

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for March 15, 2010

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled March 15, 2010 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czyrnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Absent: Council Member Mr. Herb Ewald

Visitors: Robin Gates, West Hills Recreation Director

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the ratification of payroll for February 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills for February 17, 2010 through March 16, 2010 in the amount of \$49,276.41. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the February 2010 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the January 2010 and February 2010 tax collector's reports in the amount of \$0.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported the West Hills Police along with other surrounding departments provided traffic control and security in various locations for John Murtha's funeral.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Leckey reported the fire company is still awaiting a decision for the grant to refurbish the fire engine. Chief Leckey stated 9-1-1 will no longer be monitoring the Borough building fire alarms noting Tercek Electric would probably take over. Chief Leckey requested a master key be given to the fire company in case of emergencies. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a need to replace 225 feet of 12 inch sewer lines and two manholes on State Street. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to allow the EADS Group to draft an agreement for replacing the sewer lines and manholes. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported three approved sewer compliance certificates. Mr. Wargo noted he has been subpoenaed for testimony in a contracting incident at 537 Bluff Street.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported he recently entered a house located on 12 Harding Street along with Chief Havas and a locksmith noting pictures were taken to attach with the Abandoned and Blighted Properties Act request. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve moving the PLGIT account to First Commonwealth with an interest rate of 1.55%. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to change life insurance and short-term and long-term disability insurances to Kesslak Insurance. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported gas distributors have been changed from Fleet Services to Pacific Pride. Mr. Wargo stated the Borough has filed a request for reimbursement of \$8,783.17 for labor, materials and equipment expended during the winter snow storms with the County EMS services.

Solicitor's Report

An Executive Session was called by Mr. Rodgers at 7:25 p.m. Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:49 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to retain Wessel & Co. to finish the audit for earned income tax from 1998 through 2002. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to obtain the state tapes from Pennsylvania Municipal Services from 1998 through 2002. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Czynnik reported the 2010 Liquid Fuels allotment was deposited in the PLGIT Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$53,741.75.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported crack sealing is scheduled to begin at the beginning of April. Mr. Wargo stated a review of the streets will be done soon. Mr. Wargo stated the paving contracts are being put out for bids.

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B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reviewed a few line items noting the Borough auditing firm, Kline Kimlin, would attend the March 16, 2010 meeting to discuss the 2009 audit. Mr. Pile reported the Borough's portion owed to the Cambria County Tax Collection is \$240.18.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported the Shade Tree Committee will be revising the Shade Tree Ordinance.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory reported an alternate has been appointed to the Recreation Commission.

H. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory reported the clean up at the Borough shed looks nice.

I. COG Report: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the Water Authority is looking into a lease with Amfire Mining regarding mining around the Carstensen Dam.

K. Open Records: No requests. Nothing to report.

Visitors: Ms. Gates introduced herself as the new West Hills Recreation Director and stated she has plans to set up new activities in the Borough.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the March 15, 2010 meeting at 8:33 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk