

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for May 18, 2015

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled May 18, 2015 council meeting was called to order by Vice President Morgan at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council Vice-President Robert Morgan; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile and Sheree Speicher; Mayor Mark Yonko; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Member William Kory (out of town)

Visitors: Eileen Parker (paving, kids partying); Phil Staib (observing)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the council meeting minutes of April 20, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the special meeting minutes of May 5, 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Parker requested information regarding paving in the alley behind her house. Mr. Wargo assured her it would not cost her anything and would not affect her property. Mrs. Parker also voiced concerns regarding kids partying in the woods at the end of Arlington Street. Chief Lose informed Mrs. Parker that she and the neighbors should immediately contact police if the kids come back.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officer West attended the 35th Annual Cambria County Child Abuse Awareness Workshop. Various issues related to the awareness and enforcement of child abuse cases were covered during this Workshop.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported the fire company received an ISO rating of 3, which was previously a 4. Chief Weslager noted that is a very good rating for a volunteer fire company. Chief Weslager stated the fire company received a Lee Initiatives grant in the amount of \$2,300.00. Chief Weslager noted five members completed a Vehicle Fire Class and one firefighter passed her Firefighter 1 Exam.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported Stiffler McGraw is working on design and surveying and will hopefully be completed with that by June or July 2015.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported five zoning permits issued to 319 Palliser Street, 5 Shady Lane, 220 Leila Street, 114 Palliser Street and 826 Diamond Blvd. Mr. Wargo reported two sewage compliance certificates issued to 112 Susan Drive and 207 Violet Street. Mr. Wargo reported he met with Upper Yoder Township, Lower Yoder Township, Ferndale, Westmont and the County Planning Commission regarding a comprehensive zoning plan which would require \$5,000 from each municipality to complete. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve participation in the county comprehensive zoning plan contingent upon 100% participation from Upper Yoder Township, Lower Yoder Township, Ferndale and Westmont and that it does not conflict with Southmont Borough zoning ordinances. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported twenty-two high grass letters were sent out. Mr. Wargo reported he contacted the Westmont School District regarding the back stop at the soccer field noting they agreed it needs to be removed because it is in bad shape and dangerous. Mr. Wargo stated the public works department will remove it. Mr. Wargo reported Jeanine Matse has taken over as tax collector for Jill Magistro and will set office hours shortly.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he has not heard back from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding Southmont Borough's request to include slip lining laterals in with the sewer projects. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve advertising Ordinance No. 500, which modifies terminology regarding the current municipal employee pension plan contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve advertising for garbage bids for a one, two and/or three year contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported the street sweeper is being repaired.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

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

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from April 21, 2015 through May 18, 2015 in the amount of \$17,692.06. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of bills from April 22, 2015 through May 19, 2015 in the amount of \$122,296.04. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the April 2015 treasurer's report in the amount of \$580,790.14. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to note the receipt of the April 2015 tax collectors report in the amount of \$176,807.41. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ewald for adjournment of the May 18, 2015 meeting at 4:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Layton

Secretary/Treasurer