

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
October 16, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled October Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the October 16, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, , West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Engineer: Dave Duray, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Zoning Officer: Ryan Adams, Street Commissioner: Mr. Bosley and Borough Manager: Loretta Spak.

ABSENT: Mr. Rodgers and Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette out of town.

VISITORS: Mrs. Kelly, 102 Violet Street, Garden Club Barnett Street sign; Mr. Chiodo, Pinebrooke Office Park sanitary sewer service.

President Pile asked for approval of September 18, 2006 Council Minutes and October 10, 2006 committee meeting notes. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

President Pile called upon Mr. Kory and Mrs. Kelly to discuss Barnett Street sign. Mr. Kory made a motion to approve color scheme of green and beige for sign. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town. President Pile called upon Mr. Chiodo who discussed his sewer line change at the Pinebrooke Office Park. The sewer line will go from rear of building across Cheney Oak Drive; Mr. Chiodo is looking for financial help from Council. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve paying up to forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500) which includes the manhole when job is complete. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Police Chief Havas mentioned Mayor Sloat, Mr. Bosley, and he inspected the parking on Southmont Boulevard for visibility of vehicles coming out the private lane onto Otis Lane or Southmont Boulevard. They agreed visibility is affected and Mr. Bosley has painted the curb and a no parking sign was installed. Mayor Sloat will investigate the parking at Thoburn Street and Leila Street intersection to see if painting of curb and no parking sign is needed. There will be additional patrols during trick-or-treat night of Tuesday, October 31st. President Pile reminded Council and police to keep monitoring traffic volume on lower State Street. The police monitored on Oct. 16th from 10:57 AM to 11:40 AM ten (10) vehicles were observed, 3 local and no speeding observed, at 1:50 PM to 2:52 PM six (6) vehicles were observed, 3 local and no speeding observed. Mr. Krupa mentioned dumping being done by the Diamond playground. A no dumping letter will be mailed to residents reminding them dumping is prohibited and Mr. Bosley will post no dumping signs.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Adams report was received and reviewed. Report records activity of twenty-six (26) permits at a total construction cost of \$624,541 as of 10/02/06. Council requests Mr. Adams to take before and after digital pictures for any type of house additions over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records eight (8) responses during the month of September. There was one call between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had three (3) assists in September; one (1) to Upper Yoder and two (2) to Westmont. Mr. Ewald made a motion to advertise Ordinance #463 indebtedness of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for purchase of fire company rescue chassis. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll Call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Rodgers out of town. The yearly McCullough House fire/evacuation drill was conducted October 11, 2006, the report was received and reviewed. Ms. Spak will write a letter to the state agency (Department of Public Welfare) regarding Council's concern of staffing issues during the evening and night shifts of McCullough House and initial alarm going to Texas headquarters. Mr. William Leckey's (30 Harding Street) granddaughter will be reading her school report on Southmont Volunteer Fire Company in front of the Borough building on Wednesday, October 25th with her class present. Mr. Ewald made a motion to approve the fire company to hold a "boot" drive by the light on Menoher Boulevard. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town. Discussion was held concerning Hilltop Ambulance soliciting donations from Southmont residents, Fire Chief Borosky will investigate further. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for October was received and reviewed. The annual street inspection is scheduled with Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Duray, and Mr. Bosley for Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 2:00 PM all Council are invited to attend. Mr. Danyluk will schedule a workshop with street committee to discuss 2007 CAP activities for budget information. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve spending up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for paving at 350 Southmont Boulevard (medical building) to black top over sewer line repair that was completed. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report was received and reviewed. Mr. Bosley informed Council Summerhill Township offered eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) for our old truck. We will be advertising sale of truck (approved 6/19/06) for bid opening at November Council meeting. Ms. Spak will be advertising for two to three new part-time seasonal employees to help with leaf collection.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to exempt the new home (Laskey property) at the corner of Orchard Street and Olive Street from having to install a sidewalk. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Four (4) nays and two (2) yeas, motion denied. Mr. Rodgers out of town. Mr. Krupa discussed sidewalk issue on Lucetta Street, will be meeting with subcontractor. Ms. Spak will send letters stating if sidewalks are not repaired we will subcontract out and bill resident, if not paid a lien will be placed on property.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa mentioned the phone logs are very informative and council should read them. Ms. Spak updated Council concerning Aaron Mulhollen who is working on the GIS, started on October 2, 2006; he will be working ten (10) hours a week at eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour. Mr. Krupa will be looking for employee evaluations/recommendations by Council prior to November 3, 2006.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat had nothing new to report; a tentative budget meeting is scheduled prior to police committee meeting of October 17, 2006.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory mentioned letter dated October 11, 2006 from Pandya, Inc. the plastic recycling rate decreased from .07¢ to .035¢; still a very good deal.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers, out of town, nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th. President Pile suggested Ms. Spak to drop numbers for budget, Council to review prior to meeting.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa "thanked" Ms. Spak for getting fall/winter newsletter out, looked very good and informative. Mr. Krupa updated Council concerning Allstate insurance claim for tree hit on Diamond Boulevard (6/20/06) and tree hit by moving van on State Street (10/13/06). Arborist, Mr. Moore, to look at tree on State Street for estimate a claim will be opened, in case tree declines over the next six months.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

President Pile mentioned the Westmont Hilltop Recreation financial statement audit for December 31, 2005 was received and is on file. A part-time person to replace Ms. Robson has been hired. They are looking into getting a CPA accounting firm to do bookkeeping, savings of approximately ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory mentioned the concrete picnic table looks really nice at the bird sanctuary.

COG REPORT

Mr. Ewald attended the October 3rd meeting, they discussed online competitive bidding. Mr. Ewald forwarded package to Ms. Spak to look into.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory mentioned letter dated October 4, 2006 from Citizens' Cemetery Association, discussion followed council is very unhappy with the time line provided. It is **unacceptable**. Ms. Spak will contact Solicitor Lovette and forward copy of letter (insurance issue); there is no state time limit this is ordinance driven.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The September minutes were received. A workshop with Mr. Carstensen and Mr. Wissinger to attend and update Council on happenings at GJWA will be scheduled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat suggests leaving swings at the Diamond playground up all year, a lot of use during winter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette out of town, consensus of council is a substitute should attend when Solicitor Lovette is unable to attend.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Mr. Kory made a motion to approve Ms. Spak to attend the free liquid fuels online reporting workshop being held on Tuesday, October 24th in Hollidaysburg. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town. President Pile discussed Professional Family Care & Service, Inc. real estate assessment appeal Mr. Krupa and he attended; they were not aware it was a tax exemption and not a tax appeal notice. President Pile's opinion is to fight the response if awarded, discussion followed. Mr. Kory moved to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve September's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$313,890.09. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Danyluk noted we received the September Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$1,139.82 for the month. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Kory made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$89,161.49. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List" and will be adding cemetery pond fence. Ms. Spak will summarize the wage and seminar workshop she attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Spak updated council concerning the general municipal pension system state aid check in the amount of \$3,667.12 which was deposited into general fund (#355.99) and will be forwarded to PMRS for deposit into the pension plan. The street light repair list was discussed and assigned to see if completed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the October 16, 2006 meeting at 9:25 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers out of town.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Spak, Borough Manager
10/19/2006 9:23 AM