

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
September 23, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled September Council meeting was called to order by President Pro-Temp Strittmatter at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the September 23, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pro-Temp.-Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czynnik, Street Commissioner, Jan Bosley, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Police Chief Andy Havas

ABSENT: Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-prior commitment, Fire Chief Chet Borosky-absent.

VISITORS: Terri Hippler 211 Dell Street, Eugene Eppley 106 Dell Street
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Hrescak 108 Dell Street

President Pro-Temp. Strittmatter asked for approval of the August 19, 2002 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent.

At this time President Pro-Temp. Strittmatter called upon visitors Mr. Eppley, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hrescak. Mr. Dave Duray spoke for the visitors who are asking for approval to subdivide Mr. Eppley's parcel lot number 316 and convey one half to Mr. & Mrs. Hrescak of 108 Dell Street. Property is between Artichoke Alley (Apple Al.) and Wonder Street, behind the Eppley and Hrescak property. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the subdivision as presented. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent.

Mrs. Hippler was in attendance to see what recommendations Council makes for from last months meeting in reference to the speeding and amount of traffic on Edward Street. Mayor Sloat and Chief Havas have traveled the street at various times of the day and/or evening. Mayor Sloat stated that he had not noticed other traffic on the street when he was doing his review. Chief Havas also stated that there was not an abundance of traffic to survey. After discussion, it was suggested that the word "SLOW" could be painted on both sides of the dip on Edward Street. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk and seconded by Mr. Graham to paint "SLOW" on the street. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas reviewed the August report. Revenues are \$2,093.84. Chief Havas had Officers patrol the Edward Street intersections. Chief Havas stated that the Police Commission wishes to hold all meetings in Westmont because of the recorder, outlets and paperwork that needs to be carried from municipality to municipality. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk for Council to discuss this at the Oct. Committee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent. This would not be changed until next year. Nothing further to report.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported that 5 permits were issued since the last report with total construction cost of \$9,350.00. Year to date total is \$601,708.00. Mr. Orms sent BOCA letters to both Grimaldi's and Butler's garages in reference to unlicensed and uninspected vehicles on their property. Mr. Danyluk brought up an issue of political signs on right of way or Borough property. Mr. Orms will check on the size of the political sign, however, Solicitor Lovette stated that we have no ordinance stating that political signs are not allowed. These are temporary signs and the size is the issue. Mr. Bosley will check if the sign is on Borough property or private property and report to Mr. Orms. Mr. Strittmatter mentioned that a shed was built on Edward St. and a shed and deck on Bluff Street. Mr. Orms will check. Mr. Strittmatter feels a neighbor has infringed on his property with a retaining wall recently built. The permit shows that the retaining wall was set back from the property line. The residents would have to establish the property lines.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky reviewed the written report recording 13 responses for the month. No calls received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Work details were scheduled for erecting and tearing down tents. Engine 26-1 was returned from Glick Fire Equipment and put into service. Two alarms received one from burning brush at Gardner St. and Diamond Blvd., resident thought it was a house fire and another at 304 State Street which was a maintenance man burning in the incinerator and resident thought the roof was on fire. The Hilltop Ambulance minutes are on file for the month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates has reviewed with Council the flow meters. Mr. Duray has moved the flow meters and is still not satisfied with the performance of the meters. He instructed Mr. Bosley to pack up the meters and send the meter back for repair or replacement. The Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping is about 90% completed on the roadway information and about 50%-60% for the sanitary sewers. He would like Council to come in to view the work. A meeting was set up for Thursday September 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., at the Paul C. Rizzo office. Mr. Duray submitted descriptions for Ray Alley to Solicitor Lovette from deed preparation as the Borough has turned the steps over to abutting property owners. Mr. Duray reviewed the traffic light signal site plan for Goucher St. and Harshberger Rd. It appears to be in order and Mr. Duray stated that Upper Yoder has signed the plan. Council will need to sign the plan and return it to PennDot. There is other data that requires signatures, (1) a Resolution, (2) an application for a traffic signal permit and (3) a maintenance agreement. A resolution and application (all in one) was done June 19, 2000 by Southmont. Upper Yoder signed their resolution on April 27, 2000. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to sign the plan as submitted and reviewed by Engineer Mr. Duray and to table the signing of a maintenance agreement until next months meeting. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent. Mr. Bosley will review his drawings to see if sidewalks are included in the plan.

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Solicitor Lovette reported that Upper Yoder has discovered a major influx of storm water and is probably flowing into the Wonder Street storm sewer line. The NPDES

application for discharging of storm water is due December 8, 2002.

COMMITTEES

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley reviewed his written report. Cleaned borough building , recycled weekly , monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and cut grass weather permitting. Picked up grass and debris after storms and/or heavy rains. Continued to dye test downspouts and driveway drains according to the DEP Corrective Action Plan. Continued to work on handicapped ramps. (All completed as of September 18) Completed the Dahlia Street storm and sanitary sewer repairs and backfilled. Installed additional STOP signs on corner of Diamond and Olive. Opened up area along Menoher Blvd. for the new fire siren to set the pole, guy wire and equipment. Televised Thorn Alley to verify sewer and number of taps for residents wishing to dump in the alley to level their yards. Also received written approval from Alex Keklak to tie into the storm line he recently installed. Repaired fountains at Diamond Playground again. Painted STOP at Daisy and Edward and painted a STOP bar at Edward Street. Several other streets of the Borough have been painted. Began purchasing materials for the new siren platforms. Leaves loaded to Lichtenfels truck from compost site on Menoher Blvd. Mr. Bosley asked Council for permission to have Mr. Weir, Mr. Kimmell and Mr. Faust given the hepatitis B vaccine. Council agreed that this vaccine should be given to these employees. Mr. Bosley submitted the TO DO List and Employees Benefits updates.

The Cambria County Community College is offering a 6 week course on the GIS program. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk that Mr. Bosley, Mrs. Czyrnik and any other member of Council attend if they choose. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent. Mr. Bosley reviewed alley lights with Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Danyluk had a complaint on a tree that is blocking the light in the Shady Lane area. Mr. Krupa will look at the area. Solicitor Lovette stated that it is a safety issue and should be taken care of. Solicitor Lovette also suggested that Mr. Krupa receive a bid for trimming other trees that are safety issues.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk will schedule a Fall Street Inspection before budget.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter reported that a meeting for negotiation with Mr. Tim Miller AFSCME representative and the employees will be scheduled sometime in October after he has time to complete the recommended changes made by the Committee at the last meeting.

POLICE COMMISSION

There was a meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at 7:00

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham had nothing new to report. Reports submitted. Solicitor Lovette reviewed the notice received from Waste Management in reference to approximately \$4.00 per ton increase of solid waste disposed at the landfill. Solicitor advised the fee increase is legal and the Borough should consider increasing the garbage fee next year to cover the costs. The costs cannot be recouped the 2002 increase because the fees have already been billed.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

In Mr. Rodgers absence Mrs. Czyrnik reminded Council that all budget requests should be in by October 21, 2002 and that a meeting will be held October 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to prepare the 2003 budget, for tentative approval at the November meeting and final adoption at the December 9th meeting.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reviewed with Council that the Shade Tree inventory has been completed and there are approximately 1400 street shade trees in Southmont Borough and at least 600 more in the Parks. Mr. Krupa will advertise a Shade Tree Committee meeting on October 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Council meeting. A couple of the new trees need to be replaced and others will be planted, pending weather conditions for planting. Borough crews have been watering the new trees regularly.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Solicitor Lovette reported that the Recreation Commission has applied and was successful in obtaining a grant to replace the sewage treatment plant at the Ridge. In order to obtain the funding, the Recreation Commission is required to pay for the construction of the new unit and then seek reimbursement from the State. The Recreation Commission is asking each entity for one fourth of the project cost and will be reimbursed with the grant proceeds. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve the \$5,915.00 (one quarter) request. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent. No other report.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

No report.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham reported on the minutes from the last meeting. The grant has been received, and they are preparing a trailer to transport the camera. COG is preparing a grant for the crack sealer. Mr. Graham will check on a request for a contract for the Anti skid South

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat reported several letters were sent to residents about high grass, weeds and overhanging limbs during the month. Also, Mr. Kevin Ziance spoke with Mayor Sloat in reference to the intersection of Floyd St, Keppler Dr., Elk nud Ln. and State Street. Resident feels this is a blind intersection and needs better traffic control. He is suggesting a stop sign on Keppler. Keppler drive is not in Southmont Borough. Mayor Sloat explained that this would have to be directed to Upper Yoder.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette advertised proposed Ordinance No. 435 in reference to eliminating Outdoor Burning. A motion by Mr. Graham to approve the Ordinance No 435, eliminating Outdoor Fires within the Borough of Southmont. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent. Mr. Graham stated that he is planning to attend Upper Yoder Twp. Supervisors meeting asking them to also restrict burning in their Township.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that during the month Southmont had a Worker's Compensation Audit for the year 2001-2002. A Single Phase grant application was submitted to Representative Wojnaroski's office. The Municipal Minimum Obligation (MMO) for the year 2003 for the Borough of Southmont Pension Plan was submitted to Council. This years obligation is -0- as the actuarial value of the assets exceed the expected cost. A motion was made by Mr. Graham and seconded by Mr. Krupa to accept the MMO report. Sent reservation for Mr. & Mrs. Pile to attend the PSAB/Fall Conference in Pittsburgh. The alley between State and Wonder Street (Artichoke Alley) above Dell Street is an unaccepted alley therefore the Borough will not do any grading as per the request of Mr. Folta of Wonder Street. He wants access off Dell Street. Several years ago the Borough cut the curb on the Leon Street side of the alley for Mr. Folta to access.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Graham to accept the August Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$406,450.44. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Graham to note that we received the Tax Collector's report for August in the amount of \$-0-. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$41,384.96. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent

OLD BUSINESS

President Pro-Temp Strittmatter asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

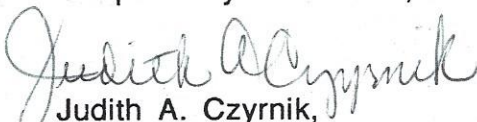
NEW BUSINESS

PSAB Fall Conference is Oct. 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh. Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve Mrs. Czyrnik to attend a workshop at the Comfort Inn/Richland on October 3, 2002 at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent. The workshop is on Electronic filing. The Cambria County Borough's Association is holding their Annual Fall Banquet on October 22, 2002. A motion was made by Mr. Graham that members of Council and the Secretary be approved to attend. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-out of town, Mr. Rodgers-out of town, Mr. Kory-absent

Mr. Danyluk commended Mr. Bosley and crew for the good job on completing the curb cuts in the Borough. Mr. Krupa will attend the Tax Appeal hearing on September 23, 2002 for Gary Gelormino on two properties in the Borough.

There being no further items to discuss Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

