

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for August 17, 2009

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 17, 2009 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czymnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas, Engineer Dave Duray

Absent: Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Visitors: Mr. Larry Crespo, Domestic Animal Control

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2009 following an address change to the Shade Tree Commission report. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to open bids for the 2004 dump truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. The bids for the dump truck were as follows: Joseph Fyock of Trucks N More bid \$5,500.00, Sulli Motors bid \$11,234.00. A motion to reject the bids was made by Mr. Danyluk. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to advertise a minimum bid of \$20,000.00 statewide through the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs spending a maximum of \$500.00 to do so. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to open the sanitary sewer cleaning and televising bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. The bids for the sanitary sewer cleaning and televising were as follows: Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co., \$22,615.00; State Pipe Services, \$31,487.00; Sewer Specialty Services Co., \$31,866.00; Insight Pipe Contracting L.P., \$39,287.55. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co. to complete the sanitary sewer cleaning and televising as per a review by Solicitor Lovette and Mr. Duray. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0). At this time Mr. Rodgers called upon Mr. Larry Crespo. Mr. Crespo presented information regarding possibly contracting his domestic animal control services. Mr. Wargo will review the information with Mr. Crespo and will report at the next Council Meeting.

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Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported the investigation is ongoing regarding the recent thefts from vehicles noting suspects have been cooperating and thefts have decreased substantially. Chief Havas noted he and Corporal Lose attended a meeting at the Public Safety Building with Johnstown and Richland officials to discuss forming a countywide Special Emergency Response Team.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Company and the Hilltop Ambulance reports were received and are on file.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo reported two building permits issued and three negative sewer compliance tests. Mr. Wargo noted property maintenance issues are continually being monitored. Mr. Krupa inquired if shadow fences are legal and Mr. Wargo stated they are.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Duray reported the railing for both sides of the Harding Street Steps is being built. Mr. Duray noted a new permit for the MS4 Program will need submitted in September 2010.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported four manholes have been installed and are now completed. Mr. Ewald noted sidewalk inspections need done soon to correct some deplorable conditions.

B. Personnel: Mr. Wargo reported Mr. Scott Buck has been hired part-time for fence painting at the State Street soccer field. Mr. Wargo reported Mr. Matt McGlynn is gone for six weeks for heavy machinery training and will potentially return to work for the Borough after completing schooling.

C. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

D. Insurance Committee: Mr. Strittmatter reported a workers compensation audit will be done on August 21 because of an increase in payroll.

E. Budget Committee: Mr. Pile reviewed a few line items. Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa noted he is still awaiting contact regarding the TreeVitalize Grant. Mr. Krupa stated information for the Fall Newsletter will be needed as soon as possible to be out by October. Mr. Krupa reminded Mr. Wargo to have trees watered along Diamond Blvd. and Susan Drive.

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G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory stated the Annual Westmont Hilltop Recreation meeting/picnic will be held August 26 at the Ridge. Mr. Wargo noted additional fi-bar material needs to be added to the Diamond Blvd. Playground.

H. Properties Committee: Mr. Kory stated he and Mr. Wargo inspected the Borough and a report was completed. Mr. Kory reported some repairs are to be made on the outside of the Municipal Building. Mr. Kory stated two of the three spring figures on the Diamond Blvd. Playground need to be secured. Mr. Kory noted there are no major issues to address at this time.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa reported sewer camera training was held at the previous meeting noting the next meeting will be held October 6.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported a meeting was held on August 13. Mr. Pile stated the Water Authority has discussed moving assets being held at AmeriServ Bank.

K. Open Records: Mr. Wargo reported the attorney handling a basement flooding case previously requested documents under the open records act has yet to pay the fees. Mr. Kory reported the Borough website is up and running and will continue to be updated.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported a meeting was held with Wessel & Company regarding the Central Tax Bureau and PAMS issue noting the records are not comparable and a significant difference was observed. Centax has agreed to send correct records by August 29.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported Upper Yoder will be completing brush cutting for the Borough again. Mr. Wargo reported the energy grant to install new lighting in the Municipal Building has been submitted. Mr. Wargo noted catch basin repairs have begun. Mr. Wargo reported Mainline National Bank has purchased the Johnstown Brewing Company property from a Sheriff's sale and have requested Council waive the late fees on the taxes. A motion was not made and the late fees are still to be paid. Mr. Wargo stated he recently participated in a "Lock-Up" to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association noting he raised \$625.00 and has more contributions pending. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to have Solicitor Lovette prepare an amendment to Ordinance #409 to use 2009 International Property Maintenance Code. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Mr. Kory opposed. Motion carried (6-1). A handicapped parking space request was received from Mr. John Shipley of 19 Shady Lane. Mr. Pile made a motion to approve

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the handicapped parking space. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Czyrnik reported the Cambria County Board of Elections has requested to use the Borough Municipal Building as a polling place for the first and third precincts for the November 3, 2009 election. A motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Pile. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the July tax collector's report in the amount of \$1,561.30. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills for July 2009 in the amount of \$103,603.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0)

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Council and office staff to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Fall Leadership Conference October 16-18, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the August 17, 2009 meeting at 8:38 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk