sure this was proper. Mr. Rodgers stated it was proper as he is well versed in Robert Rules of Order. Mr. Krupa called for the question. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers - yes, Mr. Ewald - yes, Mr. Kory - yes, Mr. Danyluk - no, Mr. Strittmatter - no, Mr. Krupa - no and Mr. Pile - yes. Four (4) yes and three (3) no, motion passed. Mr. Krupa made a motion to adjourn, this motion was not

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seconded. Mr. Rodgers then called for a vote on the motion as amended. President Pile called for a Roll call vote: Mr. Rodgers - yes, Mr. Ewald - yes, Mr. Kory - yes, Mr. Krupa - no, Mr. Danyluk - no and Mr. Pile - yes. Four (4) yes and two (2) no, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the March 20, 2006 meeting at 10:25 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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