

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

Minutes for February 17, 2020

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled February 17, 2020 Council meeting was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members; Herb Ewald, Gregory Paolini, Kevin Pile; Richard Rodgers and Robert Morgan; Attorney Michael Carbonara; Engineer Todd Banks; Exec Sec. Amanda Layton; Police Chief Michael Lose; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter; Mayor Yonko; Assistant Secretary Debra Riek.

Absent:

Council Member Ed Danyluk; Fire Chief Michael Butler.

Visitors: Mr. Robert Walker, Mr. John Mattre, and Mrs. Frances Mattre.

Correspondence

The letter received in January from Eric Taylor asking the council to be charged only one sewer maintenance fee was discussed. It was verified by the GJWA that there are 2 water meters in the residence making this a living facility for two parties.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to deny the request from Eric Taylor to be charged for one sewage maintenance fee. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the January 20, 2020 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

The January 2020 West Hills Regional Police Department Report was received and is on file.

Fire Company's Report

The January 2020 Southmont Volunteer Fire Company report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks stated Pennvest is willing to keep funding for Phase II open until June. Also, Mr. Banks drafted sample televising inspection specs to be approved by the borough and the Department of Environmental Protection for the approximately 78 properties that showed excess ground water during the replacement of laterals.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the televising inspection specs and allow Stiffler McGraw to submit them to the Department of Environmental Protection for approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Danylak absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Banks letters will be sent out to the approximately 78 properties to give them a notice that they may be required to replace the sanitary sewer lines under their homes if the borough does not meet the 625 GFD/EDU goal by June 30, 2021.

Mr. Banks stated he looked at the Cheney Run head wall noting it needs to be replaced with a concrete structure to remedy the current damages.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to allow Stiffler McGraw to apply for a general construction permit for work on the Cheney Run head wall. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Pay Estiment No. 17 in the amount \$47,109.50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Pennvest Requisition No. 17 in the amount \$77,040.72. Motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

The January 2020 Zoning Officer's report and billing were received and placed on file.

Street Commissioner's Report

Mr. Lingenfelter report was received and placed on file. A list of streets and alleys that need paved is being compiled. Mr. Lingenfelter was commended by the council for the job well done during the snowstorms.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal matters.

Executive Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve any council person wanting to attend the Cambria County Borough Association 2020 Spring Dinner Meeting in April. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2020-04, disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

New Business:

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve all Boards and Authorities for 2020. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Resolution 2020-03, the establishment of annual requirement for Southmont Fire Co. tax credit eligibility. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Danyluk absent All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Ordinance No. 525 to Enact Tax Credits for Volunteer Members of Volunteer Fire Companies. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising Ordinance 526 Uniform Construction Code. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. Mr. Ewald opposed. Motion carried (5-1).

Mayor's Report

Mayor Yonko had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Streets: Mr. Ewald nothing to report. Mr. Ewald mentioned Mr. Lingenfelter is doing a great job during numerous storms.
- B. Administration: Nothing to report.
- C. Personnel: Mr. Rodgers stated a meeting will need to be held to review personnel policies and overtime issues.
- D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

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- E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile stated there will be a regular audit in March. An internal audit on procedures with checks, passwords and expenses is also needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to do an internal audit. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

- F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported a letter was received from Mr. Joseph Polantz regarding a tree on Dell Street needing removed because it is dying and is a danger to residences. Mr. Morgan will be getting in touch with Mr. Polantz about the situation. A list of trees and stumps that need attention is to be created by the Shade Tree Committee.

- G. Building & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report. Mr. Morgan stated that Mr. Lingenfelter and his staff did a great job in cleaning out the basement. It was a long overdue job that was addressed and completed quickly.

- H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

- I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

- J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

- K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

- L. Audit: Nothing to report.

- M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

- N. Centennial Committee: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve ratification of payroll from January 21, 2020 through February 17, 2020 in the amount of \$10,855.20. Motion was seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve payment of bills from January 21, 2020 through February 17, 2020 in the amount of \$98,100.07. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the January 2020 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,464,049.81. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the January 2020 tax collectors report in the amount of \$. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

President Speicher called for an executive session at 4:40 p.m. regarding legal matters. The executive session ended at 4: 50 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the February 17, 2020 meeting at 4:57 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Riek
Assistant Secretary