

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for January 17, 2011

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled January 17, 2011 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Engineer Scott Rughe (excused)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2010. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the ratification of payroll in the amount of \$19,348.07 from December 7, 2010 through January 17, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills from December 7, 2010 through January 18, 2011 in the amount of \$107,885.18. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the December 2010 treasurer's report in the amount of \$436,091.14. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the December 2010 tax collector's report in the amount of \$7,750.44. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Strittmatter absent for vote. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported Officer Dave Crichton is resigning as a part-time employee of the West Hills Police Department. Chief Havas noted the department is currently accepting applications for a new part-time officer.

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Fire Company's Report

Chief Leckey reported repaired Engine 26-1 is expected to be returned by the end of January 2011. Chief Leckey stated the Menoher Incidents 2010 report will be completed for Council by the February 21, 2011 Council meeting noting that he is also drafting a letter to Council regarding repairs needed to a guard rail on Menoher Boulevard. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2011 with Solicitor Carbonara, Tom Kakabar (EADS Group), Southmont Public Works Committee and himself to discuss the Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Wargo reported EADS has relocated the Borough flow meter to the boundary line with Upper Yoder. Mr. Wargo reported PennDOT has been notified of the blocked drainage pipe under Menoher Boulevard which resulted in flooding damages along Shady Lane and Wren Street on December 2, 2010 noting a response from PennDOT has not been received yet. Mr. Wargo will notify Grandview Cemetery as the blocked pipe is on their property.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported three sewer compliance certificates were approved and no zoning permits were issued. Mr. Wargo stated the sale of 12 Harding Street is expected to close approximately January 20, 2011. Mr. Wargo reported Solicitor Carbonara spoke with the owner of 424 Southmont Boulevard noting the owner has agreed to remove the tires by February 15, 2011 or face fines.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Paolini stated the "Watch Children" sign has been installed on Olive Street.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the deposition for Central Tax Bureau is scheduled for January 26, 2011. Mr. Wargo stated the health insurance change over to UPMC is complete. Mr. Wargo reported Phase II of the Bird Sanctuary Grant is due January 28, 2011.

Solicitor's Report

A brief discussion was held regarding possible co-ops with other municipalities for electrical supplies.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Czyrnik reported an increase on worker's compensation was received due to the increase in payroll amount. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Resolution 2011-01 regarding the disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). Ms. Czyrnik reported interest earned at First Commonwealth Bank for 2010 was \$3,909.26.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported snow plowing is going well.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Fire Company Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reported 2010 ended with budget items in the black. Mr. Pile stated he will be working on the 2011 budget with Mrs. Czyrnik. Mrs. Czyrnik reported necessary transfers will be completed for the next Council meeting.

G. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Wargo reported Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission requested additional changes to the shade tree grant. Mr. Wargo noted revisions to the shade tree ordinance are on-going.

H. Recreation Committee: Mr. Ewald reported Robin Gates is no longer the Recreation Director. Mr. Ewald stated applications were received for the position noting Ms. Fran Sivi has been recommended to be hired as Recreation Director. A brief discussion was held regarding the activities of the Recreation Commission.

I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

J. COG Report: Nothing to report.

K. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported no changes were made at the reorganization meeting. Mr. Pile stated bid opening for the inter-connection will be February 21, 2011 and work will begin on the Westmoreland end of the inter-connection March 1, 2011. Mr. Pile reported the Water Authority was turned down for a loan to add a spillway to the North Fork Dam.

L. Open Records: No open records requests received.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the January 17, 2011 meeting at 8:03 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk

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**SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2011
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czyrnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, Council President Richard Rodgers; Council Members Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Robert Morgan; Mayor Gregory Paolini

Absent: Council Member Mr. Tom Strittmatter

Meeting Agenda

A brief discussion was held regarding snow plowing wages for part-time employees. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to raise part-time snow plowing rates to \$10.50 per hour. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the January 12, 2011 meeting at 4:07 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Rodgers reopened the Special Meeting of January 12, 2011 at 4:15 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to forgive any Southmont Borough liens and judgments, pertaining to the sale of 12 Harding Street, with the County. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). At this time Council had an informal meet and greet with newly elected Solicitor Carbonara.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile for adjournment of the January 12, 2011 meeting at 4:27 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk