

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

**Minutes for October 17, 2011**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 17, 2011 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Asst. Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Ed Danyluk, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Tom Strittmatter and Robert Morgan, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas

**Absent:** Mayor Gregory Paolini, Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Engineer Scott Rugh (excused)

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the ratification of payroll from September 22, 2011 through October 19, 2011 in the amount of \$14,783.93. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills from September 21, 2011 through October 18, 2011 in the amount of \$42,377.64. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the September 2011 treasurer's report in the amount of \$559,169.63. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to note the receipt of the September 2011 tax collector's report in the amount of \$2,225.80. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas reported Officers assisted with traffic control during the YMCA Johnstown Marathon that was held on October 2, 2011. Chief Havas stated there have been a few burglary incidents and a suspect has been apprehended. The Police fines for September 2011 were \$167.82 for vehicle fines and \$100.00 for Ordinance violations.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Leckey absent. The September 2011 Fire Chief's Report was received.

**Engineer's Report**

Nothing to report.

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

Mr. Wargo reported three zoning permits issued to 85 Thoburn Street – porch/windows, 509 Diamond Blvd. – shed, 114 Violet Street – shed. Mr. Wargo reported one approved sewer compliance at 137 Wonder Street. Mr. Wargo reported the hearing regarding the retaining wall between 14 Shady Lane and 15 Shady Lane has been continued to a later date.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Paolini absent.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo stated he attended a tax assessment appeal for 942 Pine Grove Lane and he and Mr. Pile attended a tax assessment appeal for 111/113 Wonder Street. Mr. Wargo reported the catch basin dye testing is complete and no significant infiltrations were found. Mr. Wargo stated fall brush clean-up is complete and leaf pick-up has begun. Mr. Wargo stated he attended the meeting with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the Menoher Slope Stabilization Project noting construction will potentially begin in spring 2013. Mr. Wargo also stated Barnett Street will remain open during construction. Mr. Wargo reported he met with State Pipe Services to review the repairs to be made to 95 feet of sanitary sewer line on Edward Street noting construction is scheduled to begin the week of October 24, 2011.

### **Solicitor's Report**

An Executive Session was called at 7:33 p.m. regarding legal matters. Executive Session ended at 7:45 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to authorize Solicitor Carbonara to negotiate a payment resolution with Wessel & Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2011-03 naming Berkheimer Tax Administrator as Southmont Borough's Earned Income Tax Collector. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2011-04 allowing Berkheimer Tax Administrator to impose and retain costs of collection on delinquent taxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to authorize Solicitor Carbonara to draft an agreement for Berkheimer Tax Administrator to collect Southmont Borough's Act 511 taxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Secretary's Report**

Ms. Claycomb reported State and Foreign Fire allocations were received as follows: Southmont Volunteer Fire Department, \$20,794.81; West Hills Regional Police, \$8,759.21; Non Uniformed Pension Plan, \$7,021.52. Ms. Claycomb stated the 2012 estimated Liquid Fuels amount is \$56,994.95 which is based on mileage at 11.01 miles and population of 2,262 noting the allocation will be received April 1, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve continuing to contribute \$3,217.98 to the Cambria County Transit Authority to provide local service within the Borough. Motion seconded by Mr.

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Pile. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Claycomb stated the Unemployment Compensation will be increased to .0695% for 2012.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve transfer of \$23,644.25 from Account \*\*\*\*\*9638 to Account \*\*\*\*\*9640. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Nothing to report.

**B. Administration:** Nothing to report.

**C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**D. Police Committee:** Mayor Paolini absent.

**E. Fire Company Committee:** Mr. Strittmatter stated he was not able to attend the previous meeting. Mr. Wargo stated an inventory has not yet been received.

**F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Wargo reported a workshop will be held October 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the 2012 budget. Mr. Pile reported real estate transfer tax and interest earned are down.

**G. Shade Tree Committee:** Mr. Morgan reported he and Mr. Wargo met with Gary Lichtenfels to review replanting areas.

**H. Recreation Committee:** Mr. Kory reported the meeting times have been changed to Wednesdays at 12:00 noon. Mr. Wargo stated Kathy Masiello, Westmont Hilltop Athletic Director, requested the Borough fill holes at the soccer field noting it will be filled with mulch by spring 2012.

**I. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Nothing to report.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported 35,000 feet of pipe has been laid for the inter-connection project with Ligonier.

**K. Open Records:** No open records requests received.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the October 17, 2011 meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Claycomb*  
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer