

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**

**Minutes for August 15, 2016**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 15, 2016 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Council Members William Kory

**Visitors:** John Butler, Southmont Volunteer Fire Company

**Visitor Recognition:** On behalf of council, Mr. Morgan presented a plaque to Mr. John Butler of the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company commending him for his unselfish heroism, courage and efforts to respond to a hazardous situation as a volunteer firefighter for Southmont Borough on November 25, 2015 by protecting individuals from catastrophic danger of their lives.

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of July 18, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the special meeting minutes of August 8, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose reported a charitable 5k run was held in Westmont Borough on August 6, 2016 noting Officers monitored traffic and assisted runners as needed.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted West Hills Fire Dept. with a house fire in Brownstown noting the home was a total loss.

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted West Hills Regional Police with a hit and run accident on Southmont Blvd. noting crews cleaned up debris and put down oil dry.

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Chief Weslager reported Assistant Chief John Butler will be receiving the individual valor award on August 19, 2016 for his efforts in the fire on November 25, 2015 at 107 Peden Lane.

The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks reported the Phase II permits for the upcoming sanitary sewer replacement project have been submitted and approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution No. 2016-04, authorizing the borough to submit a Financial Assistance Application in the amount of \$8,317,500.00, to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Authority (PENNVEST), for the purpose of financing the construction, rehabilitation of the borough sewer system and authorizing the appropriate officers of the Governing Body and the Borough Secretary to execute all certifications and documentations required in connection with the application. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported zoning permits issued to 21 Shady Lane (fence), 486 Southmont Blvd. (porch), and 113 Orchard Street (deck).

Mr. Wargo reported sewage certificates of compliances approved for 361 Bliss Street and 216 Dell Street.

Mr. Wargo reported he spoke with John Grimaldi regarding the property maintenance issues at 424 Southmont Blvd. noting Mr. Grimaldi agreed to fix the issues.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported the sanitary sewer project is scheduled to begin on August 29, 2016 noting it will begin on State Street. Mr. Wargo also reported Kukurin Contracting will be using an area near the storage sheds and playground on Diamond Blvd for a staging area during the project noting they have agreed to restore the property when they are completed.

Mr. Wargo reported brush clean-up is scheduled for September 19 through September 21, 2016.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara reported a court order was received scheduling a status conference with Lamar Advertising on September 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Solicitor Carbonara reported PENNVEST determined it would like a written agreement between Southmont Borough and Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA) stating

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JRA agrees to continue treating waste water from Southmont Borough. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to authorize Ed Danyluk to execute the agreement contingent upon approval by Solicitor Carbonara. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

### Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

### Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

## 1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Streets:** Mr. Wargo reported the new street sweeper is out and working well.

**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 noted several hazardous trees and limbs have been removed.

**G. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is updating their website.

**I. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

### Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve ratification of payroll from July 21, 2016 through August 17, 2016 in the amount of \$17,335.43. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Mr. Kory absent. Role 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 July 20, 2016 through August 16, 2016 in the amount of \$78,228.31. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. Role 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).

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A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the July 2016 treasurer's report in the amount of \$948,213.07. 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 July 2016 tax collector's report in the amount of \$3,246.67. 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 August 15, 2016 meeting at 4:15 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Layton*  
Secretary/Treasurer