

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
September 18, 1995

The regularly scheduled of September Council meeting was called to order by President Glass at 7:30 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the September 18, 1995 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Glass, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa, Mayor Robert Morgan, Solicitor: Dan Lovette, Engineer: Ron Walker, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley
Secretary: Judith Czynnik, Zoning Officer: Fred Pullen, Fire Chief-Mike Butler.

ABSENT: Hilltop Ambulance-Jim Dailey

VISITORS: Rodger Trevarrow/UPJ Mark Latch-Mabel St. Stop Sign
Frank M. Mardis-Hanna Alley Frank Marsh-Mabel St. Stop Sign
Chuck Ellis-Mabel St. Stop Sign Mary Marsh-Mabel St. Stop Sign

At this time President Glass asked for approval of the August 21, 1995 regular Council meeting minutes. Mr. Krupa made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

VISITORS: At this time Rodger Trevarrow took a picture of Council for the completion of a report he is doing on the history of Southmont Borough. President Glass then called on Mr. Frank Mardis who had submitted to Council a petition showing that more than 51% of the abutting property owners of Hannah Alley request the Borough to accept the alley and pave it between Orchard Street and Diamond Blvd. President Glass informed Mr. Mardis that we will authorize the Engineers to prepare costs, plans and specifications for the paving of the alley. A public meeting will be advertised for the October 16, 1995 Council meeting, and all the abutting property owners will be notified, at which time plans, specifications and costs will be viewed. The policy for payment of the paving is the Borough to pay 1/3 the cost of the project and each property owner abutting the alley on both side to split the cost of the balance of the project based on the foot-frontage method. Grading, drainage, and paving will be include in the project.

The remaining visitors were in attendance for a request to install stop signs on Mabel Street. Mrs. Marsh submitted a petition to Mayor Morgan for the request to install the stop signs east to west, at the Thoburn Street intersection. Mayor Morgan has looked at the intersection and feels there would be no problem in approving this request.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to remove the stop sign on Thoburn Street and install two new stop signs, east to west on Mabel Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the written reports of Police Chief, Hilltop Ambulance, Zoning Officers and Fire Company, if they have no other report. Seconded by Mr. Kory.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas had a correction to his written report. It should read 10 Juvenile arrests and 10 Male arrests for vandalism at the Easy Grade construction site. Chief Havas has met with Task Force officials on Law Enforcement and Public Safety. They are looking into expansion grants for regional police departments. Use of the grants would be for equipment, additional hiring and in service training. Upper Yoder Township, Richland and West Hills are looking to establish a central records system. Probably County wide.

HILLTOP AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Dailey's written report records the Association did have a meeting with Upper Yoder Ambulance. There is no interest in combining ambulance services but they would be interested in cooperative purchase of supplies and insurance. The Association is looking at demonstration ambulances during September and October. Tally of the raffle ticket sales was not complete.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 5 permits were issued since last month, in the amount of \$142,900. There have been 33 permits issued for the year in the amount of \$848,105. The Southmont Zoning Hearing board will meet at 7:30 p.m. to hear an appeal from Mary Pat Sheridan trading as Clark's Corner Store, proposing an addition to the existing building. The building is a grandfathered commercial building in a residential area. Mr. Pullen has met with Mr. John Klanchar and Mr. John Hearn requesting monthly progress reports until their building permits are completed. Mr. Pullen denied a request to extend Mr. Klanchar's permit till December 31, 1995, pending satisfactory progress reports. Also, a letter was sent to Mr. Paul Carpenter in reference to his question on two fences on Leila Street.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

The Fire Company had 5 members attend 38 sessions of training. Three members attended residential fires training at the PA State Fire Academy in Lewistown. No other report except the Fire Company will meet with the Engineers and Council members on September 25, 1995 at 8:00 p.m. to review drawings for the new fire company addition.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records grass cutting, cleaning catch basins after storms, and took care of the recycling trailer weekly. Cut grass along Susan Drive and along sections of streets with guard rails. Tapped into storm sewer on Palliser Street and installed pipe and built catch basin to drain low area between Princeton and Penin Avenues. Moved benches in Diamond Playground and hauled debris out of the Playground. Planted three trees in the Playground. Painted the handicapped parking space. Cut rough areas of concrete from the few remaining concrete streets, to make repairs. Borough employees will be crack sealing for the next three weeks and annual fall brush clean up will be week of October 9th. It will be advertised. The backhoe is back from Cambria Tractor, a new transmission was installed. Mr. Bosley spoke with Mr. Caputo in reference to the scheduling of the IU8 Alternative Special Education Group to do selected work in the Diamond Playground before winter. Mr. Bosley explained that the work group would be finished with any work by 1:30 p.m. each day they would be in our area. They would only be in Southmont for 2 to 3 hours and would be supervised at all times. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Alternative Special Education Program, seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry discussed the proposed storm sewer work that will be done on Leon Street this year. In order to do this work we need a permanent easement at the property of Donald Bruce of 429 State Street. (Corner of Leon and State Streets.) Drawings and legal descriptions have been done by the Engineers. Mr. Leventry made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the permanent easement for the 5' of property of Donald Bruce at 429 State Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Leventry reported on the Committee meeting on September 12, 1995 in reference to the sidewalk inspections done recently. Council had received two letters from residents who wanted to remove the sidewalk in front of their property. After review of both properties, the decision was to not allow the residents to remove the sidewalks, but instead to repair the slabs that were in question, as recommended. Both residents were notified of the decision. The committee is recommending that no sidewalks be removed according to the Borough Code.

Mr. Leventry continued with discussion on the sidewalk inspection schedule decision. The Committee is recommending that inspection be done every year, approximately 1/2 of the sidewalks will be done at each inspection. An inspection schedule will be established, visual inspections will be done by the Streets Committee. Needed repairs shall be by the consensus of the inspection group.

Vertical misalignment of adjacent sidewalk slabs of one and a quarter inches or greater shall be deemed as requiring re-alignment. This can be accomplished by replacing same, correcting the elevation discrepancy or using the slope method of a concrete patch of six inches horizontal length for each one and a quarter inches

of vertical misalignment. The purpose of the sidewalk inspections is to provide a

safe walkway for the pedestrian traffic. Mr. Leventry suggested the sidewalk inspections be done similar in manner to the Street Inspections. That is, to possibly assign numbers to indicate the conditions of the property owner's sidewalk. A motion by Mr. Leventry to amend Ordinance 39 to read "or whenever a new house is erected by the property owner and the area is geographically feasible for the placement of a sidewalk according to the plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer" a copy of Ordinance 397 shall be given to each applicant for a new house permit. Seconded by Mr. Rodger. All in favor. A motion by Mr. Pile, authorizing the Solicitor to prepare an amendment to Ordinance 39 and to advertise, the motion was seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Motion carried.

Mr. Leventry will prepare the Sidewalk Inspection Guidelines for Solicitor Lovette to review and also prepare the Ordinance 39 amendment change for Solicitor Lovette. The scheduled meeting for the Employee Evaluation review has been changed to October 10, 1995 @7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No report

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reported on a meeting with Dave Lester of NIMBY Inc. for recycling newspapers. Bins would be available and grants of up to 90 % reimbursement are also available. After some discussion on beginning a collection schedule, a motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve collection of newspapers twice a month on a trial basis. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. We would do the hauling on our own for this trial schedule. Mr. Danyluk will continue looking into the newspaper recycling program and to set some schedule for the collection of the newspapers. Mr. Danyluk informed Council that we have talked with Tanya Caretti of the County Solid Waste & Recycling Management.

POLICE COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

No report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers asked that all Committee's and others prepare their Budget

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that the America the Beautiful/Palliser Street Project will be planted in the spring, at the 1996 Arbor Day celebration in April. A letter will be sent to America the Beautiful, Norman LaCasse requesting the spring planting. The Commission feels the trees will do better planted in the spring.

Mr. Krupa reported that Mr. Bosley planted three trees in the Diamond Playground. Mr. Krupa is trying to locate a professional arborist to inspect several trees in the area. The Commission does not know the costs of an arborist, but Mr. Krupa will continue to try to locate one.

Mr. Krupa is asking for approval to attend the Penn State Community Forestry Conference, October 12, 1995, in State College. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Mr. Krupa's attendance at the Forestry Conference October 12, 1995. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Motion carried.

Mr. Krupa reminded everyone about getting any "Newsletter" items ready. Newsletter will probably be mailed, hopefully before Thanksgiving.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

No other report, August minutes on file.

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that negotiations are continuing and there have been no changes to report. The Steering Committee has met with the Chief Negotiating representative of Time Warner Cable TV and to date little has been resolved. Negotiations will continue.

CHAPIN ARCH COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory made a motion to remove this Committee report from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Committee Report will be removed. Mayor Morgan recommend a notice be sent to Penn Dot to cut the grass.

C.O.G REPORT

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the agreement for the new sewer cleaning machine. It appears to be in order. No other report.

MAYOR' REPORT

No report, other than the request for the Mabel Street stop sign.



SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette prepared the Ordinance to vacate Custer Street for Mr. Steve George and Mr. Raymond Asfar. After review by Council Mr. Danyluk made a motion to advertise the Ordinance to vacate Custer Street, for approval at the October 16, 1995 meeting of Council. Seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor Lovette attended a pre-trial conference on the Conemaugh Hospital Parking lot and they agreed to make payments at a percentage, in lieu of taxes, for as long as they have a lease with the Cemetery Association. Solicitor Lovette will be sending Council a letter with an agreement for approval of the percentages, and he will also notify the School District, for approval. Solicitor Lovette recommended we accept the agreement, it would be the same as the agreement with the City. The parking lot will not be in existence much longer as the Hospital is planning to built a new parking garage.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records an agreement has been made with Mrs. Veronica Heckert for payments on her past due sewer and garbage account. She has agreed to keep her account current along with the monthly payments. Mr. Pile made a motion to approve the payment schedule as reported, seconded by Mr. Leventry. Motion carried. The Computers were installed September 12, 1995 and Mr. Lewis is working on the up date of the files. We have requested 4000 gallons of free water to be supplied by the Greater Johnstown Water Authority for the fountain in the Diamond Playground. Mrs. Czyrnik has submitted the Minimum Municipal Obligation calculations for the 1996 obligation to the non- uniformed pension plan in the amount of \$448.00. A motion by Mr. Pile to approve the MMO report for 1996, seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Southmont Borough has received a summons to appear in a civil action suite against Southmont Borough and Lon A. Shaffer. This is in reference to an accident approximately 2 years ago with the Fire Department and Lori McMillin. Copy has been forwarded to FWF Insurance Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records a balance of \$267,536.44 in the General Fund for August 1995. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$308.83 collections for August Real Estate, and \$71.50 collections for Per Capita. Total collections of \$380.33. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Kory.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

A motion by Mr. Pile to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,408.51. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no interest in the Fall PSAB conference this year. Upper Yoder sent a letter informing Council of their interest in providing EMS services to Southmont.

Mr. Danyluk has received 4 bids for the central air conditioning system for the Borough Offices and Council Chambers. After review of the written bids received (as required by Boro. Code, section 1402) and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the bid from KirCon-Breco in the amount of \$7,186.00 for a central air conditioning system for the two offices and the Council Chambers. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Krupa will attend the Cambria County Borough's Association dinner October 24, 1995. Please notify the Secretary within the next week if anyone else is interested.

We have received an invitation to attend the GJWA dedication of the Riverside Water Treatment Plant. Please notify Secretary for RSVP

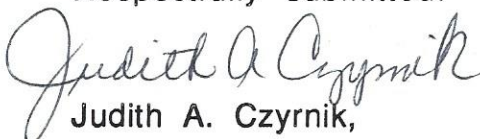
ENGINEERS

Mr. Walker reported that the Otis Street contract has been signed and he is awaiting the scheduling from State Pipe Services.

Mr. Walker ask if Council had decided if they wanted their own inspectors or Hinks & Locker Engineers to inspect the State Pipe/Otis Street project. Mr. Leventry made the recommendation to have Hinks & Locher Engineers inspect the Otis St./Sanitary sewer project

A motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted.


Judith A. Czynnik,
Borough Secretary

