

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
March 18, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled March Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the March 18, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerald Sloat, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Jan Bosley-Street Commissioner, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Fire Dept.:Chet Borosky, West Hills Police: Chief Havas.

ABSENT: Mr. Kory, -Out of Town

VISITORS: Sue Berkstresser 102 King St.

President Pile asked for approval of the February 18, 2002 minutes and Committee Meeting note from February 26, 2002. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

President Pile called for a motion to open the Street paving bids for 2002. Three bids were received:

1. Quaker Sales -Base Bid \$ 68,834.55-Alternate Bid \$3,846.00 =\$72,680.55
2. Whittaker Co.Base Bid \$70,550.65- Alternate Bid \$5,307.48 =\$75,858.13
3. Ligonier Con. Base Bid\$100,700.39-Alternate Bid \$29,421.90=\$130,122.29

After discussion, Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the lowest responsible base and alternate bid from Quaker Sales in the amount of \$72,680.55, after review of all bids by the Solicitor and Engineer to be sure they meet specifications. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, and Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town. The alternate bid is for doing the alleys with milled materials.

Visitor, Ms. Berkstresser had no issues to discuss.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas reviewed the written monthly report. Revenues reported for the month of February are \$484.66. Chief Havas noted that Officers participated in Career Day at the Middle School. Notes of thanks were received. Officers Fisher and Eash and Corporal Lose will attend classes for S.E.R.T. training, (Specialized Emergency Response Team) during the week of March 17, 2002. Officers Dowdell, Stutzman, and Eisenhuth will attend the same classes the week of March 24, 2002.

Chief Havas reviewed with Council the truck safety inspection report done by Officer Matthew Watts. These truck inspections are necessary not just for highway safety but for checking more closely the drivers record's and log books to determine who and what they are hauling. This is a result of the Justice Department finding terrorists attempting to obtain Commercial Drivers Licenses.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT cont'd

Chief Havas reported that the WHRPC has received notification of approval for a grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 to be used for a new Police Cruiser. Council asked Chief Havas about the department becoming certified. West Hillis Regional Police has applied for the credition certificate. There are about 108 standards that need to be met and if the department becomes certified insurance costs to the department could decrease. Council had some questions on the intersection of Daisy and Harshberger Street and at Bluff and Harshberger Street. At the corner of Daisy and Harshberger the shrub on the property of Robert Lohr is blocking the site distance for vehicles trying to turn onto Harshberger. Council had reviewed this in the past. Mr. Danyluk reported that a representative from PennDot will look at the intersection for the safety reasons and make his recommendations. Chief Havas is waiting for Mr. Lohr to return his call. No further report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported that 1 permit was issued since the last report. Mr. Orms reported that he received a complaint from Mr. Charles Koban in reference to Mr. Haidar of 1072 Luzerne Street installing a retaining wall on the property line. Mr. Haidar was granted a 2 1/2 foot set back from the Zoning Hearing Board instead of the usual 5 foot set back for the retaining wall. However, Mr. Haidar has not received a permit for the wall. Mr. Orms wrote him a letter to stop all work until he applies for a building permit. The letter will be sent by regular mail and certified mail. Council discussed putting a 2 week time line on Mr. Haidar getting the permit, or Mr. Orms will file a citation for the work he has started. Mr. Haidar has not followed the Zoning Hearing Boards recommendations from almost 2 years ago. Mr. Orms provided Council with pictures of the construction currently being done. Mr. Krupa noted this case has been an issued for over 4 years, the issue should be resolved immediately.

No reply was received from Attorney Gary Horner in reference to a conversation about the permanent dog house/pen installed on his property without a permit. Since then Mr. Orms has asked Zoning Solicitor Kiniry to speak with Attorney Horner. Mr. Bosley has smoke tested the property and the line has been televised. Mr. Bosley is sure the dog pen is tied into the sanitary sewer along with two downspouts. He will dye test this line later this week. There also was a complaint about the smell from the dog waste being thrown down over the hill on the Horner property. Solicitor Lovette told Mr. Orms to write a letter to Horner giving him a time limit to get a permit and clean up the dog waste. It was reported that there are 4 dogs on this property. Mr. Strittmatter asked Mr. Orms to look at another project that has not been completed on Harshberger Street and to look into the debris being dumped in the wooded area behind that property.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records 15 assists for the month. Two calls were received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Southmont VFC hosted a second class on terrorism on Feb 14 & 15. In house work details were held to prepare for new carpeting to be installed in the Fireman's activities room. Engine 26 was out of service due to a heater core leaking and the core had to be rebuilt. The Fire Department submitted the schedule of functions for the year 2002.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT cont'd

A letter was received from Westmont Volunteer Fire Department about a meeting set up by the Department of Community and Economic Development for assistance on VFC Regionalization. There is a meeting scheduled on April 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. for Council members and Township Supervisors as well as Fire Company officers. This is an informational meeting only. Mr. Strittmatter will be able to attend.

Mr. Strittmatter will prepare a spec. to be advertised for two sirens. One siren will be placed in the Overbrook section and one siren will be placed on the municipal Building. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to advertise for the new sirens as per specifications. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -Out of town. Mr. Bosley has made an application to request a pole for the siren.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates reviewed with Council that the Corrective Action Plan report has been sent to the Department of Environmental Protection, with our request for 6 EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) taps for 2002. The Sub-division for the Kessler/Pueblitz property has been approved by Department of Environmental Protection. It has been signed and given to Mr. Kessler for filing with the County. Mr. Duray reported that they are still monitoring the flow meters. The meters are still not working accurately but the manufacturer is aware of these problems. They are beginning to receive some data from the meters. Mr. Mark Antonic is no longer with Paul C. Rizzo & Associates. Mr. Mark Lazzari has taken over the work with the GIS programs. Mr. Duray submitted to Council (March 15, 2002) cost estimates by Rizzo & Associates for preparation of the Geographic Information System for the Borough. The project would be done in several "Task" steps. Mapping at \$500.00, Roadway/Pavement Management at \$4,500.00, Sanitary Sewers at \$4,500.00, and GIS Training and Support at \$2,000.00. Mr. Duray explained the breakdowns on each task. Mr. Bosley is currently working on the drawings to update the additional sewer lines and manholes installed. Council questioned and discussed the proposal. The program will be further discussed at a Committee meeting.

At this time Council discussed the State's Uniformed Construction Code program. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, and Mr. Graham attended a meeting to gather information on the progress of this program. Mr. Danyluk stated that Municipalities would have 3 options: to provide their own certified Building Permit Code Inspector, to join the Council of Governments for Code Inspector, or a 3rd Party Certified Inspectors. All would require residents to pay extra for a state certified inspector to overlook plumbing, heating, electric, and many more items such as windows, doors, roofs and etc. If Southmont would opt in with the State program we would no longer issue Borough building permits. If the Borough would decide to opt out of the program, we would issue Zoning Permits only. The resident would have to contract for their own certified Building Inspector to get a State Building Permit. Council will discuss this further at a Committee Meeting set for April 9, 2002 at 7:00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report was reviewed. Routine maintenance was done on the Borough Building and equipment. Checked flows in designated sanitary sewer manholes. Continued cleaning catch basins after rain and picked up limbs and branches after wind storms. Continued to replace faded signs. Some new signs have been installed on streets and alleys. Salted and plowed the streets when needed. Applied to Penelec for the new alley lights. Mr. Bosley also is working with PennDot and Penelec for the new pole for the siren. Prepared information for the annual Corrective Action Plan progress report.

The sewer maintenance problems on the Dahlia Street storm and sanitary lines have been determined. Two manholes will be raised to grade. Both pipes will be repaired, weather permitting. Employees worked with the Engineers and Technicians installing the new flow meters. Still having some problems with the meters. Installed power to the faux video cameras in the Recycling Center.

Mr. Danyluk had a request for a street light along State Street near the Southmont Condominiums. After discussion Mr. Danyluk made a motion to install a street light to that section of State Street. Motion seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -Out of town.

Mr. Bosley submitted the "To Do List" to Council. No progress has been made with the PennDot Agility program for the line painting. Mr. Bosley will check on street line painting companies for prices on painting the borough street lines.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk submitted a specification list for the painting of the Municipal Building. He asked that Council look over the specs. and call him if they need to add any other information. Mr. Danyluk recommended that he and Mr. Bosley attend the Road Surface Workshop on April 3, 2002 in Jones Mills near Donegal, to be reimbursed for cost and mileage. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -Out of town.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter reported that a Committee Meeting was held February 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. reviewing the computer needs and the GIS program. Mr. Strittmatter reported that he talked with Union Representative Tim Miller. The AFSCME Union Contract expires at the end of the year.

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Sloat reported that he will attend the Police Commission meeting scheduled for March 19, 2002 in Lower Yoder Twp. Mr. Rick Rambish was elected Commission President. Mayor Sloat administered the Loyalty Oath to Mr. Graham for the West Hills Regional Police Commission.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham reported that new recycling signs have been ordered for the Center. Nothing further to report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The Liability Insurance will renew 4-1-02 in the amount of \$8,496.26. Renewal for the Auto Umbrella has not been received to date. The Borough has been notified that the claim for the sewer backup damages for Mr. Graham was settled. Mr. Kory -Out of town.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that the Shade Tree Committee met and discussed Arbor Day 2002 on May 4th. Approximately 8 new trees will be planted in several locations in the Borough. The Committee will have another meeting before the Arbor Day celebration. Any articles for the Newsletter should be turned in as soon as possible.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

President Pile noted that the Commission will apply for other grants to fix the sewage treatment tank. The treatment plant has consistently failed to meet NPDES limits. Two insurance bids were received for the Commission's property and liability insurance. Solicitor Lovette asked for Council's approval to allow Mr. Bosley to check on the possibility of the Recreation Commission either buying or leasing a truck from the Federal Surplus program or the 12th Congressional REC. Mr. Bosley will check to see if the Recreation Commission is allowed to do this.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

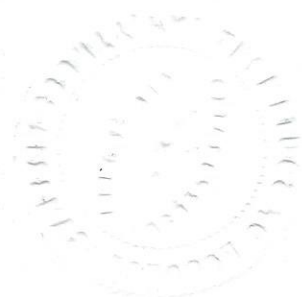
Mr. Danyluk reported that he has prepared the painting specifications for Council's additions or corrections. He would like to advertise for the painting as soon as possible. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to advertise March 25, 2002 for the painting of the Municipal Building, outside garage and recycling center. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -Out of town.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham and Mr. Krupa will attend the April 2nd, Council of Governments meeting. Mr. Graham reported that the survey for salt bids determined that 27 municipalities agreed to participate with COG bids. Ten municipalities discontinued the COG bidding and will participate with PennDot instead .

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

No report. Mr. Kory -Out of town.



MAYOR'S REPORT

After review, Mayor Sloat looked at the Leek Alley "No Parking" signs. He is recommending that the signs stay in the alley and if residents are parked in violation, the alley should not be plowed. A letter will be written to the residents who had concerns at the February meeting. A resident called Mayor Sloat with concern for a Stop sign at Helen and Mabel. Mayor Sloat will work with Chief Havas and make recommendations at next months meeting.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette prepared Ordinance No 433, authorizing additional street signs and providing for penalties. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Ordinance No 433, as written. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory- out of town. Solicitor Lovette reported that the Borough has received a withdrawal from Magerko & Associates, for their proposal to purchase the Borough's Wren Street property. Solicitor Lovette also spoke with Attorney Walsh in reference to the trailer parked on the Hospital Parking lot along Menoher Blvd. Solicitor Lovette feels this problem is resolved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that all data has been turned over to the Auditors for year 2001. Meeting with Auditor's when needed. Received two bids for carpet installation in the Council room and Tax Collector's office. Tile City 's bid is \$968.00 and Interstate Installation is \$948.00. Both are for commercial grade carpeting. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Interstate Installation for the amount of \$948.00. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Secretary's Report. Seconded b Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town. Council reviewed the notice received from the Auditor General's Office in reference to Municipal Pensions excessive pension benefits. Mrs. Czyrnik will check with Auditor Generals office for clarification.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the February's Treasurer's Report, as presented, in the amount of \$298,862.04. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The was no February Tax Collector's report submitted. No collections.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$ 58,344.30. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

The Kessler/Subdivision has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile reported on the monthly interest received from Valley National Investment. This money is received from the balance of the former Police Pension Fund. The Borough is still awaiting the completion of the Auditor General's Office review for the Police Fund.

Cambria Co. Annual Dinner Meeting April 16, 2002 Ebensburg, PA
PSAB Annual Conference is June 9-12 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort
PSAB Fall Conference is Oct 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve any members who wish to attend the conferences. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to make reservations for members who wish to attend the Cambria County Borough's Annual Dinner. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to appoint Mrs. Czyrnik and Mr. Krupa as voting delegates at the Annual United Way annual meeting. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

Mr. Bosley would like to attend the Personnel Management Techniques session on May 15, 2002 in Bedford. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Strittmatter for Mr. Bosley to attend, reservation is \$40.00. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Kory-Out of Town.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

