

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
148 WONDER STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

Minutes for January 20, 2020

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled January 20, 2020 Council meeting was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Engineer Todd Banks; Exec Sec. Amanda Layton; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members; Ed Danyluk, (arrived 4:10) Herb Ewald, Gregory Paolini, Kevin Pile and Richard Rodgers; Fire Chief Michael Butler; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter, Assistant Secretary Debi Riek, Zoning/Codes Officer Mark Walker.

**Absent:** Attorney Michael Carbonara; Police Chief Michael Lose.

**Correspondence:**

A letter was received from Mr. Eric Taylor, owner of 215 Violet Street, Suite 1 and Suite 2 requesting he only be charged one sewer maintenance fee instead of two. Council requested more information before a decision is made.

A letter was received from Mr. Alan Mihalik, owner of 408 State Street, requesting he be relieved of sewer maintenance and garbage fees because the property is under renovations and vacant. The letter stated there are no sinks or toilets and they are using a dumpster for construction debris.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to deny the request. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk was absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the December 9, 2019 council meeting minutes and January 6, 2020 reorganization minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Ed Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Visitors:** Mr. Robert Walker

**Police Chief's Report**

The December 2019 West Hills Regional Police Department Report was received and is on file.

**Fire Company's Report**

The December 2019 Southmont Volunteer Fire Company report was received and is on file. Mr. Butler stated that the no burning ordinance is not being observed and is concerned about shrub fires. He suggested in the next community newsletter the residents be reminded they must abide with the ordinance.

**Engineer's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to have Mr. Banks prepare and send a notice of termination for the Phase II NPDES Permit. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to table Phase II Pay Estimate No. 17 until the next monthly council meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Banks suggested adding the Tomato Alley repairs to the 2020 paving list when bidding to save money.

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The November 2019 and December 2019 Zoning Officer's report and billing were received and placed on file. Mr. Mark Walker addressed the council about upcoming Uniform Construction Code deadlines for the State. He will be addressing the 3 properties on Southmont Blvd. in regard to the grass and property maintenance in the spring. Mr. Mark Walker also discussed the problems Mr. Robert Walker is having with his neighbors and their compost pile. Mr. Mark Walker will look into the problems and send the appropriate letter.

**Street Commissioner's Report**

Mr. Lingenfelter report was received. Millcreek Road is being paved, Westmont Borough has asked for Southmont Borough to co-ordinate with them and the City of Johnstown to do the project. This would make it less expensive for all three communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve sharing the Millcreek Road project with Westmont Borough and the City of Johnstown. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Stiffler McGraw to inspect the Cheney Run wall off Leon Street to prepare a plan for repairs. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

**Solicitor's Report**

The pre-hearing assessment appeal of Gary and Andrea Gelormino property, is scheduled for March 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Resolution 2020-02, changing the By Laws to allow GJWA to additionally run a sanitary sewer system. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

**Executive Secretary's Report**

The council will need to look into and address the information letter from Attorney Robert Brierton on the subject of the new State Laws for the salaried personnel regarding overtime hours.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Yonko had nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Streets: Nothing to report. Council thanked the street department for their hard work during recent snowstorms.
- B. Administration: Nothing to report.
- C. Personnel: The committee will need to address new policies for 2020.
- D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.
- E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reported the borough was in the black as of December 31, 2019.
- F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.
- G. Building & Grounds Committee: Mrs. Speicher reported the front entrance replacement is completed.
- H. Greater Johnstown water Authority: Nothing to report.
- I. Open Records: Nothing to report.
- J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

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- K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.
- L. Audit: Nothing to report.
- M. Insurance: Nothing to report.
- N. Centennial: Nothing to report.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from December 10, 2019 through January 20, 2020 in the amount of \$ 15,361.58. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from December 10, 2019 through January 20, 2020 in the amount of \$128,415.62. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the December 2019 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,439,484.54. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the December 2019 tax collectors report in the amount of \$9,973.25. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the January 20, ,2020 meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor; motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Riek  
Assistant Secretary