

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
April 18, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled April Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the April 18, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Engineer: Dave Duray, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak, and Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley.

ABSENT: Mr. Rodgers, absent due to surgery and Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms.

VISITORS: Ms. Grasser, 148 State Street, and Mr. Grant, 169 State Street, speeding on State Street.

President Pile asked for approval of the March 21, 2005 Council Minutes and the Committee Meeting Notes of April 12th. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes and to accept the Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

Ms. Grasser spoke on her concerns of vehicles speeding on State Street. This has been an ongoing problem and something needs to be done to slow people down before a child or someone gets hurt. She feels that something seen by drivers (physical object) needs to be done to slow them down. President Pile responded that Council has been working on this issue for the past one and a half (1½) years. Council did approve the purchase of two traffic counters at the March meeting; they should be received by the end of April. The traffic counters will be placed on lower State Street and Southmont Blvd. so data (speed, volume, type of vehicle, time, day, etc.) can be gathered. Council is reviewing a draft policy and a draft procedure for traffic calming. Mr. Graham will keep Ms. Grasser and Mr. Grant updated on this issue.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for March shows revenue in the amount of \$844.38. Police Chief Havas shared the news on a civil rights lawsuit that was filed in 1990, the lawsuit was thrown out in Philadelphia; case can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms absent, report was received. Report records activity as of 4/12/05; four (4) permits and a total construction of \$2,000.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records nine (9) responses during the month of March. There was one (1) call between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Chief Borosky updated Council on the Menoher siren repair, had bad amplifiers; siren is out of warranty. Ms. Spak will call Engineered Communications and complain about the labor time of 8.5 hours which includes travel time at \$85.00 per hour.

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President Pile mentioned to Fire Chief Borosky that Council is looking into cost cutting and into revenue raising measures; will be getting with Fire Company when all information is gathered. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the placing of the Jubilee signs at curve on Southmont Blvd., the triangle, and in front of Borough building if warranted. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Fire Chief Borosky mentioned to Council his concern on the 911 fire tones. If a response is needed in Southmont, Southmont's tone should be first then followed by other municipality tones. On March 5th there was an incident on Violet Street, Southmont's tone was not first. Fire Chief Borosky has expressed the problem to 911 who are investigating. If an answer is not received by end of month Fire Chief Borosky will take the matter to next level. Mr. Strittmatter will mention problem to Mr. Springer, Emergency Management Director. It is not the first time this has happened. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for April was received. The Stormwater NPDES year two (2) report was completed and sent to DEP, Southmont has no issues. P. C. Rizzo is starting year three (3) requirements of sampling twenty-five percent (25%) of Borough discharge. A paving preconstruction meeting with Quaker Sales, Mr. Duray and Mr. Bosley are scheduled for April 20th at 8:00 AM. Southmont will set up a meeting with Mr. Duray to perform the spring street inspections. Mr. Graham noted that in discussions with the water authority engineer, Southmont is way in advance of other municipalities in stormwater management. This is due to the good work of Mr. Duray and Mr. Bosley. Mr. Duray showed and explained the workings of the 910 flow meter that was repaired and returned. Mr. Bosley and Mr. Duray will meet and discuss the placing of the two flow meters in sub-drainage areas. Mr. Duray will be placed on the next Council meeting agenda for 7:30 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. Mr. Krupa expressed his concern on the sewer line at 206 Orchard Street; Mr. Bosley stated it is on the list to be worked on. We have been crack sealing. The two new part time employees are good workers and doing well. Mr. Bosley will set up for line painting when paving is completed. Also, the street sweeper will be scheduled for early May.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk has nothing new to report. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Strittmatter will attend PennDot's annual transportation outreach on May 3rd from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at the Imperial Room.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa made a motion to amend the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Mr. Krupa made a motion to hire William Gentile, Corey Cassidy and Daniel Alwine as part time seasonal employees at \$6.50 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. On May 10th there will be an employee luncheon meeting to go over the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual along with discussion/video on safety issues; all councilmen are invited to attend.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat has nothing new to report.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Recycling report was received and is on file. Ms. Spak will contact Waste Management to check the price for curbside recycling. Mr. Kory has received phone calls concerning the sign that was placed at recycling trailer.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers absent, nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter stated nothing new to report. Accounts 301.20 real estate taxes prior year, 301.40 real estate returned from county, and account 321.80 franchise TV cable were reconciled.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa noted the newsletter is scheduled to go out April 22nd, and it looks very professional. Ms. Spak is doing a great job with it. Arbor Day celebration is May 7th at 10:00 A.M. at the corner of Leon and Violet Street. The planting of the trees are for remembrance of Thomas and Michael Bidelman and for appreciation of years of service by Neil Quinn and William Carstensen, Jr. Mr. Bosley will have two (2) holes dug at Leon and Violet Street. Mr. Krupa will leave Mr. Bosley know where other trees will be planted so One Call can be notified. There will be approximately twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) trees planted in Southmont during the next three weeks. Mr. Krupa discussed what is involved in hosting a Borough Association dinner, which is held twice a year in the spring and fall; he will contact Westmont and see if they would be interested in co-hosting.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

No minutes received, meeting scheduled for next week.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory will look at the shrubs in front of the Borough building. Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley will do a drive through of Borough on Monday, April 25th.

COG REPORT

COG meeting was scheduled the same time as our Committee meeting, Mr. Pile was not able to attend, nothing to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the April 8, 2005 meeting were received. Mr. Graham noted that former Laurel Management employees are very happy working for RDM, better pay and better working environment.

Lower State Street Committee

Mr. Graham handed out the revised draft copy of the traffic calming policy and the traffic calming procedure, a general discussion followed. Ms. Spak scheduled a meeting with Mark Hood, LTAP Transportation Safety Engineer, to do a presentation (similar to previous presentation) to Council and any residents who wish to attend on Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Graham would like Council to review the draft copies and forward any questions or concerns to him, so questions or items can be addressed prior to the May 24th meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing new to report, Mayor Sloat did swear in Mr. Wissinger to the water authority board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve advertising of Ordinance #456 for handicapped "on street" parking spaces. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to settle the Sprague case in the amount of \$2,288.69, Solicitor Lovette will send letter and Borough payment out. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Solicitor Lovette discussed his findings/recommendations on the Grandview Cemetery parking lot agreement concerning the 2000 thru 2004 retroactive charge; open discussion followed. Solicitor Lovette now has different avenues to pursue, will update Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve the March Treasurer Report in the amount of \$318,141.19. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to note the March tax collector's report was received. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$76,713.21 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Rodgers absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List", nothing to remove or add at this time. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve purchase of a laptop computer for Borough office use, not to exceed the cost of \$1,400. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Mr. Kory feels there is no real function and not sure of where the Intergovernmental meetings are headed, President Pile dismissed Mr. Kory from attending meetings. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to retain P. C. Rizzo, Inc. as Borough Engineer at their proposed 2005 rates. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Five (5) yeas and one (1) nay, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Ms. Spak is making arrangements for Mr. Quinn and Mr. Carstensen's luncheon for May 6th at the Johnstown Brewery.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Graham made a motion for Solicitor Lovette to work on a fire insurance ordinance (example Richland Township). Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa for adjournment of the April 18, 2005 meeting at 9:25 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager
4/22/2005 8:30 AM

