

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**April 15, 2002 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 15, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Pile, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerald Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czynnik, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Fire Dept.:Chet Borosky, West Hills Police: Officer Michael Lose

**ABSENT:** Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town, Engineer: Dave Duray-Out of Town, Jan Bosley-Street Commissioner-ill.

**VISITORS:** Ron Godava                      Engineered Communications  
Malcom Snyder                      143 Wonder Street  
Walter Swearinger                      139 Wonder Street

President Pile asked for approval of the March 18, 2002 minutes and Committee Meeting notes from April 9, 2002. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

President Pile called for a motion to open the Siren bids for 2002. Two Bids were received. Motion made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Strittmatter.

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| 1. Engineered Communications | \$21,179.00 |
| 2. Crown Mobii Systems, Inc  | \$ No Bid.  |

After discussion, Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the responsible bid from Engineered Communications, in the amount of \$21,179.00 pending review by the Committee and the Fire Company to be sure the bid meets specification. Motion seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Graham to open the bids for the Painting of the Municipal Building. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor. Six bids were received.

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| 1. Elias Painting          | \$ 8,875.00  |
| 2. C.F. Scarletta Painting | \$ 8,345.00  |
| 3. Farben, Inc.            | \$ 8,675.00  |
| 4. Covenant Properties     | \$ 7,200.00  |
| 5. Major Builders          | \$ 8,579.00  |
| 6. F & D Painting          | \$14, 520.00 |

After discussion, Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the lowest responsible bid from Covenant Properties at \$7,200.00 pending review to be sure the bid meets specification, or accept the next lowest bid. pending review. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

President Pile called upon Mr. Walter Swearinger to act as spokesperson in reference to No Parking in Leek Alley. Mr. Swearinger referred to the meeting in February when residents agreed with the discussion that No Parking would be permitted in the alley during the snow or winter months. This is a problem when snow plowing. Leek Alley has no place to turn around and the Borough truck must back-up through the alley. He stated that residents felt that would be agreeable. Council at that time asked the Police and Mayor to look at the situation and make recommendations on the parking in the alley. With their recommendations Council had "no parking" signs installed in the alley. This is the policy in other alleys in the Borough. Mr. Swearinger feels that an abutting property owner should also not be allowed to park so that his vehicle is extended into the alley. He feels this property owner should also be tagged by the police if that continues. Council agreed and the property owner will be notified. Officer Lose made note of the complaint.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Officer Lose reviewed the written monthly report. Revenues reported for the month of March are \$406.90. Officer Lose noted that Officers participated in the Easter Egg Hunt at the Incline. Handouts and bike inspections were done. Officers Dowdell, Stutzman, and Eisenhuth attended classes relative to their SERT training. Officers Kesslak, Watts and Sunseri will attend the next session of classes. Chief Havas is initiating a bike program within the next few months. Officer West, Fisher and Dowdell will initially be trained in the protocol of the program. The Patrol bike will be used at the Plaza and at various events held in the four municipalities during the spring, summer and fall months. Chief Havas has applied for grants to help with the program.

Officer Lose reported on a recent robbery attempt in the Borough. Officer Lose also reported on the proposed magistrate redistricting. He feels the offices will remain the same; some boundary changes might be made in the future.

### **ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**

Mr. Orms reported that 6 permits were issued since the last report with a year to date total construction cost of \$122,950.00. Mr. Orms reviewed with Council several letters written, with pictures, to residents with violations of BOCA Code ordinances. In reference to a situation at 161 State Street, where the owner has installed a cement slab and a fence on his property with no permit. The slab is built over the sanitary sewer laterai. Recently this line has had problems of overflowing and/or blocking up. Work will need to be done on the line. Also, the sanitary sewer line is in an alley that falls under the "adverse possession" rule. The alley was blacktopped by previous owners and nothing can be found to say the Borough allowed or disallowed the driveway to be paved. This alley was never accepted or vacated. According to Solicitor Lovette the alley then becomes the abutting property owners property after 21 years. The only violations Solicitor Lovette finds is that the property owner has not applied for the fence permit. If the Borough has to do work in the alley on the utilities in the "paper alley" driveway, replacement shall be to replace as is.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT cont'd**

Solicitor Lovette explained that 21 years ago Council should have informed whoever paved the alleyway that they would be doing so at their own risk. Present owner has lived there since 1976, according to County records.. We have nothing in writing to that effect and have not done anything in the past 21 years; this alleyway therefore becomes the abutting property owners property. And if we need to access the utilities in the alleyway (driveway), the Borough will be responsible for repairs to the driveway.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Borosky's written report records 19 assists for the month. Three calls were received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Southmont VFC had five members complete the Basic Firefighting class and two members completed the Fire Officer II class/certification. The fire department was called out for flooded basements and streets after heavy rain storms. Chief Borosky reminded Council of the meeting set up by the Department of Community and Economic Development for assistance on VFC Regionalization. The meeting is scheduled on April 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Strittmatter will attend.

Chief Borosky asked Council for permission to use the soccer field, Borough equipment, place signs in the triangle, and extra police protection for the Jubilee. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town. Chief Borosky asked who he was to call first in the event something comes up in the Borough. Mr. Borosky is to call Mr. Danyluk in reference to Streets. Mrs. Czyrnik will check with 911 to be sure they have Mr. Bosley's cell and home phone number.

Mr. Danyluk reported that during the last rain storm, Dr. Moses called about water running down Helen Street that jumped over the curb and ran onto his property. The Street Committee will look into possibly adding another catch basin in this area. The Hilltop Ambulance report is on file.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

In the absence of Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates Council reviewed his report submitted in writing. The report records contracts have been returned from Quaker Sales and need Borough signatures. Project is ready to proceed; possibly in early May. The Helen Street sewer line rehabilitation is in place with State Pipe. Tentative start date is early May. Flow meters have been working. Mr. Duray is working on a report concerning the surging at the Wonder Street manhole and the State Street bypass in an effort to establish how severe our excess flow problem is compared to the flow attributed to Upper Yoder.

Mr. Duray's report continues with Mark Lazzari of P.C. Rizzo who spoke with Cambria County Conservation District concerning the County's GIS program. He was informed that the County mapping development is on hold until 2003. The County will provide municipalities with photos of 911 road systems and major waterways. These items are on the Borough's current mapping with exception of recent road revisions.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT cont'd**

Council discussed the GIS program. At the Committee meeting it was decided to put the GIS program on hold until next month. Council will be looking into computers and Mr. Pile has been talking with Tom Lewis in reference to writing specifications.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

In the absence of Mr. Bosley his written report was reviewed. Routine maintenance was done on the Borough Building and equipment. Checked flows in designated sanitary sewer manholes. Continued cleaning catch basins after rain and picked up limbs and branches after wind storms. Salted and plowed the streets when needed. Sanded the drywall and began painting the new garage. Plastered new opening into the lunch room. Chipped Christmas trees March 25 thru April 2, 2002. Recycled newspapers March 30. Met with Penelec to determine a route for the proposed new siren pole. Met with PennDot on the site location for the proposed siren pole.

It has been determined that the dog pen drains at 161 State Street are not tied into the sanitary sewer. There was a sewer backup at 491 Southmont Blvd. Roto-Rooter opened the sewer at the manhole and will need to come back and cut tree roots. Mr. Bosley received two bids for the line painting. Kennedy Line Striping Inc in the amount of \$2,161.50 and a bid from PA Pavement Maintenance (received late) in the amount of \$5,900.00. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to accept Kennedy Line Striping's bid of \$2,161.50. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Danyluk had nothing further to report. Mr. Strittmatter submitted a PennDot drawing for the proposed sidewalks along Harshberger when the new traffic light is installed. Council will review.

**ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Strittmatter had nothing new to report. Mr. Strittmatter is working on the Personnel & Procedure Policy.

**POLICE COMMISSION**

Mayor Sloat reported that at the last meeting financial expenses were discussed. There is a meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2002.

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Graham reported that new recycling signs are in and will be installed in the Center. Nothing further to report.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

The Liability Insurance has been renewed 4-1-02 for 2002-2003. Mr. Kory reported a dividend has been received \$159.41 for participation in the Safety Group.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

No report.

**SHADE TREE**

Mr. Krupa reported that the Shade Tree Committee will meet April 23, 2002 to finalize the Arbor Day 2002 ceremony on May 4th. Approximately 12 new trees will be planted in several locations in the Borough. Arbor Day will be on Gardner Street in the 60 block. Mr. Krupa is planting Norway Maple trees. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the use of Borough equipment and employees for the Arbor Day celebration. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town. Mr. Krupa reported that Southmont Borough is to be given an award on May 2, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. from the Bureau of Forestry. He has an additional dinner invitation if anyone is interested. The Newsletter has been sent to the printer.

**RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE**

President Pile reported that the Recreation Commission will apply to the 12th Congressional REC Distribution Center for a truck. They are able to make the application for the Recreation Commission under the Borough's membership. The Recreation Commission is applying for a Ridge Grant.

**BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**

Nothing further to report.

**C.O.G REPORT**

Mr. Graham reported that Dave Knepper attended the COG meeting to explain the County's GIS and Comprehensive Planning programs.

**GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kory reported that he will attend the Cemetery Association's next meeting. He will report to the Association that Millcreek Rd. will not be paved this year, due to the construction at the Ferndale Elementary School.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sloat checked on a complaint from a resident on a manhole overflowing in Leek Alley. Mayor Sloat discussed the Leek Alley "No Parking" with Mr. Joseph Riley. Mayor Sloat attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting at Sunnehanna County Club.

**SOLICITOR 'S REPORT**

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the material submitted to him in reference to a proposed Ordinance about parking or storing RV's, trailers, boats and about living in trailers or RV's within the Borough. President Pile and Mr. Danyluk suggested that this be further discussed at a Committee meeting. President Pile set the Committee meeting for April 30, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. They will then make recommendations to Solicitor Lovette for an Ordinance.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's report records that the 2001 Audit has been completed. We have received the Liquid Fuels allowance for 2002 in the amount of \$44,256.00. This is \$1,522.11 less than last year due to the population decrease of approximately 152 residents since the 1990 census. (1990-2414/2002-2262). (NOTE: Just for the record according to the 2002 Census the total housing units decreased from 1072 to 1021. My records show we had at least 17 new units built in that 10 years.) Mrs. Czyrnik asked Council for some direction on removing old outdated office equipment. Solicitor Lovette stated that a Resolution will be necessary to discard the old equipment. Mrs. Czyrnik will begin preparing a resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve Resolution 2002-01 for the disposition of records. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the March Treasurers Report in the amount of \$274,006.09. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Kory that we received the Tax Collector's Report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-out of town. No collections were received this month.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$ 56,448.36. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

**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**

President Pile reported on the monthly interest received from Valley National Investment.

PSAB Annual Conference is June 9-12 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort

PSAB Fall Conference is Oct 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh

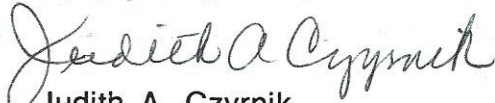
A motion was made by Mr. Kory to make reservations for members who wish to attend the PSAB Annual Conference. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Out of Town.

Council discussed the bond issue and use of water in Saltlick Reservoir. The proposed rate increase was also discussed. Council will participate with Westmont and the City of Johnstown in discussion about the current action of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. A letter will be sent to President Holmes, Westmont Council.

Mr. Danyluk stated that PennDot is sponsoring an Agility seminar. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve any Council members and Mr. Bosley to attend the Agility seminar June 6, 2002. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-out of town.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Czyrnik,  
Borough Secretary