

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT

May 19 2003 7:00 P M

The scheduled May Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the May 19, 2003 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas.

ABSENT: Mr. Kory-out of town, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette-conflict, Engineer: Dave Duray-conflict, Fire Chief-Chet Borosky-absent.

VISITORS:None

President Pile asked for approval of the April 21, 2003 minutes and Committee Meeting Notes of May 6, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and Committee Meeting Notes, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory - out of town.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's report records revenues at \$450.98. Officer Mulkey attended a meeting with a group of students from the Head Start facility in the City. Children sent thank you notes to Officer Mulkey. Officer Mulkey also attended a Domestic Violence Intervention & Investigation seminar presented by the Women's Help Center and he presented a bike safety program to Brownie Troop #187. Officer Watts attended a Birthday Party at a residence on Olive Street, who had a police themed party for their child. Officer Watts took pictures of each child in the cruiser and passed out hand-outs. Corporal Lose and Officer Fisher will be attending a Taser Training seminar for instructions in the use of the Department's new Taser weapon. A taser is a weapon that can be used in a range of 15 to 22 feet, for emergency situations, such as mental health cases and other life threatening matters. It can penetrate 2" of clothing. The taser fires two electronic lazer waves, immobilizing the person. The Officers will instruct West Hills other officers in the use of the Taser weapon. Chief Havas checked on a call about dumping on Cheney Oak Drive. Mr. Chiodo told Chief Havas that he has not authorized any dumping on his property. Chief Havas passed out mugs to Council for the 25th Anniversary of the West Hills Police Department. Chief Havas had nothing to report on the proposed merger with Upper Yoder Township. He is still waiting to hear from Upper Yoder and/or the Solicitors.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms report records that there were 10 permits issued this month. Construction total year to date is \$303,433.00. Mr. Orms reported that he sent two BOCA code letters to garages on Southmont

Blvd. with reference to unlicensed and uninspected vehicles. Mr. Orms discussed the problems with Council and is working with the owners for a viable solution. Some vehicles are left there by owners who can't or won't pay for repairs. President Pile will ask Solicitor Lovette about abandoned vehicle charges. A BOCA letter was also sent to a resident who has two unlicensed vehicles on his property.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's report records that there were 9 assists during the month. There was one in-house training session. Three members took the Fire Fighter I certification test. The new sirens were programmed and turned on April 16, 2003. Engineer Communications returned and completed the siren installation on Menoher Blvd. during the month. The timer still has not been installed. Council decided to wait on reinstalling the timer to the new siren. The "Regional Firefighters" meeting will be at Southmont on May 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Hilltop Ambulance Association report on file. Nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates had a conflicting schedule for the meeting however, he submitted a written report. Mr. Duray has a Pre-Construction meeting scheduled for May 21, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. He asked any members of Council to attend. The GIS database has been installed on to the Borough's computer. The paving portion of the work is completed. The sanitary sewer portion is still incomplete. Mr. Bosley will compile the data on paper for it to be installed at a later date. The flow meters are working and downloaded weekly. Mr. Duray is still working with the manufacturer on the faulty rain gage. Mr. Duray has reviewed the plans for the Johnstown Brewing Company. Mr. Duray does not feel the proposed addition will impact either the sanitary or storm sewer lines. A letter was received from DEP with reference to the Pinebrooke Subdivision's NPDES permit which has expired and no permits can be issued until such time as a new permit is issued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written monthly report records that employees cleaned the Borough building, recycled weekly, and monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and continued to do maintenance on vehicles and equipment. Dug the holes for the Shade Tree Planting and Arbor Day.

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT cont'd

Met with Steve Vickroy, Westmont Recreation to look at the Roller Blade/Basketball fencing. Quotes were received for stretching the fence and a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the cost of \$3,270.00

from Sell Fencing. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-out of town.

Mr. Bosley checked on the line painting and the price would be the same as last year, \$2,161.50. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the line painting for 2003. Seconded by Mr. Graham, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-out of town.

Mr. Bosley reviewed with Council the specifications for the new 2004 truck. Prices are with the State Piggy-Back program. The price is \$49,994.00. A resolution must be approved to purchase through the program. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to place the order for the truck purchase in the amount of \$49,994.00 and approve the Resolution for purchase of the truck through the State Piggy-Back program. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-out of town. Mr. Rodgers suggested that we handle any trade in after we have an appraisal on the 1998 truck.

Mr. Bosley reported that Mr. Batey stated that the paving of Millcreek will only cost approximately \$1,000.00 more than anticipated due to fuel costs. Also, the street sweeping for 2003 is completed. Total hours for this year were 31 hours. Mr. Danyluk commended Mr. Bosley and crew for the fine job of street clean-up. It was an extremely bad winter and clean-up was much heavier. Mr. Bosley reported that the restrooms at the soccer field are not working properly and need repaired. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to repair the faucets and sinks at the restrooms. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-out of town.

Mr. Rodgers mentioned that the restrooms need signs stenciled on the door, since the previous signs were destroyed.

Mr. Bosley will check with Penelec to see if they can remove the siren on Cox Street. The new siren was completed May 13, 2003. The manhole and riser cover was repaired from the damages done by a tree contractor. Restitution was satisfied.

Mr. Pile reported on two items. The pavement at Lennox Alley and Gardner Street is buckling and there seems to be a problem on the lower end of State Street in the sanitary sewer line. Mr. Bosley will check into both items. Letters will be written to all the residents affected, if necessary.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing further to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing further to report. Negotiation meeting was held May 8, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. A counter-proposal was given to the Borough by the Union personnel and the Committee will need to review. No new meeting scheduled.

POLICE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at

the Westmont Borough building.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Report on file.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget is in order, nothing further.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa reported that Arbor Day was held on May 3, 2003 at Mabel Street. Many residents attended. Trees were planted in memory of Mrs. Janice Riek who recently passed away. Two Foresters attended the celebration and made remarks. After the ceremony the Forester toured the Borough with Mr. Krupa to look at several trees in question. The Newsletter has been sent to the printer and will be mailed as soon as possible. There are several trees left to be planted from the Arbor Day celebration. Weather permitting.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported that the sludge has been pumped from the sewage treatment plant and the Recreation Commission is waiting for the sand to be removed. Penelec needs to disconnect power to the plant and connect the new holding tank. The sewage treatment plant is no longer receiving wastewater. Mr. Kraft of Upper Yoder Township was re-appointed to a four year term. Mr. Pile reported that John Khuri has been elected President of the Recreation Commission, Bill Good as Treasurer and M. Azar as Vice President.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Nothing to report.

COG REPORT

Mr. Graham reported that COG offices have moved to Forest Hills Drive, Windber, PA. The next meeting is June 3, 2003.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing to report this month. A letter will be sent to Grandview notifying them of the scheduled construction.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat suggested talking with Cambria County 911 in reference to sounding the alarm in the event of a tornado in the area of Southmont Borough. Possibly the police could activate the alarm in the event of a disaster. After discussion, it was suggested that Mayor Sloat also check

with Fire Chief Mike Huss of the City of Johnstown, to see what their new program involves.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records advertisements were made for Spring Clean-up, Street Sweeping and the Wren Street Playground property. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve advertising, seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-out of town.

Wren Street bids are to be received by June 13, 2003 for opening at June 16, 2003 meeting. Traffic light agreements from the City of Johnstown were signed and returned for our files. Scheduled a Uniform Construction Code seminar for May 27, 2003 for Southmont and any other municipalities who might want to attend. The Water Authority will meet at Southmont on May 29, 2003. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the increase on Ehrlich Pest Control \$5.00 per month. Seconded by Mr. Graham. A motion was made by Mr. Graham authorizing Mrs. Czyrnik to sell the Principal Stock. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. 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. After discussion, Mr. Graham made the motion to consolidate the Valley National Investment account and the monies from the sale of the Principal stock into the Portage National Bank Money Market Account with pledged secured funds. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$264,122.41. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted that the Tax Collector's report was received in the amount of \$49,474.64. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory -out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$45,315.83. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. 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

Mr. Pile asked for review of the items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed and removed or re-listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Czyrnik will check on the City's Dog Enforcement program and if we are still a member. Council discussed making an appointment to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority to represent Southmont. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to appoint Mr. Bruce Graham to replace Mr. Charles M. Glass. Term to expire 12-31-05. Seconded by Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory-out of town. Mr. Graham abstained. Mr. Graham has attended a meeting with the Authority. The Water Authority will meet on May 29, 2003 at Southmont. Mrs. Czyrnik is suggesting the Council look at increasing the fees and adding some fee for receiving a bad check. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting. There is a meeting June 3, 2003, at which time Mr. Lichtenfels will make a presentation on the Middle Department Inspection Agency in reference to the Uniformed Construction Code
There being no further business, meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Czyrnik

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Borough Secretary