

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for December 8, 2014

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled December 8, 2014 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; William Kory, Kevin Pile Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Det. Sgt. George Musulin; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Council Members Gregory Paolini (ill) and Herb Ewald (out of town)

Visitors: Randy Griffith (Tribune Democrat)

Correspondence

Mr. Danyluk reviewed two letters received from Drew & Colleen McConaghy and Howard & Paula Walker. Both letters were requests to waive garbage and sewer maintenance fees on their rental properties during periods of vacancy. Council discussed the requests and agreed that the fees cannot be waived as per borough policy.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the council meeting minutes of November 17, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the special meeting minutes of November 24, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Police Chief's Report

Det. Sgt. Musulin stated the December Police Chief's Report is not completed yet.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported two members attended three sessions of fire school and members helped Upper Yoder Fire Company with their annual Turkey Raffle. Chief Weslager reported there was a vehicle accident with entrapment in District 27 and a structure fire at the former Ideal Fire Company noting the building was a total loss.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a meeting was held with the local utility companies and Stiffler McGraw noting Todd Banks from Stiffler McGraw has stated the utility companies are responding well to identifying underground utility lines.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 209 Palliser Street (roof replacement) and one sewer compliance issued to 6 Harding Street. Mr. Wargo stated the next zoning

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ordinance review meeting will be held December 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to review sections 10 and 11 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo stated the demolition of 509 State Street is complete noting Solicitor Carbonara has filed a lien against the property for \$17,001.00 which includes the cost of demolition plus all other fees incurred.

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the consent order with the Department of Environmental Protection. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve interim financing for the sanitary sewer projects with First Commonwealth with a maximum fixed rate of 2.21%. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Ordinance No. 497, increasing the sewer maintenance fee for 2015 to \$192.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2015 meeting schedule as follows: Monthly meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be Tuesday of each week, when necessary, at 4:00 p.m. and at 3:30 p.m. on the third Monday, if necessary. The December 2015 monthly meeting will be held December 7, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the final 2015 General Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the final 2015 Sewer Budget. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the final 2015 Garbage Budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Ordinance No. 498, setting the tax rate for 2015 at 13 mills. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent. Mr. Wargo reported leaf collection is complete. Mr. Wargo stated salt has been ordered for winter maintenance and a stock pile is in place in case of a shortage.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

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C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Paolini absent. Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: 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. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from November 18, 2014 through December 10, 2014 in the amount of \$13,043.87. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills From November 19, 2014 through December 9, 2014 in the amount of \$83,945.84. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. Role call: Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the November 2014 treasurer's report in the amount of \$562,093.35. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). The November tax collector's report was not yet received.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the December 8, 2014 meeting at 4:36 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Paolini and Mr. Ewald absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer