

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
April 16, 2001 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled April Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the April 16, 2001 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Danyluk, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: David Duray, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Fire Dept.: Chet Borosky, William Leckey, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Detective George Muslin, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms

ABSENT: Mr. Strittmatter-Out of Town, Mr. Kory-absent

VISITORS: Matthew Stever-Mid Atlantic Co., Pete Chiodo-C & D Associates

President Pile asked for approval of the March 19, 2001 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rovansek. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter, out of town, Mr. Kory, absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the April 3, 2001 Committee meeting notes, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rovansek. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter, out of town, Mr. Kory, absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's written report which records the revenues for the month of March at \$166.99. Chief Havas reported that Officer Jerry Bellak participated in the Officer Phil's Child Safety Program at Our Mother of Sorrows School. The same program will be at the Westmont Middle School. Chief Havas stated that the Department will be checking the speed on State Street and throughout the Borough. Chief Havas had no further report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms, Zoning Administrator reported on the March report submitted to Council, records 5 Building Permits in the amount of \$16,582.00 were issued, since the last report. The year to date construction total is \$21,257.00. Mr. Orms sent one BOCA violation letter out to Mr. Joseph Knapp of 14 Shady Lane. Mr. Knapp has 30 days to clean-up the property. The letter was delivered by the Police. Mr. Charles Glass, Assistant Zoning Officer sent a letter to Mr. George Haidar with the cost estimates prepared by Paul C. Rizzo Engineers/Hinks & Locher Engineers. The cost estimate was prepared based on the ruling of the Zoning Hearing Board. The Borough's Engineer was to prepare the cost estimate of the project. The amount is \$34,642.30. We have not heard from Mr. Haidar, to date.

Mr. Orms had a question with reference to the Zoning Ordinance fence size of not higher than 5 feet. Mr. Orms stated that several residents planned on installing fences but are having a problem purchasing a pre-made fence under 6 foot. Council will discuss this at the Committee meeting. Mr. Orms will call the local vendors to check on fence sizes and if they can be customized.

At this time, President Pile called on visitor's, Mr. Pete Chiodo and Mr. Matthew Stevers of Mid-Atlantic Capital. Mr. Stevers is planning on purchasing Lot F,G and H of Lot No. 3 in the PineBrooke Development area, from C & D Associates. His plan is to sub-divide the three lots into 5 lots. He is planning to build a 5 unit family townhouse. Mr. Chiodo prepared a preliminary drawing for the proposed sub-division. Briefly, Mr. Stever stated that the houses would be separated by a firewall with an air space in between. They will be 3 story, 5-units, brick front with siding on the sides. Each will have a garage on the ground floor, living quarters on the second floor and bedrooms and utility room on the third floor. Council discussed their concerns of soil erosion and the deep slope caused by the excavation at the time of construction. The installation of sidewalks was also discussed. Mr. Stevers will be given a BOCA Property Maintenance Code book with specific Fire Safety regulations. The actual subdivision drawing will be presented to Council at next months meeting. Mr. Duray asked that we have the drawings one week prior to the May meeting.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Butler's written report records 12 activities for the month. The Fire Department responded to a flue fire at 102 Weaver Court. The fire was contained in the chimney using pressurized water fire extinguishers. There was no fire damage, however the chimney will need to be rebuilt. The Fire Department responded to a rock slide on Menoher Blvd., near the Chapin Arch. The Department has launched a membership drive. Residents have been invited to an informational meeting on April 24, 2001.

Chief Butler submitted a letter of resignation to the Borough of Southmont as of May 1, 2001. Mr. Butler will be accepting a position as Assistant Director of the York County Fire School. Council accepts the resignation with regret and wishes Mr. Butler continued success in his new position. Mr. Chet Borosky will be named to succeed Chief Butler until the end of the year. Mr. Rodgers commended Mr. Butler for his many, many years of service to the Borough.

Assistant Fire Chief Borosky submitted a letter requesting the Fire Department receive approval to place Jubilee signs within the Borough, have use of Borough equipment and additional Police patrol during the Jubilee. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve the request of the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter, out of town, Mr. Kory, absent.

Some discussion was held on the fire siren timer. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to reset the timer from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter, out of town, Mr. Kory, absent. Letters were received from neighboring municipalities supporting the shorter siren time off.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. David Duray of the Hinks and Locher Division of Paul C. Rizzo Associates reported that all the recommendations to the Corrective Action reports made by the Department of Environmental Protection have been addressed with the 2000 smoke and dye test reports. The Borough will be sending letters to the residents who are in violation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT cont'd

Mr. Duray submitted a report on the erosion problems at the PineBrooke Subdivision in the Cheney Oak Drive section of the development. Mr. Duray notified the Cambria County Conservation District of the erosion problems he found. There appears to be no silt fence in place and continued dumping is being allowed. This is in violation of the E & S control plan that was approved in 1997 and revised in 1999. The plans show a rock dissipater on the stream, and no dissipater is in place. It appears that the stream has been relocated with a corrugated metal pipe. At this time there is an ongoing litigation between DEP and C & D Associates, and files are not open to the public. Mr. Duray will notify PennDot about the drainage and erosion in the Cheney Oak section. This is also a PennDot violation.

Mr. Duray reported that the flow meters were received and the training period has been set up for April 24, 2001. The Pre-Construction meeting was held and all forms have been signed. Quaker Sales is ready to begin milling and placing the material in the alleys, probably later this week. Paving will begin the following week. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to place the milled material in Beet Alley (Bluff Alley) with Change Order No 1, in the amount of \$658.80. Seconded By Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records streets and alleys were plowed and salted as needed. Took recyclables to Boswell. The Christmas trees were chipped and all the storm damaged limbs and branches. Made a list of the sanitary sewer violations for letters to be sent this month. Continued to pick up piles swept up by the residents. Cleaned catch basins after the storms. Had a warranted repair made on the 2001 Ford, and had an electrical repair done on the 1998 GMC truck. It also was a warranty repair. Replaced the cylinder head gasket and rebuilt the carburetor on the air compressor. Replaced belts, hoses and gaskets. Collected newspapers on March 24, 2001.

Both toilet bowls and the urinal cracked at the soccer/restroom. All equipment was winterized with anti-freeze when the building was closed up for the winter. Apparently someone flushed the antifreeze out over the winter. The utility room doors were both open and the lights were left on. This was a problem last year. It was decided that Southmont Borough would change the locks on the restrooms with keys that cannot be duplicated. A motion by Mr. Rodgers to have the locked changed and three keys made. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent. Keys are to be turned in at the end of the year. The damages will be turned over to the Insurance Company.

Mr. Bosley reported that during the recent storm sewer monitoring at the Wonder Street line the flow (75") is near the top. It appears that there is more infiltration from Upper Yoder Township.

The sewer cleaner is schedule for April 30, May 1, 2, and 3. The Street Sweeper will begin on April 23, 2001. We will be doing Menoher Hwy. as part of the Agility Program. Nothing further to report.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reported that there will be a Spring street inspection on April 17, 2001. All members of Council are invited to attend. Nothing further to report.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve 2 members of Council to attend the Police Civil Service workshop. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent. Nothing further to report.

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Koval reported that evaluations were suggested to the West Hills Regional Police Commission. This was referred to Committee for discussion.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Report submitted. Nothing further to report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

In Mr. Kory's absence, Mrs. Czyrnik reported that a dividend was received from the PSAB/UC Plan in the amount of \$387.02.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reviewed the Budget figures for the first quarter of 2001. Everything is in order. Nothing further to report.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that the Shade Tree Commission will meet April 24, 2001 to finalize Arbor Day plans. Mr. Krupa asked Mr. Bosley to dig 10 holes along the Diamond Blvd. Playground area and have one employee available for Arbor Day. Mr. Krupa will mark the area. Arbor Day will be May 5, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. on Diamond Blvd. near the Playground area and up towards Susan Drive. It is Council's decision to plant a tree in honor of the many, many years service that Mr. Butler has given to the Borough. Also, a tree will be dedicated to Mr. Fred Pullen who retired in December 2000, after 20 years as Zoning Officer. Girl Scout Troop#20 will be helping with the Arbor Day celebration. They would also like to keep the Helen Street Park area cleaned up as a project for a badge. Council will check on the Insurance liability. Arborvitae will be planted along a section of Diamond Blvd. to continue the buffet zone near the sheds.

The Newsletter will be ready for the publisher and should be mailed out before Arbor Day. Mr. Krupa will be sending letters to residents of King Street who continue to top their trees.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

President Pile reported that the Recreation Commission is solvent. Wren Street playground equipment is down. Southmont will make their reserve fund contribution in May. We should notify the Recreation to put the basketball nets up.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

In Mr. Kory's absence, nothing to report.

COG REPORT

Mr. Rovanseck was unable to attend the COG meeting. Nothing to report.

CHAPIN ARCH

Solicitor Lovette reported that a quit claim deed was prepared and this should finalize the transfer of property.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Koval will update the Emergency Operation Manual. The Fire Company will appoint a member to replace Mr. Butler who has resigned his position. Nothing further to report. Mayor Koval set up the Stroke Screening program for June 13, 2001 from 9:00 a.m., until Noon. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the stroke screening day, seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent. Nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lovette spoke with Upper Yoder Township Sewer Authority solicitor, Robert Shahade, in reference to the sewer rental fees. The Upper Yoder Sewer Authority has our proposal. The County had put taxes on the Borough for the holding pond property that was turned over to the Borough by Mr. Chiodo. Solicitor Lovette had the taxes removed. Council discussed the sidewalk in the Cheney Oak area. Solicitor Lovette recommended that Council refer the sidewalk issue to Committee for a decision. Committee meeting will be May 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that the Cambria County Borough's Association annual dinner was held April 17, 2001. Received a booklet on Police Services in Small Communities and forwarded it to Mayor Koval, reference Police Evaluations. Council approved Mr. Krupa and Mrs. Czyrnik to attend the annual United Way meeting on May 30, 2001. The Industrial Appraisal report was received for 2001. Total cost of replacement is \$1,301,959. Mr. Bosley reported on the accident of Mr. Brad Kimmell with the hot tar from the crack sealing machine. All claims were turned over to the Worker's Compensation (EMC) Agency for payment of bills and emergency care. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Secretary's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent. Nothing further to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the March Treasurers Report, as presented, in the amount of \$265,257.27. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion that Southmont received the February and March Reports. There were no collections. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent. Mr. Krupa suggested that Council give some thought to what Council would do in the event Southmont's Tax Collector was not able to collect the taxes. Council will give this some thought.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of the bills, in the amount of \$67,942.45. Seconded by Mr. Rovansek. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for any member of Council, the Street Commissioner, Secretary or Solicitor to attend the annual PSAB Conference. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter: out of town, Mr. Kory: absent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.
Respectfully submitted.

Judith A. Czynnik,
Borough Secretary

