

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for April 20, 2009

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled April 20, 2009 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czymnik, Clerk- Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas

Absent: Council Members; Mr. William Kory (on sabbatical leave), Mr. Ed Danyluk, Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Engineer Dave Duray (excused from attending)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to open the street paving bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. The bid prices from each bidder were as follows; HRI Inc. bid \$57,958.40, Quaker Sales bid \$50,993.50, Derry Construction bid \$70,784.60 and Glen Johnston Inc. bid \$66,478.00. A motion to approve Quaker Sales to complete the street paving was made by Mr. Ewald. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. Role call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion to open the grass cutting bid was made by Mr. Strittmatter. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. One bid was received from A-100 Property Maintenance with prices listed as follows; Borough Building \$39.00, Basketball Court \$67.00, Menoher Triangle \$43.00, Diamond Playground \$79.00, Bird Sanctuary \$42.00, Cheney Oak \$52.00, Susan Drive Island \$11.00, Soccer Field \$76.00, Guide Rail \$27.00, Southmont Blvd. \$27.00 and Cheney Run \$38.00. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve A-100 Property Maintenance as per a comparison of previous year's costs and a renegotiation by Mr. Wargo if necessary. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported Officer Mulkey gave a gun safety presentation to pre-school classes at the Geneva House and fingerprinted the children. Chief Havas reported the \$20,000 2008 Congressionally Mandated Awards/Edward Byrne Memorial Grant was received and the new equipment has been ordered. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve paying one-half (1/2) of police protection for the Jubilee which will be held May 25, 2009 to May 30, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Chief's report and the Hilltop Ambulance Association report were received and are on file. Mr. Wargo reported the restrooms at the soccer field will be repaired before the Jubilee. A brief discussion was held regarding the water supply for the Jubilee.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo reported a negative visual sewer compliance inspection at 322 Southmont Blvd. Mr. Wargo stated zoning permits were issued to 58 Shady Lane and 219 Leon Street regarding fencing, 1 Cheney Street regarding a deck and 309 Leila regarding a utility shed. Mr. Wargo reported garbage dumping at 220 Wonder Street will be cleaned up by April 30, 2009 and a letter was sent to Mr. Robert Gardill of 521 Diamond Blvd. for violations of the nuisance ordinance as a result of smoke discharge. Mr. Wargo stated six BOCA letters were sent out in April. A brief discussion regarding outdoor furnaces followed and will be discussed at a special meeting.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Duray excused from meeting. Mr. Wargo reported Mr. Ken Mesko delivered past CAP reports from Upper Yoder. Mr. Wargo stated a meeting will be held April 28, 2009 with the Upper Yoder Township Sewer Authority.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported crack sealing has been started. Mr. Wargo noted the street sweeper has been in use for approximately three weeks and now needs repairs to a conveyor belt which will be completed soon.

B. Personnel: Mr. Danyluk absent. Mr. Wargo stated Mr. Tim Regan has been hired part-time for crack sealing.

C. Police Committee: Mayor Sloat stated the next meeting will be held April 22, 2009 to discuss new proposals for the officers.

D. Insurance Committee: Mr. Strittmatter had nothing to report. Mr. Wargo reported an agreement has been put in place to assure insurance coverage for equipment borrowed and lent between Southmont Borough and Upper Yoder.

E. Budget Committee: Mr. Pile reported a check was received for Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$55,930.22 and was deposited as of April 1, 2009.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa reported the newsletter is completed and will be ready to send out soon. Mr. Krupa stated Mr. Wargo, Ms. Ellen Singleton and himself attended the TreeVitalize seminar on April 18, 2009 noting the grant through the

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TreeVitalize program looks promising. Mr. Krupa reported Arbor Day is scheduled for May 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Diamond Blvd. Playground noting a possibility of approximately fifteen trees planted that day.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Ewald reported the contract for Mr. Dave Roman will not be renewed next year. Mr. Ewald noted a letter was received from the Recreation Commission requesting assistance with manpower, equipment and materials in repaving the driveway at the Ridge. Mr. Wargo reported a list of items to be addressed at the Diamond Blvd. playground and the soccer field has been prepared for the Recreation Commission. Mr. Pile reported Mr. Roman agreed in 2008 to plan more activities for the soccer field noting a letter should be sent to Mr. Roman requesting an update of this information.

H. Properties Committee: Mr. Wargo reported the electricity bills for the Municipal Building are being reviewed by the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission noting the bill could possibly be cut in half.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa reported by 2012 all signs must be changed to all reflective material instead of just lettering. Mr. Krupa stated a sign company attended the previous COG meeting to bid their services. Solicitor Lovette suggested Mr. Wargo take the costs of these replacements for the Borough into consideration while preparing the budget in October 2009. The next COG meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2009.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported Ameriserv Bank has transferred municipal bonds to U.S. Bank. Mr. Pile reported security cameras will be installed at the Wilmore Dam as a result of vandalism. Mr. Pile stated the camera footage will be monitored at the Riverside Treatment Plant. Mr. Pile reported the Riverside Treatment Plant has complied with the Department of Environmental Protection in replacing the sludge drying beds.

K. Open Records: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sloat had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported the District Court in Pittsburgh found any Ordinance regarding limiting residency of sexual offenders to be invalid. Mr. Rodgers called for an executive meeting regarding legal items at 7:57 p.m. Executive session ended and Council resumed its meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo stated Waste Management has changed all Thursday garbage pick ups to Tuesday. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to accept Mr. William Gentile's letter of

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resignation. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Wargo reported mandatory drug testing is complete and random drug testing has begun.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made to approve Ordinance #477 combining the Secretary/Treasurer position by Mr. Pile. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve Ms. Claycomb to attend the Basic Training for Municipal Secretaries program on May 12, 2009 in Greensburg was made by Mr. Krupa. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Resolution 2009-04 for the Disposition of Equipment and papers. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the March Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to note the receipt of the March tax collector's report in the amount of \$58,328.96. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion to approve the bills for March 2009 in the amount of \$74,552.25 was made by Mr. Krupa. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Rodgers in favor. Mr. Kory and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa for adjournment of the April 20, 2009 meeting at 8:27 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk