

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2021

The scheduled October 27, 2021 special council meeting was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members Herb Ewald, Robert Morgan, Kevin Pile, Bill Trevorrow, Eric Muncert; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton

Absent: Mayor Mark Yonko; Council Member Richard Rodgers

Visitor: Robert Walker (312 State Street), Russ O'Reilly (Tribune Democrat)

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve Ordinance No. 535, establishing procedures and requirements pertaining to the implementation of Act 50 of 2021 and regulating small wireless facilities to be placed within the public right-of-way. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Rodgers absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution No. 2021-10, declaring the borough's intent to adopt a wireless facilities design manual for the regulation of small wireless facilities. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Rodgers absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mrs. Layton reviewed the Stormwater (MS4) Public Outreach and Education Program noting the list of target audience and businesses needs to be updated and she is waiting on a list of businesses from Berkheimer Tax Associates.

Solicitor Carbonara stated he researched the elimination of council and mayor stipends noting that council can change the compensation for new council members, but not current council members. Solicitor Carbonara informed council that Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Pile would continue to receive a stipend until their term expires and could opt to donate that back to the borough.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to rescind the motion from the October 18, 2021 monthly council meeting to eliminate council and mayor stipends beginning January 1, 2021. Motion seconded by Mr. Trevorrow. Mr. Rodgers absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to advertise an ordinance to set compensation at \$0 for 2022 newly elected council members and mayor. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Rodgers absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A discussion was held on the draft 2022 tentative budget. Mr. Pile stated he felt the taxes should be increased by 1 mill in 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to raise the general fund tax millage by 1 mill in 2022. The motion died with a lack of a second.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pile for adjournment of the October 27, 2021 special meeting at 4:53 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Rodgers absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton
Executive Secretary