

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
April 15, 1996 7:30 p.m.

The regularly scheduled April Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:30 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the April 15, 1996 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Davis, Mayor Robert Morgan, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: Ron Walker, Zoning Officer: Fred Pullen (9:20 p.m.), Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley  
Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, and Mike Butler, Fire Department

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Julie Sythe Westmont Hilltop Recreation  
Pete Chiodo C & D Associates  
Pat Ditko C & D Associates

At this time President Pile asked for approval of the March 18, 1996 regular Council meeting minutes. Mr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

President Pile began with visitors, Mr. Pete Chiodo who was requesting approval of a sub-division of his Pinewood Restaurant property along Menoher Blvd., at the former Ye Old County Club. Mr. Chido previously had subdivided the property into parcel #1 and #2. He wants to subdivide parcel #1 into new parcels #1, #3, and #4. Parcel #2 will remain the same. Plans for parcel #1 are to possibly develop 8 to 12, 4 unit condominiums after access is approved thru Cheney Oak Drive with property owners M & T Associates, who have the property for sale currently. Mr. Chiodo is working with the owners presently. Parcel # 2 will contain the new office space directly along Menoher Blvd. under the Bldg. Permit #9607. Parcel #3 will be the Pine Wood Restaurant and all the parking necessary and Parcel #4 (former greenhouse) will be additional professional offices of about 9600 sq. ft. in area.

Any roadways would be built according to Borough specifications. After questions, Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve the submitted sub-division, seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Julie Sythe spoke to Council about the new Spring/Summer programs the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission has going in 1996. She also spoke about getting all the Playgrounds in shape for the season. Rollerblade and basketball courts are also getting some attention and repair. New hoops are being installed. Ms. Sythe talked about some of the activities for the 30th Anniversary celebration May 13 thru May 18, 1996. More information about events will be mailed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas reported 519 calls for the Department in March. Revenues for March were \$418.54. March report has been submitted to Council and is on file. Officer Denise Miller resigned effective April 1, 1996, due to other commitments. Chief Havas reported that the vascar units are being used on several streets in Southmont. There will be a Police Meeting April 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

At the request of Chief Havas and Fire Chief Butler a letter was sent to Penn Dot and the County Commissioners in reference to the rock fall along Rt. 271, Menoher Highway. There has been no response from the letter, dated March 27, 1996.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

The Fire Company's written report records the Fire Company responded to 13 calls during the month of March. During the month 24 members attended sessions in CPR recertification, Incident Command, Emergency Vehicle Operation, Haz-Mat Awareness. Mr. Rick Reed and Mr. Greg Butler have passed the National Firefighter I certification test. There are 7 members who have obtained Firefighter I status or higher. There has been no response from the letter to Penn Dot in reference to the rock fall, dated March 27, 1996. A second copy will be sent to Commissioner Baranik who has stated that he did not receive a copy.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker submitted to Council the cost preliminary estimates for the construction of Potato Alley. The cost of Potato Alley from Thoburn Street to Leon Ct. is \$28,000.00 and the cost for Potato Alley from Thoburn Street 270' toward Olive Street is \$21,000.00. Copies will be sent to Mr. Harnish and Mr. Koval, for their review. Some discussion was held on the possibility. of the residents paving a portion of the alley on their own. In the event that this occurred, they would come before Council and a written agreement would have to be made for the Borough to continue maintenance of the sewer lines in the alley. Mr. Walker reported on the Street Inspection and that he will submit the County Aid Application in the amount of \$15,000.00 this year.



Mr. Leventry reviewed with Council that the street inspection was done and they found that the streets are in good condition. Leon Street will be paved and the upper street area costs shared with Upper Yoder Township. We have received a letter of confirmation from Upper Yoder. Wonder Street, Otis Street, Dahlia Street and Arlington Street will be on the paving schedule this year, along with several intersection that need to be re-done. Mr. Leventry suggested that we should look at the cost of doing the lower end of Southmont Blvd. It should be less than the paving cost done 2 years ago, as it is a shorter section. Mr. Leventry is hoping to keep the cost. in line with our prior paving costs. Mr. Leventry made a motion authorizing the Engineers to prepare specifications for the paving program and to advertise bids for opening May 20, 1996. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

The Committee looked at the rock fall along Menoher Highway and at a section of wet land at the corner of Otis Street and Southmont Blvd. The Committee found that no work needs to be done at the Otis Street site at this time. Drainage is working sufficiently.

After discussion by the Engineer and Council a motion by Mr. Danyluk authorizing the rental of a core machine from Quaker Sales for \$125.00 per day, to determine the base in several of the streets. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker also discussed the updating of the paving map with the proper street names and paving progress. The cost would be approximately \$700.00. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Davis to update the paving street map. These maps are used regularly by the street committee, and when sidewalks are inspected and many other times they are used by Council.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records plowing, and or salting was still being done during the month. Maintenance was performed on all equipment. Christmas trees were picked-up, and mulched, piles of leaves and gravel piles are being picked up, and inlets were cleaned after all storms, weather permitting. Replastered the outside wall where the new electric meter was placed. Built a new counter in tool room for writing gas slips. Had 1993 plow pump repaired during the month. Took recycling trailer to Boswell each week. Patched potholes during the month. Mr. Bosley reported that all of the brush, limbs and Christmas trees have been chipped in the Borough park, however someone is dumping brush there. Mr. Bosley is asking the Police to keep a closer watch in the area.

We used Westmont's chipper to chip all the Christmas trees and storm damaged limbs and branches. Crack sealing was done the first two weeks of April. We used 2800 lbs. of materials. Mr. Carbaugh returned to work March 13, and is doing fairly well.

### STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry reported on the inspection of the lower end of Wonder Street. The Committee is recommending that delineators and reflectors be installed. There is a "No Outlet" sign at the corner of Helen and Wonder Street. Mr. Danyluk made a motion authorizing the Street Commissioner to install the delineators and reflectors, motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. Motion carried.

Mr. Danyluk discussed the review of the sidewalk inspections done last year. There are 8-10 residents who have not completed the repairs, due to the early winter. Letters will be sent to those residents reminding them and giving them until June 15th to make the repairs.

Mr. Danyluk suggested the Committee co-ordinate a schedule to do the second phase of the sidewalk inspections.

### ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

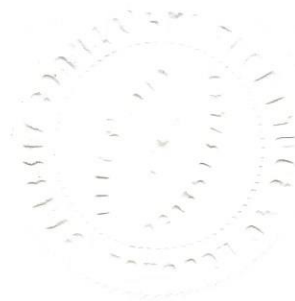
Mr. Rodgers shared with Council that the Fireman's Relief Association's Audit recommendations have been corrected. The Committee's recommendation is to approve Lary Koval to fill the unexpired term of Mark Parseghian to the Planning Commission. A motion by Mr. Leventry to approve Mr. Koval to the Planning Commission for the term to expire 1/2/97. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried. Two other names, Barbara Regula and Jeff Griffith will be on file for future appointments.

The finalization of the Job Descriptions and Evaluations have been completed, for Street Commissioner, Secretary/Treasurer, Borough Clerk, Full Time Labor-Maintenance, Part Time Labor-Maintenance, Seasonal Labor, and Janitorial. Mr. Rodgers made a motion approving the Job Description mentioned, seconded by Mr. Kory. Motion carried.

A motion by Mr. Leventry approving the Evaluations forms as submitted, and was seconded by Mr. Krupa. Motion carried.

At this time the Committee called for an Executive Session 8:55 p.m. to review Personnel matters.

Council reconvened 9:15 p.m.



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reported that the volume was down in the recycling for the month. The newspaper recycling has been advertised and is scheduled for April 27th and May 25th., from 8:00 a.m. till Noon only. One employee is scheduled for those days. This is a trial and will be taken to Total Recycling after the collection. Paper prices have dropped and programs have not proved cost effective. Residential response will determine the future of the program.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory asked Mr. Rodgers to report on the Insurance Committee's recommendations. Mr. Rodgers stated that the Insurance Committee met and opened the quotes for liability insurance. There were five competitive quotations received. After review of the all of the quotes it was narrowed down to the PIRMA bid. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Davis spoke with PSAB, DCA, the PA Insurance Commission and other Insurance agents and found the PIRMA price includes more coverage, per occurrence with no aggregate limits and with less deductibles. PIRMA is geared to work with local governments and several municipalities in our area are covered by PIRMA.

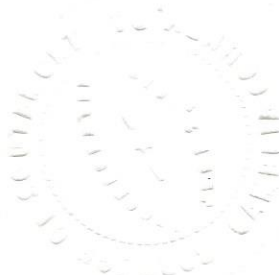
Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the pool insurance with PIRMA/H.A.Thomson agent for the General Liability insurance and Public Officials Policy. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Motion carried.

The pool insurance includes the Public Officials Errors and Omissions Insurance with this package, which we are already covered with FWF Ins. A motion by Mr. Rodgers to cancel in writing the current Error and Omission Insurance and apply for a refund beginning May 1, 1996. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Motion carried.

Solicitor Lovette prepared Ordinance #401 and advertised for passage, authorizing Southmont to join the PIRMA Group for Insurance. A motion by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Leventry to approved Ordinance #401 joining the PIRMA Pool Insurance Group. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Davis, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.



SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported on the Arbor Day celebration to be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 20, 1996 on Palliser Street and trees will be planted on Edward Street at a later date. Palliser Street residents have received an America the Beautiful grant and the residents of Edward Street will re-apply for an additional grant. Mayor Morgan will read a proclamation and residents will participate along with Borough employees. The Street Commissioner will have the tree holes dug prior to the planting. A tree planting will be done in memory of Mrs. Alkire and notification will be send to all the contributors. Donation to the Alkire Memorial Fund amounted to \$665.00 to date. More planting will be done at the recycling trailer since the weather is better. On a question of a house at the corner of Leila Street where trees were removed last year, the trees will be replaced. Mr. Krupa will check with the owner in the event of the sale of the property.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

No other report

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Mayor Morgan reported that they had received a copy of the franchise agreement. The Committee is to meet April 25, 1996. Time Warner has become involved in a merger with Franch Corporation and the merger will not affect the outcome of the franchise agreement. The Coalition Committee will review with municipal officials and solicitors, before any formal action is taken.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Davis reported that Southmont hosted the April C.O. G meeting. Information was made available about a 902 Recycling grant due April 18, 1996. Leaf loaders, wood chippers and other recycling items are eligible for reimbursement. The Fire Company attended the Hazardous Waste meeting. Surplus vehicles were discussed at the meeting and the possibility of looking at the equipment.

CHAPIN ARCH

Mr. Kory received word that a meeting was being scheduled to discuss outside ownership of the Arch for preservation purposes only. Mr. Kory will follow through.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR

No other report



### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records letters have been sent to Upper Yoder Twp. with reference to sewer problems and shared cost of paving Leon Street. A preapplication for a mitigation grant is eligible for application of a grant to do work that would prevent future run off water damages from happening again. Leon Street is the Project, and a meeting is scheduled for April 18, 1996 in Greensburg. A motion by Mr. Danyluk, seconded by Mr. Davis approving Mrs. Czyrnik to attend. Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers approved the reservation for Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Bosley attending the LAMP workshop in Monroeville. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to submit a grant application for a leaf loader and wood chipper. Motion seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor.

Victims service has requested that Southmont Borough and Fire Company be involved in the "Night Out" program August 6, 1996. Mr. Rodgers asked if we could get some suggestions from Victims Service for the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the request of the Secretary to purchase the old 1982 computer. The machine had no value in trade when the new computers were purchased.

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept a payment of \$1.00 for the computer, motion seconded by Mr. Leventry. The computer had no value. Motion carried.

### ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 7 new permits for the month, in the amount of \$93,810. One of the two BOCA Code Property Improvement projects has been completed (Hearn property) and the other (Klanchar) has obtained a building permit to complete his project. On another subject prompted by the WHRP, Mr. Pullen stated that BOCA Code permits one unlicensed, uninspected car on residential property. We do not have a specific ordinance on junked autos either on residential or commercial property. Mr. Danyluk will get sample ordinances from Westmont and Brownstown and submit to Council for review. Discussion was held on other junk materials stored on private property in the Borough. Any new Ordinance should specifically deal with vehicles and other materials stored on private properties.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report with a balance of \$187,535.65 in the General Fund for March 1996. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor. Opposed none

### TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$6,702.96 has been returned to the County for uncollected Real Estate tax and \$1,441.00 has been returned to County for uncollected Per Capita tax. There was no report for March 1996. A motion by Mr. Rodgers approving the Tax Collector's report, was seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,401.14. Seconded by Mr. Davis. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Davis, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Roof has been completed. The additional work was also completed, over the back door/porch area.

NEW BUSINESS

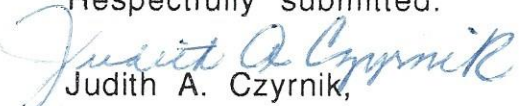
The annual PSAB convention will be attended by Mr. Davis for a one day session, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Bosley and Mrs. Czyrnik.

President Pile mentioned the workshop on Issues in Police Civil Service and Employment Laws. Mr. Rodgers suggested someone from the Police Committee attend this workshop, and he made a motion approving the Committee or members registration for the session. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Motion carried.

Mr. Davis mentioned attending the Management of Vehicles and Equipment training session. Mr. Danyluk made a motion approving Mr. Davis and Mr. Bosley attending this training session. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Council adjourned 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

  
Judith A. Czyrnik,  
Borough Secretary

