

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
June 18, 2007 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the June 18, 2007 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Solicitor: Dan Lovette, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Engineer: Dave Duray, Fire Chief: Michael Butler, Deputy Chief: Mike Leckey, Zoning Officer: Ryan Adams, and Borough Manager: Loretta Spak.

ABSENT: Mr. Strittmatter, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Mr. Kory out of town, and Mayor: Gerry Sloat out of town.

VISITORS: Mr. Rocco Truscello, 298 Langhorne Ave., community steps and Mr. & Mrs. Sobecky, #1 Harding Street, community steps.

President Pile asked for approval of May 21, 2007 Council Minutes and Committee Meeting Notes of June 12, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

President Pile asked Mr. Truscello if he has any more comments concerning the steps which were discussed at the June 12th committee meeting. Mr. Truscello reiterated they (Mr. Sobecky and himself) would take care of grass cutting, snow shoveling, and painting of railing; if Southmont Borough would repair and maintain the steps. Discussion followed, Solicitor Lovette informed council of a covenant agreement that would attach to deed (land) in case home is sold, making new owner and/or beneficiary responsible to uphold agreement. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to enter into a covenant agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Truscello and Mr. & Mrs. Sobecky that is mutually agreed upon by all three parties and to get two (2) or more quotes for repair of steps; Borough to accept lowest responsible quote. Seconded by Mr. Ewald, four yeas and one nay, motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Solicitor Lovette will draw up agreement and will forward to Truscello's and Sobecky's to review and sign prior to Borough repairing steps. Mr. Danyluk would like to meet with contractor to discuss how steps are to be repaired.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for May shows revenue in the amount of \$313.70 (ordinance violations \$147.95 and vehicle violations \$165.75). Police Chief Andy Havas stated Westmont Hilltop School did an excellent job on clearing wooded area near restroom at soccer field; this should cut down on vandalism. West Hills Police are participating with Westmont Middle School on a bike safety program. If student is wearing a helmet they are given a "good ticket" which can be turned in for drawing for new bicycles. No incidents during jubilee.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Adams' report shows activity as of 6/15/07 of thirteen (13) permits at a total construction cost of \$74,102.29. Mr. Adams updated council that Grimaldi's and Butler's are cleaning up their lots, and Mr. Carbonara (1046 Menoher Blvd.) has started removing fence. Ms. Spak will review minutes to see if time line was mentioned by or given to Mr. Carbonara and will send letter to 296 Langhorne Avenue requesting clean up of debris (old plaster) in back yard. Discussion followed concerning vacating Potato alley. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the lowest bid which was made by RJ's Lawn Care Services for 2007 grass cutting as directed by Borough Manager when needed. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Ms. Spak will investigate if it is in Borough's best interest to subcontract out 2008 grass cutting. Mr. Krupa made a motion to accept with regret Mr. Adams' letter of resignation from zoning officer position. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Mr. Adams agreed to help break in new zoning officer. Ms. Spak will contact interested individuals to fill out application for position.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Chief Butler's written report records eleven (11) responses during the month of May. There were six calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had five (5) assists in May; three (3) to Upper Yoder, one (1) to Dale, and one (1) to West Hills. Fire Chief Butler believes this year's Jubilee will be one of the best, rough estimate is showing an approximate profit of fourteen thousand dollar (\$14,000). The jubilee is possible because of the volunteers who work it; a work schedule for next year will be implemented instead of a wait and see who shows up. Fire Chief Michael Butler "thanked" councilmen who did come and help in booths during jubilee. Mr. Bosley will trim around fire hydrant at Susan Drive. Discussion followed, fire company will address a letter to council concerning relocating water meter that is used during jubilee and raising of some fire hydrants in the Borough. The May Hilltop Ambulance Association report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The written Engineer's report for June was received and reviewed. Mr. Duray will get estimate to perform EAP request referencing stream improvement project (re-labeling Cheney Run). Mr. Duray passed out the DEP Corrective Action Plan (CAP) progress report. Discussion followed in regards to response Number 6, the meeting council requested with Johnstown Redevelopment Authority never happened; Mr. Duray will change his response number 6 and will forward copy to council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report was received and reviewed. Mr. Danyluk will investigate streets to see if street sweeper is needed because of the June 8th heavy rain storm.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk made a motion not to accept (take over) private owned street light at 115 Arlington Street plenty of light is available. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Mr. Danyluk will schedule a sidewalk inspection with street committee (Mr. Krupa, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Ewald, and Mr. Bosley), will have recommendations for next month meeting.

SAFETY, ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa mentioned personnel meetings on Tuesdays are working well and progress is being made, will be scheduled for every two weeks after the June 19th meeting, reminded council to put any concerns they want addressed in writing or to contact himself, Mr. Pile, or Ms. Spak. Time clock policy draft will be reviewed at committee meeting of July 10th. President Pile requested an executive session at end of meeting.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat out of town, nothing new to report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory out of town, nothing new to report. Need for recycling of plastic will be revisited at year end.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers mentioned insurance renewals are due in October; we will go out for bids in August. Nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter absent, nothing new to report. Ms. Spak stated budget figures are in line.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa reported that tree requests from residents for removing, trimming, and planting are being followed up. Mr. Danyluk wanted to commend road crew for their handling of tree branches that came down during heavy rain storm of June 8th and "thank you" to Mr. Livingston for changing his vacation to help handle.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory out of town, Mr. Ewald attended meeting. Mr. Ewald mentioned the recreation center has hired some seasonal part time helpers. Mr. Bosley will contact Mr. Denny Hammers to schedule labor to put backboard up. Mr. Ewald would like to have swing-set lifted and placed parallel to Diamond Boulevard, different ways to repair are still being discussed by recreation committee.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory out of town, nothing new to report.

COG REPORT

Mr. Ewald updated council the franchise cable committee has six thousand dollars (\$6,000) balance from previous years.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory out of town, nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The May minutes were received. Mr. Pile updated council i.e. Mr. Cernic sent letter to Somerset County Commissioners concerning possibility of going out for water bids (editorial in the Tribune-Democrat on Saturday, June 16, 2007), Conemaugh Township is tied into GJWA hoping to go towards Hooversville next, bond issues being discussed, and any councilmen who are interested in tour contact Mr. Pile.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat out of town, nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette updated council i.e. Professional Family Care & Services tax exemption appeal looks like it will be withdrawn, will see assessor concerning #16 Harding Street municipal lien, and will draft letter to Mr. Kriak concerning accumulation of tree branches on property. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to pass Resolution 2007-2 for outside entertainment at Johnstown Brewing Company two year extension. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted and reviewed. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Mr. Bosley and Ms. Spak to attend the "How to Deal with Unacceptable Employee Behavior" workshop on August 15, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent. Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve May's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$311,155.51. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted we received the May Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$3,622.60. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Ewald made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$41,314.22. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk; roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List" and we will remove fire company raising money. Ms. Spak will contact Kris Cramer and schedule to meet and discuss accounting software packages.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile mentioned first place award given to Garden Club of Johnstown for work on Barnette Street and letter from Mrs. Kelly thanking street department and council for support with project. Cell phone towers were discussed. Mr. Ewald made a motion to advertise all Tuesday committee meetings will start at 4:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Rodgers made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Mr. Krupa, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent. At 9:15 p.m. Council reconvened.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the June 18, 2007 meeting at 9:20 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk, all in favor motion carried; Mr. Kory out of town and Mr. Strittmatter absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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