

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

**Minutes for February 17, 2014**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled February 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 Claycomb, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher, and Robert Morgan; Det. Sgt. George Musulin; Mayor Mark Yonko; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

**Absent:** Council Member Herb Ewald

**Visitors:** Randy Griffith, Tribune Democrat; Todd Banks, Stiffler McGraw; Representative Bryan Barbin and Legislative Assistant Ed Porada

**Visitors**

Mr. Porada stated he and Representative Barbin attended the meeting to observe while they were in town and to inform Council if they need anything to contact Representative Barbin's office.

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the January 20, 2014 Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the February 4, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Det. Sgt. Musulin reported all full-time Officers and all but one of the part-time Officers have completed their annual 2014 mandatory in-service training and Officer West gave a presentation on safety at Our Mother of Sorrows Elementary School.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager stated that it seemed as though one of the public works employees had parked a personal vehicle in the fire bay and washed it. Mr. Wargo stated he would look into the issue.

**Engineer's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the flow meter proposal received from Stiffler McGraw for 8 flow meters for one month at a cost of \$17,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0).

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### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported one approved sewer compliance certificate issued to 205 Thoburn Street.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported snow plowing wages and material expenses are higher than expected because of the weather. Mr. Wargo stated the current CDs at First Commonwealth Bank are expiring and requested permission to shop for rates. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Mr. Wargo to find and accept the best rate for the 6 month fixed rate CDs currently being held at First Commonwealth Bank. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0).

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara reported Mr. Joe Birch of 509 State Street has filed an appeal to the notice of condemnation and demolition. A hearing was set for February 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Southmont Borough municipal building.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve attendance of council members, administrative staff and solicitor to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Annual Spring Dinner on April 22, 2014 at The Boulevard Grill. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve attendance of council members, administrative staff and solicitor to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Annual Conference & Exhibition from April 6 – April 9, 2014 at The Penn Stater in State College. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Mr. Wargo stated he met with the Garden Club noting they would like to move the Barnett Street garden back further as the stabilization project on Menoher Blvd. has been causing larger trucks to go through the garden when turning. Mr. Wargo stated the Garden Club also requested additional monies to assist with a beautification project on Barnett Street. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve an additional \$941.00 be allocated to the Garden Club for 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

## **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald absent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Nothing to report.

**I. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the ratification of payroll from January 23, 2014 through February 19, 2014 in the amount of \$14,367.40. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the payment of bills from January 22, 2014 through February 18, 2014 in the amount of \$57,299.76. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald absent. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the January 2014 treasurers report in the amount of \$526,643.67. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the January 2014 tax collectors report in the amount of \$0.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

An Executive Session was called at 4:40 p.m. to discuss litigation. Executive Session ended at 5:05 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the February 17, 2014 meeting at 5:05 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

***Amanda D. Claycomb***

Secretary/Treasurer

