

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for February 20, 2012

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled February 20, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Ed Danyluk, Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Herb Ewald (7:10 p.m.) William Kory, Thomas Strittmatter, and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, Fire Chief Mike Leckey, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas

Absent: Council Members Kevin Pile (out of town), Engineer Scott Rugh (excused)

Visitors: Ronald Kautz and Mike Butler, Southmont Volunteer Fire Company (observing)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the ratification of payroll from January 26, 2012 through February 22, 2012 in the amount of \$11,350.46. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the bills from January 24, 2012 through February 21, 2012 in the amount of \$61,693.85. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Pile absent. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). Ms. Claycomb reported a treasurer's report would not be available because the office is having an issue with printing reports. Ms. Claycomb stated the issue should be resolved within two days and the reports would be available to review and approve at the next Council meeting.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported vandalisms have been occurring since December 2011 involving eggs being thrown at vehicles. Chief Havas noted the issue is expected to be resolved within the next week. Chief Havas reported all officers are involved with in-service training and all should be completed by the end of 2012.

Fire Company's Report

Nothing to report. Council will hold a Workshop to discuss any questions regarding the potential consolidation with Upper Yoder. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported zoning permits issued to 538 Harshberger Road (fill site/playground), and 307 State Street (sign permit). Mr. Wargo reported approved sewer compliance certificates for 418 State Street, 20 Harding Street, 47 Gardner Street and 550 Edward Street. Mr. Wargo reported work on the fill site at 538 Harshberger Road is being monitored on a daily basis.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Paolini reported he met with Mr. Morgan, Mr. Wargo and Chief Leckey to update the emergency management plan.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported he met with the administrative committee and The EADS Group to discuss 2012 sewer projects noting it was the opinion of the committee to begin the bidding process using Shady Lane and Cheney Oak Drive as the base bid with Edward Street and Thoburn Street as alternatives. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve The EADS Group to move forward with the final designs. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (6-0). Mr. Wargo reported he met with the Laurel Highlands Correctional Institute regarding prisoners painting the Borough building noting they are expected to begin towards the end of March. Mr. Wargo reported he recently moved the larger CD from First Commonwealth to Mainline National Bank with a rate of .075% noting he is soliciting banks for rates for the other CD. Mr. Wargo reported a new one ton truck is needed. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to proceed with COSTAR in purchasing a new one ton dump truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara stated Mr. Wargo did a great job handling the work being done at 538 Harshberger Road noting Council may need to modify ordinances for future instances. A brief discussion was held regarding a formula to determine the contribution Southmont Borough would make to the consolidated fire company. Council decided to hold a workshop to discuss it further.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Claycomb reported letters have been sent out to rental property owners reminding them to have tenants moving into or from the property to file a moving permit. Ms. Claycomb reported one handicapped parking space renewal was received for 21 Shady Lane. Ms. Claycomb reported the Cambria County Borough's Association Annual Spring Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in Northern Cambria. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Council to attend the 2012 Cambria County Borough's Association Annual Spring Dinner. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Ordinance No. 490 which updates of the Flood Plain Ordinance. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Mr. Pile absent.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Fire Company Committee:

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

G. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Recreation Committee: Mr. Ewald reported the gym and social room at the Grove have been painted and a discussion was held regarding repairs needed at the Ridge.

I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile absent. Mr. Pile previously submitted a report stating approximately half of the Ligonier Interconnection pipe and the tank on the mountain has been completed, work is being done on the Viewmont pump station, and work is still scheduled to be completed around October 2012. The City of Johnstown is replacing sewer pipes in the Roxbury area and the waterlines will need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$375,000.

K. Open Records: Nothing to report.

An Executive Session was called at 8:05 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Executive Session ended at 8:07 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the February 20, 2012 meeting at 8:07 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer