

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for November 19, 2018

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled November 19, 2018 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Visitors: Judith Kelly (Centennial Committee)

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Kelly addressed council regarding the plans for a borough centennial celebration stating she didn't feel the residents have been properly notified of the plans for a celebration and there has been no direction from council on what to do or any plans for fundraising and time is running out. Mr. Rodgers informed Mrs. Kelly that council decided to hand the planning stage over to a committee of residents and if there is no interest from the community in holding a centennial celebration then the committee should either plan a smaller, more affordable celebration or scrap the idea.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the minutes of October 15, 2018. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief's Report

Police Sgt. Fisher reported Officers handed out treats to children trick-or-treating in the four municipalities and no problems were encountered and Officers Porada and Woodruff presented an "After Alice Training Program" to the teachers at Ferndale Elementary as part of the teachers' In-service Training.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager absent. The Fire Chief's report stated crews responded to a tree and wires down that were on fire and assisted with Halloween activities at the Johnstown Halloween Parade and the borough's trick-or-treat night.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported Kukurin Contracting will be back this week to finish up some punch list items and Snyder Environmental is anticipating completion by next week and has requested approval of substantial completion.

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A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Snyder Environmental Services Pay Estimate No. 14 in the amount of \$137,792.26. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition No. 14 in the amount of \$168,000.96. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Change Order No. 4, granting a 30 day extension. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Pile reported on an issue at 106 Peden Lane noting Snyder Environmental Services originally broke the water line to the home and repaired it. Within a few months another break occurred a few feet up the line and Snyder repaired that break as well, but the home owner received an invoice for \$3,690.77 from Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Mr. Pile stated Snyder Environmental Services will not pay the invoice and GJWA does not want to issue a one-time forgiveness because it sets a precedent for future contractor errors. Council agreed to get the actual cost of the water from GJWA and resubmit the request to Snyder for payment and Mr. Banks will submit a letter along with a timeline of events to GJWA for review.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported no zoning permits issued and three sewer compliance certificates approved for 417 State Street, 506 Edward Street, and 146 State Street.

Mr. Wargo reported Lamar Advertising has begun construction of the billboard on Pine Grove Lane.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the leaf machine is out for repairs and isn't expected to be done for over a month noting Conemaugh Township agreed to help the borough by bringing their leaf machine in for a day along with an operator at no cost as soon as they get caught up. Mr. Wargo stated the borough crews are currently using the skid loader and dump truck to alleviate some of the abundance of leaves.

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2018-02, establishing a bank account for the purpose of holding funds for the planning and observation of the centennial and other anniversaries of the borough. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Solicitor Carbonara stated a 3rd addendum was received from the West Hills Regional Police Commission. Council decided to wait until after the holidays to review it.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2019 Tentative General Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2019 Tentative Garbage Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2019 Tentative Sewer Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising the 2019 Tentative General Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising the 2019 Tentative Sewer Fund Budget. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising Ordinance No. 515, setting the tax rate for 2019 at 13.0 mills. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

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: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mrs. Speicher stated we are still waiting on the railing for the ramp in front of the borough building.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to reappoint John Follansbee and Anthony Pinizzotto as at-large members of the Greater

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Johnstown Water Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Pile reported it will cost approximately \$14 million to fix North Fork Dam noting half will come from RUS and the other half from a bond issue.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

J. Borough Services: Nothing to report.

K. Fire Company: Nothing to report.

L. Audit: Nothing to report.

M. Insurance: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from October 15, 2018 through November 21, 2018 in the amount of \$21,821.57. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve payment of bills from October 17, 2018 through November 20, 2018 in the amount of \$155,912.81. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rodgers in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the October 2018 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,708,790.69. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the October 2018 tax collector's report in the amount of \$0.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the November 19, 2018 meeting at 4:59 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer