

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for June 20, 2011

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled June 20, 2011 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czarnik, Asst. Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. Robert Morgan Mayor Gregory Paolini, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas

Absent: Council Member Mr. William Kory (out of town), Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Engineer Scott Rughe (excused)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Mr. Rodgers noted a few changes to the wording of the May 16, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2011 with changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from May 19, 2011 through June 20, 2011 in the amount of \$15,310.56. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the bills from May 18, 2011 through June 21, 2011 in the amount of \$50,951.54. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the May 2011 treasurer's report in the amount of \$597,208.77. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to note the receipt of the May 2011 tax collector's report in the amount of \$2,913.90. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported the Officers have completed the annual Firearms Qualifications. Chief Havas stated the Officers had no major problems during the Southmont Jubilee. Police fines were \$176.72 for vehicle fines and \$161.17 for Ordinance fines.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Company report was not received. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

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Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported The EADS Group participated in a brief meeting held on June 16 with Mr. William Kcenich, a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waterways Engineering, to investigate potential sources of funding for resolving flooding of the Shady Lane tributary to Cheney Run. Mr. Wargo reported EADS met with a representative of Columbia Gas on April 14 and provided televising results showing defects to the sanitary sewers noting Borough personnel are coordinating with Columbia Gas and the Greater Johnstown Water Authority to repair those defects that are in conflict with the gas mains and water lines.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 402 State Street and one approved sewer compliance for 100 Susan Drive. Mr. Wargo reported on an issue at 15 Shady Lane regarding a deteriorating retaining wall noting a certified letter has been sent to the property owner notifying him the wall must be repaired. Mr. Wargo stated 26 property maintenance letters have been sent out to various residents.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the Street Department has begun the summer work schedule of 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. until September 5. Mr. Wargo stated the Laurel Highlands Correctional Institution will be painting stop bars throughout Southmont the week of June 20. Mr. Wargo reported a final draft of the new Borough maps was received and is being reviewed.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Carbonara briefly discussed a few issues regarding auditing services provided by Wessel & Company and payment for the services noting a meeting will be scheduled to meet with Wessel & Company to discuss the issues. Attorney Carbonara reported he received a call from Attorney Robert Shahade regarding the sanitary sewer agreement with Upper Yoder noting Attorney Shahade requested to extend the terms of the agreement. Attorney Carbonara stated Johnstown Redevelopment Authority held a meeting to discuss Ordinances and pressure testing.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Czyrnik reported 2011 Fall Brush Clean-Up has been scheduled for September 26, 27, and 28. Mrs. Czyrnik reported the first payment from the State Police Fines and Penalties in the amount of \$1,235.16 has been received. Mrs. Czyrnik stated a copy of the new Surety Bond for Atlantic Broadband with Fidelity & Deposit Surety Company has been received in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mrs. Czyrnik reported Fidelity & Deposit Surety Company has notified the Borough that Central Tax Bureau will cancel the surety bond from March 2007 noting the new bond from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company has been received.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported paving is scheduled to begin June 21 with a completion date of June 30.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Fire Company Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Wargo reported he and Mr. Morgan attended a Tree Care Workshop on June 7. Mr. Morgan reported hazardous trees have been removed including one at Diamond Boulevard Playground which was rotted at the bottom. Mr. Morgan stated there are plans to remove more hazardous trees.

H. Recreation Committee: Nothing to report.

I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the Department of Environmental Protection has requested a five year time frame to complete North Fork Dam repairs. Mr. Pile reported a 3-D seismic survey will be completed at North Fork Dam.

K. Open Records: One open records request was received from Ms. Lauren Birthisel for Ordinance No. 419 regarding raising chickens on private property in Southmont she was interested in purchasing.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the June 20, 2011 meeting at 8:22 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

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