

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for November 21, 2016

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 21, 2016 Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President Morgan at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Police Sgt. Ed Fisher; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Attorney Michael Carbonara; Mayor Mark Yonko (4:05 p.m.); Engineer Todd Banks

Visitors: Ronald Fisher, Tribune Democrat (Observing)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief's Report

Sgt. Fisher reported Officers handed out approximately 600 treats to children in the West Hills jurisdiction noting no problems were reported in any of the municipalities.

Sgt. Fisher informed Council the West Hills Regional Police will be holding a "Christmas Open House with Santa" is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Children will receive a treat and have their pictures taken with Santa.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager informed Council that Kukurin Contracting has not notified emergency agencies (police, fire, ems, etc.) or bus companies regarding road closings during construction noting they need to be notified daily. Mr. Banks stated he spoke with Kukurin Contracting and was advised they would begin contacting the proper authorities. Mr. Banks noted it is stated in the contract that contacting emergency services, bus companies, etc. in regards to road closings is required.

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted police with two separate incidents on Southmont Blvd. involving telephone poles.

Chief Weslager reported two junior members completed the first part of their firefighter training noting they also started their hazmat awareness training.

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Chief Weslager reported 14 members patrolled the streets for trick-or-treat night.

Chief Weslager reported members held the annual boot drive noting the money collected will be used for a new fire engine.

The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported Kukurin Contracting began construction on November 7, 2016 on State Street.

Mr. Banks informed Council that a conference call for Phase II of the sanitary sewer project is scheduled for December 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two building permits issued to 200 Orchard Street (storage shed) and 937 Menoher Blvd. (3 parking spaces).

Mr. Wargo reported three certificates of sewage compliance issued to 564 Bluff Street, 221 Leon Street and 225 Wonder Street.

Mr. Wargo reported the Planning Commission approved the subdivision request from I-Care at the October 18, 2016 meeting.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the first snow of the season occurred over the weekend noting the new temporary salt bin worked well.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he has submitted a brief to the judge regarding Lamar Advertising based on the recommendation from the Zoning Hearing Board and he is awaiting a decision.

Solicitor Carbonara reviewed a pay increase request submitted by Jeanine Matse, Southmont Borough Tax Collector. Solicitor Carbonara recommended the Budget Committee review the request and submit their suggestions at the December 5, 2016 Council Meeting. Solicitor Carbonara noted the tax collector's pay is set by local ordinance noting any action would need to be done by February 15, 2017 in order for necessary paperwork to be submitted.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton reported eight citations have been filed with the District Magistrate regarding past due sewer maintenance and garbage accounts.

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Mrs. Layton reported the borough office is closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2016-07, Cambria County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the 2016 tentative general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the 2016 tentative garbage fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the 2016 tentative sewer fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2016 tentative general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2016 tentative garbage fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2016 tentative sewer fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising Ordinance 507, setting the tax rate for 2017 at 13.0 mills. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

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

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is finishing up projects that were started this year and noted the cottage will be maintained to be used as a staging area during any construction at the North Fork Dam.

I. Open Records: Mrs. Layton reported one request received from Maureen Karas regarding building permits issued in October 2016.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve ratification of payroll from October 18, 2016 through November 23, 2016 in the amount of \$25,774.59. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from October 19, 2016 through November 22, 2016 in the amount of \$51,408.89. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the October 2016 treasurers report in the amount of \$974,813.73. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the October 2016 tax collectors report in the amount of \$0.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Paolini for adjournment of the November 21, 2016 meeting at 4:24 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer