

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for April 18, 2016

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled April 18, 2016 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Herb Ewald, Gregory Paolini, Kevin Pile, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council Member William Kory

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the March 21, 2016 Council Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officer Dowdell completed eight hours of training sponsored by the Cambria county coroner's Office regarding various law enforcement-related subjects and attended the two-day PA Tactical Officers Associated Conference and received certification in Tactical Command Operations.

Chief Lose reported Officer West completed a course sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh on Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse.

Fire Company's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to allow the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company to put up signs and use borough trucks for the Southmont Jubilee from May 30th through June 4th and to pay for one-half of the police protection provided by West Hills Regional Police. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent.

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted Upper Yoder with a vehicle accident on Violet Street near the borough line and with a vehicle accident on Fender lane noting one vehicle hit two utility posts then rolled over.

Chief Weslager reported all hoses and ladders passed and are certified for another year.

The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. banks reported the borough office is making good progress with the temporary and public sewer easements.

Mr. Banks reported the Phase 2 permits for the sewer project have been submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising bids for the sewer project on May 15, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

President Danyluk called for an Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. regarding the sewer project. Executive Session ended at 4:15 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to allow Stiffler McGraw & Associates to negotiate regarding replacement of arborvitae after the sewer project. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. Roll call: : Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 122 Palliser Street (fence).

Mr. Wargo reported approved sewer compliance certificates for 6 Logan Street (no sumps), R47 Gardner Street (no sumps), 804 Goucher Street (no sumps), and 188 State Street (no sumps).

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported spring clean-up days are May 18th and May 19th.

Mr. Wargo reported the top soil at the soccer field was cleared in preparation for construction of the fire company storage shed.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported Lamar Advertising requested an appeal to the Appellant Court which was denied noting the judge reverted the case back to the Southmont Zoning Hearing Board.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution No. 2016-02, disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve submission of the 2016 County Aid Application. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

President Danyluk called for an Executive Session at 4:22 p.m. regarding personnel. Executive Session ended at 4:26 p.m. and council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve a merit incentive payment of \$1,000.00 to Borough Manager, Richard Wargo and \$700.00 to Borough Secretary Amanda Layton. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Kory absent. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (6-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported a few hazardous trees and limbs were removed on Diamond Blvd. and Olive Street.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is looking into a new collection policy and a new conflict of interest policy.

I. Open Records: Mrs. Layton reported an open records request was received from Nicole Mijares of Boca Raton, FL regarding 2015 employee names, hire dates and annual gross wages.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from March 22, 2016 through April 18, 2016 in the amount of \$14,205.48. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from March 23 2016 through April 19, 2016 in the amount of \$48,907.84. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Paolini, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the March 2016 treasurer's report in the amount of \$629,822.25. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to note the receipt of the March 2016 tax collector's report in the amount of \$56,929.79. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the April 18, 2016 meeting at 4:34 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer