

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
May 17, 2004 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled May Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the May 17, 2004 meeting of Council convened.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Graham and Mr. Kory - out of town

VISITORS: Ron Carnevali, 400 State Street, Fencing and sewer line.
Lynne Kittka, 501 Diamond Blvd., Ordinance #440.
Tony Spada, 505 Diamond Blvd., Ordinance #440.

President Pile asked for approval of the April 19, 2004 Council Minutes, Committee Meeting Minutes May 4, 2004 and May 11, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to open the bids for erection of pole type building. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town. Received two (2) bids. First bid from Flaugh's Construction and Design in the amount of \$18,000 and the second bid from Treveck Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$15,720. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the low bid by Treveck Construction after review by Street Commissioner and Solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

President Pile introduced Mr. Carnevali of 400 State Street, to discuss his concerns with fencing on State Street and sewer lines. Mr. Carnevali thanked Mr. Krupa for putting trees up on Thoburn Street. Mr. Carnevali was in attendance at a Zoning Hearing Board for Pet Zone a pet grooming facility; he would not like to see a fence on State St. He feels it would detract from the beauty on State Street. Mr. Carnevali would like Council to consider doing an Ordinance prohibiting or regulating the type of fencing on the front of State Street. Mr. Orms stated that Pet Zone offered to put up a fence; didn't say they would. No building permit for a fence has been issued. Mr. Carnevali will speak with new owners; stating that Council does not need a fence. Every morning Mr. Carnevali is getting puddles in basement by floor drain. After discussion it was suggested that Mr. Carnevali contact Roto Rooter and have the line televised. Mr. Bosley will stop and take a look at drain. Mr. Carnevali is very happy living in Southmont.

President Pile then called upon Mrs. Kittka of 501 Diamond Blvd. to discuss her concerns on Ordinance #440. Mrs. Kittka and Mr. Spada are upset with how the neighborhood looks with parking of Dump trucks and trailers across street on neighbors property. She appreciates that there is an ordinance. Mrs. Kittka handed out proposed revisions to ordinance #440; she would like Council to look over. Council understands their concern; President Pile stated ordinance #440 will be added to the Committee Meeting agenda, scheduled for June 15th. Mr. & Mrs. Kittka along with Mr. & Mrs. Spada will be informed of Council decision. Ms. Spak checked the business registration, yellow pages and Ghezzi in white pages. There is no mention of Keystone Siding or any business under 419 Diamond Blvd. Solicitor Lovette will be contacted for next step.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hill Police Chief Andy Havas report records revenue for April in the amount of \$231.70. Officer Fisher was sworn in as a Special County Detective for the Area III Computer Crime Task Force. Corporal Lose will be attending a five day training session in New Mexico on incident response to terrorist bombings. Upon completion Corporal Lose will be certified to instruct others on awareness of terrorist bombing incidents. Received some thank you notes for time Officer Dan spent teaching safety to children. West Hill Police has requested a \$5,000 grant from 'Commissioners' Community Initiative Program' developed by the Board of Commissioners to provide a return of your tax investment to our communities. Ms. Spak to write a letter that Southmont supports and/or recommends West Hill's Police in receiving the grant. The stop sign at State and Leon coming down is okay, vehicles going up are not stopping. Problems seeing stop because of trees and parking; will have stop bars and stop painted on State. Ms. Spak is getting quotes for line painting and will be put on agenda for June 15th Committee Meeting.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orm's report records activity as of 5/16/04; sixteen (16) permits and a total construction of \$34,265. The trailer or storage container at the Memorial parking lot at Grandview is rented from Limbach by Randy Tomar working for hospital. No further action will be taken by Mr. Orm's. There was discussion on the UCC. President Pile opened the floor for Council's opinions. Mr. Rodgers feels that it is an untried program; 1st year will have a lot of problems and he suggests Borough "opts out". Mr. Krupa feels that Borough should "opt in" so the residents will have cost control; inspectors seem to have a free for all with what rates they can bill. Mr. Orms agrees with Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to table the "opt in" or "opt out" UCC vote until all Council is present; next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Two yes and three no, motion denied. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Rodgers yes; Mr. Krupa, Mr. Strittmatter and President Pile no. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town. Mr. Krupa made a motion to advertise ordinance #445 adopting the Pennsylvania construction code act. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Three yes two no, motion carried. Mr. Krupa, Mr. Strittmatter and President Pile yes; Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Rodgers no. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records that there were 4 responses during the month of April. There were no calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Seven members attended various classes and one member instructed. Chief Borosky inspected The Johnstown Brewing Company on May 14th; all deficiencies that were previously discovered during prior inspections have now been corrected. The private hydrant at The Johnstown Brewing Company will be tested over the Memorial Day weekend for water flow. Hydrant tops are color coded for water flow; over 1,500 psi blue is the best, 1,000 psi to 1,500 psi is green, 500 psi to 1,000 psi is orange, less than 500 psi is red. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gray reported that he has received the signed award of notice for the 2004 paving; agreement will be processed. Completion deadline is end of July. He is working on the NPDES Storm Water permitting that is due June 9th. Mr. Dale Mills, PA Department of Environmental Protection, will be putting a letter out on some corrections to the 2003 Tap report. Mr. Gray will be getting with Mr. Bosley; the flow meter at Wonder Street will need to be moved around to different locations per DEP. As of now the building or buying of a housing unit for the flow meter is on hold. Mr. Gray has received the water line information from the Water Authority; they will be matching up for the GIS program, some inconsistencies with scale. The GIS program should be ready by June 21st (next Council meeting) for Mr. Sernell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. Employees spent most of the month picking up gravel and debris from winter. Street sweeper was in for 34.5 hours, which is the average. Using Clean Lawn for grass cutting seems to be working fine. Clean Lawn sprays the Borough office and the triangle only; this service is under a different agreement than the grass cutting. Mr. Bosley will get three quotes for repair of 6 inch line off of Pearl Street toward 206 Orchard. The six inch line is on plan and the home owner's line was replaced in the fall of 2003 at 206 Orchard. Every six months problem arises; seems to be a Borough problem. Crack Sealant will be postponed until fall, before leaf collection, late September or early October. Was scheduled for May 10th but the weather didn't cooperate; holds better in cool weather. Mr. Bosley will tar and seal coat Artichoke Alley and section of Tomato Alley; he will issue a change of work order. All other alleys will be done with the 2004 paving. Mr. Vickroy, Westmont Hilltop Recreation, called and spoke with Mr. Bosley. The recreation center will be receiving mulch the 1st and 2nd week of June; at this time Southmont cannot help spread it. We also cannot help with painting of the backboards. The Borough has helped with items in the past; this year our to do list needs the attention.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk asked if the street lights have been repaired. Ms. Spak doesn't get notified when they are repaired; she will call and see if the Borough can be notified. Council split up the thirteen (13) lights and will check if repair has been done. It has been suggested to deduct from bill per month per light on those not been repaired. There is a sink hole at Long Alley behind 515 Diamond Blvd. Mr. Bosley called the Water Co.; no leak on their end. Mr. Bosley will call Roto Rooter to have televised. Ms. Spak will call Mr. Liraerideon, Dominion Gas Co., on gas leak (vented manhole) on Olive and Diamond.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ms. Spak's six month verbal review was completed. Mr. Krupa made a motion to increase Ms. Spak's salary \$75 a month effective June 1st. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

POLICE COMMITTEE

The police proposal contract is basically the same as previous agreement; this is the proposal that the commission will vote on May 18th. The following are the changes: Fifty cents (.50) per hour per year, reopening clause on health insurance, page 5 Article 4 - Medical Benefits #3 changing to fifteen (15) percent of the additional premium for spouse and/or children coverage. The Police Officer Bill of Rights was added to contract. The commission does have a question on the Act 30 requirements; if a police officer dies in the line of duty his or her spouse will receive his or her salary for the rest of the spouse's life. The question is if regional departments have to participate. Mr. Rodgers suggests that the Council starts long range planning on agreements.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory is out of town; recycling recap was received. Nothing further to report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers stated Ms. Spak is working on getting quotes for Short and Long Term Disability; will discuss at June 15th Committee Meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has nothing new to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa mentioned that on May 1st we had our Arbor Day celebration, everything went well. The celebration was held on Orchard; tree dedicated to Mrs. Czyrnik and memory of Tom Lewis. Mr. Krupa received a very nice thank you card from Mrs. Czyrnik. Total of fourteen (14) Arbor celebration trees, eight (8) are in and the other six (6) will be in by end of this week.

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A tree was purchased for Stephen G. Krouse and will be placed at the Diamond Boulevard playground. Mr. Krupa will look into adding Stephen G. Krouse from the Southmont class name on plaque in Borough office. Tree was purchased by Ms. Esserman, who represents the classes of 1950-58 of the former Southmont High School.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory out of town; nothing new to report. The minutes for the March meeting were received.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory out of town; nothing new to report.

COG REPORT

Nothing new to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory out of town; nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the May 7, 2004 meeting were received. Water Authority membership will be added to committee meeting June 15th; Mr. Schmidt will be moving out of the water area. Mr. Graham, absent; nothing new to report.

Lower State Street Committee

President Pile will be calling to set up meeting. Nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat is continuing to check residence for grass cutting and trimming; letters are being sent with ten (10) day deadline. Mayor Sloat will look into Ms. Ajay's request for a four way stop on Southmont Blvd. and State Street.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette stated the check for the Wren Street property should be received before next Council meeting. Solicitor Lovette will look into the additional charge of \$2 added on to the \$10 application fee; also the permit fee of \$10 plus \$1 per 1,000 construction cost should be collected by Borough.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. The Cambria County GIS payment for 2004 will be held till later in the year. Compensation time policy will be discussed at Committee meeting, June 15th, needs a time frame. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept Ms. Spak's recommendation of web hosting with Flood City Internet Service five (5) mailboxes at \$24.95 per month and domain name registration one time charge of \$149.95. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

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Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Manager's Report. Mr. Danyluk seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak to make necessary transfers for the Earned Income Taxes current year and prior years. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the April's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$206,900.99. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted that we received the April Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$41,651.84. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$30,677.91. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked to remove Wren Street sale and the new building from the "Tickler List". A Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 15th. Items on agenda are: Proposed changes on Ordinance #440, Quotes on Line Painting, STD and LTD, Membership to Water Authority, Comp. Time Policy, Example Ordinance on Motorized Scooters and Pest Control Quotes (agreement with Ehrlich). Job Descriptions are still being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to purchase a digital camera for Borough use, max. cost of \$250. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town. Ms. Spak will get quotes and order a fax machine with commercial capabilities. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve the sidewalk repair estimate of \$160 for 115 Arlington Street. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the carry over of the handicap parking space at 21 Shady Lane to new owner. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham, absent; Mr. Kory, out of town.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the May 17, 2004 meeting at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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