

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for June 18, 2018

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled June 18, 2018 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Mayor Mark Yonko; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council Member Ed Danyluk

Visitors: Ron Fisher (Tribune Democrat) and Dan Wallace (Project Restoration Issues)

Bid Opening

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to open bids for the 2012 Ford F-F550 dump truck with stainless steel tailgate spreader and 9' Fisher plow. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

The bid results were as follows: Mike Veneziano \$14,105.00, Petrunak Auto Sales \$21,800.00, and Guadino Brothers LLC \$10,555.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the bid of \$21,800.00 received from Petrunak Auto Sales. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Visitor Recognition

Mr. Wallace addressed Council regarding issues he is having regarding restorations of his rental properties, especially his property on Peden Lane. Mr. Wallace stated Snyder Environmental Services has destroyed the majority of this property creating a hazardous condition and lowering the rental value since February 2018 noting the most serious concerns are a pool of standing water, the parking area that was removed to create a temporary water barrier, and the limited amount of space for emergency personnel to get through. Mr. Wallace stated the pool of water is attracting mosquitoes, his tenants have nowhere to park, and emergency personnel have no access to Peden Lane because it is now too narrow. Mr. Wallace is concerned that his complaints have gone unanswered or have been solved by creating another problem (i.e. removing his driveway to solve the water run off issue) and that he has had to resort to formally addressing council to ask for help in getting his property restored to safe conditions. Chief Weslager confirmed his fire engines would be unable to access Peden Lane in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of May 21, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officer Todaro attended a "Near-Fatal Strangulation" Training Class sponsored by the Women's Help Center and Officers Beblar and West attended a training class in the use of Facial Recognition Software in Harrisburg, PA. Officer Dowdell attended a three-day certification class regarding "Assisting Individuals in Crisis" and "Group Crisis Intervention" and is now a certified member of the Southern Allegheny Critical Incident Stress Management Team. Officer Sunseri attended a presentation at the WJAC-TV Studios regarding their planned use of remote-controlled, unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) to cover breaking news and weather-related stories.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported crews responded to McCullough House three times for burnt food, compressor fire and a kitchen fire and also responded to several flooded basement calls due to heavy rain and sewers not being hooked up properly.

Chief Weslager reported members held the 47th Annual Jubilee noting it was a success and the new Engine 26 is in service.

Engineer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to table all pay estimates and requisitions for Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project until Snyder Environmental Services has made significant progress on a list of issues to be compiled by Todd Banks and Rich Wargo. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition No. 20 in the amount of \$2,678.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Banks reported the flow meters show 54% of the flow from the previous heavy rain event came from Upper Yoder Township and flow at the connector between Southmont and the City of Johnstown was so heavy it pushed back up the lines into Southmont.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Solicitor Carbonara and Mr. Banks to compile a letter to Upper Yoder Township and the City of Johnstown and to send a carbon copy to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the excess flow. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported one building permit issued to 185 State Street (fence) and four approved certificates of compliance for 129 Helen Street, 533 Bluff Street, 620 Diamond Blvd., and 138 Helen Street.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the next centennial committee meeting will be held on July 10th noting he has received calls from a few residents looking to help with the planning.

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the first annual payment of \$14,000.00 as stipulated in the new agreement with Southmont Volunteer Fire Company, less any expenses paid as of June 18, 2018. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Mr. Danyluk absent. Nothing to report.

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

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mrs. Speicher reported Mr. Wargo is getting quotes for sidewalk replacement and landscaping at the borough building.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported Ed Cernic, Sr. passed away and Ed Cernic, Jr. was appointed as his replacement. Mr. Pile also reported work at North Fork Dam is estimated to cost approximately \$15 million and the water authority is looking into selling water to other surrounding areas.

I. Open Records: Mrs. Layton reported an open records request from Ken Deloian for 2018 vendor information.

J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from May 24, 2018 through June 19, 2018 in the amount of \$12,428.70. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile.

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Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the payment of bills from May 23, 2018 through June 19, 2018 in the amount of 1,035,672.25. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the May 2018 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,607,574.89. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the May 2018 tax collectors report in the amount of \$5,541.77. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Speicher for adjournment of the June 18, 2018 meeting at 5:03 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer