

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for April 16, 2012

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled April 16, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Ed Danyluk, Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter, and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas, Michael Butler and Ronald Kautz Southmont Volunteer Fire Company (filling in for Chief Leckey)

Absent: Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Engineer Scott Rugh (excused)

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the ratification of payroll from March 22, 2012 through April 18, 2012 in the amount of \$13,563.68. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Role call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the payment of bills from March 21, 2012 through April 17, 2012 in the amount of \$72,392.68. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the March 2012 treasurer's report in the amount of \$494,466.15. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the March 2012 tax collector's report in the amount of \$60,194.89. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas stated crosswalk signs which were received from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at no cost have been placed on Menoher Boulevard and Diamond Boulevard.

Fire Company's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to allow the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company to post signs throughout the Borough for the 2012 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to allow the SVFC to utilize the Borough truck for setup and clean up of the 2012 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve use of Borough grounds for the 2012 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of ½ of police protection for the 2012 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

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Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two zoning permits issued to 501 Christine Court (deck) and 439 Southmont Blvd. (deck). Mr. Wargo reported one approved sewer compliance certification at 150 Arlington Street. Mr. Wargo reported the owner of 6 Cox Street has begun repairs to the damaged curb.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the conveyor belt on the sweeper broke and a new belt has been ordered at a cost of \$5,150.00 which will be installed by Rosebud Mining at no charge. Mr. Wargo reported 60 of 97 lighting fixtures throughout the Borough building have been installed. Mr. Wargo stated the new lawn mower and trailer have been purchased. Mr. Wargo reported that Mr. Ewald, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Morgan and himself would begin sidewalk and tree inspections in May 2012.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss litigation.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

Mr. Wargo reported there was a discrepancy on the bid bond with State Pipe Services noting the bid bond stated 10% instead of 5%. Mr. Wargo stated the issue will be resolved. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve State Pipe Services total bid of \$153,505.00 for sanitary sewer rehabilitation on Cheney Oak Dive, Shady Lane, Thoburn Street and Harshberger Road, contingent upon receiving a modified bid bond within five (5) business days. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to advertise the paving bids on April 19, 2012 and April 22, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve advertising a Special Meeting for May 8, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Hazardous Mitigation Resolution No. 2012-07. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Council discussed the consolidation proposal with Southern Cambria Emergency Services noting the fire companies reviewed the proposal and unanimously approved it. Mr. Pile stated the proposal received by Westmont Fire Dept. was not reviewed by Council noting there was no courtesy in not considering Westmont's proposal and it is not fair. Mr. Morgan stated Council never received the inventory list from the Southmont Volunteer Fire Dept. (SVFC) it had requested. Mr. Morgan stated Council requested a proposal from SVFC,

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but did not receive one so Council compiled its own proposal to give to SVFC. Mr. Ewald stated he does not feel a merge with Westmont would work. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the proposal with Southern Cambria Emergency Services and to have the solicitors review and compile the proper legal documents. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Pile and Mr. Morgan opposed. Motion carried (5-2). Mayor Paolini suggested sending a letter to Westmont Fire Department informing them of the decision and thanking them for their interest.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported crack sealing has begun.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve hiring the following part-time workers at minimum wage; Leonard Colosimo, Corey Cassidy, Scott Buck, Rich Crowley, Mark Kaplaniak, Joe Knapp. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried.

D. Police Committee: Mr. Strittmatter suggested having crosswalk signs set up on State Street to slow down traffic.

E. Fire Company Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile stated he can no longer attend the tax collection committee meetings since the meeting times have changed to 9:00 a.m. Mr. Wargo or Mr. Strittmatter will attend any future meetings.

G. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Wargo reported Arbor Day will be held on May 12, 2012 at the Diamond Boulevard Playground at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wargo noted a tree will be dedicated to former Southmont Borough Councilmember Charles Glass.

H. Recreation Committee: Mr. Ewald stated the recreation commission discussed sponsoring a drivers education program noting the commission had not made a definite decision yet. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to send a letter to the recreation commission rejecting a sponsorship of a drivers education program. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile noted the Diamond Blvd. playground needs fibar. Mr. Ewald will check to see if the recreation commission is purchasing any this year.

I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the next project will involve repairing the breast of the North Fork Dam and adding a spillway which will cost approximately 9.8 million dollars.

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K. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Mr. Danyluk called for an Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss litigation. Executive Session ended at 8:09 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the April 16, 2012 meeting at 8:09 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer