

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
January 17, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled January Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the January 17, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Engineer: Tom Gray, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas and Detective George Musulin, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak and Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms.

ABSENT: Mr. Graham, prior work commitment.

VISITORS: Brad Kimmel

President Pile asked for approval of the December 6, 2004 Council Minutes and the Committee Meeting Notes of January 11, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and to accept the Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for December shows revenue in the amount of \$170.10. Chief Havas wanted to thank all the fire companies (a letter will be going out) and Fire Chief Chet Borosky for their help with the search in Stackhouse Park.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms has nothing to report. A zoning application for a driveway at 570 Harshberger Road was received and he is waiting for PennDot approval before authorizing permit.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records fifteen (15) responses during the month of December. There were no calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. If Chief Borosky (and or fire company) notices something that is in violation or not up to code in a residence, they will advise Council of problem. There is a meeting scheduled with the different Fire Companies and Penelec for February 2nd to discuss Penelec's response time and the lack of personnel when they do respond. The 2004 yearly report was received; there was no fire loss in Southmont Borough. Chief Borosky will give Council copies of grants applied for. President Pile requested that the fire company and Council get together to discuss long range business planning, meeting will be scheduled for March. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gray mentioned the Storm Water MS4 program and they are monitoring the flowing outfall discharges. The field test samplings are coming back with negative findings. A number of the issues of the NPDES Storm Water public awareness program are covered in Southmont's website; an article will be added to the newsletter for distribution. This should suffice for Southmont's public awareness. Mr. Gray and Mr. Bosley will get together to work on the 2005 tap-in report. There was some discussion on entering the sewer line information into the GIS system; Mr. Bosley will start inputting. If problems arise we will contact Mr. Sernell for help. We will use Mr. Lazzari from Paul C. Rizzo if needed. Ms. Spak will update Council monthly on status of GIS entry. Ms. Spak and Mr. Gray will get together and do a letter to Upper Yoder to see where they are with their corrective action plan for the storm water infiltration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report; majority of time was spent cleaning catch basins due to all the rain. Mr. Rodgers made a motion that if Mr. Bosley feels the need, he can attend the Spring Road Maintenance seminar on March 25th in Somerset County. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. The sewer lateral work at 309 Paliser Street, Mr. Burkert, is completed. Mr. Danyluk has tried to contact Ms. Garman to inform her that the work has been completed and that she may still get some spring water on her property; message was left. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to order ten (10) decals for the Borough trucks/equipment, see previous decal order. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. The transmission on the 2001 truck started acting up; Grimaldi's to look at, Mr. Bosley will keep Council updated. Ms. Spak will check with the employment office to see if any individuals for snowplowing are available. Mr. Bosley will check with Grimaldi's to see if they are available to plow alleys if needed. Mr. Bosley does not feel there is a problem with the snow plowing hourly rate; if pay rate problem arises, he will inform Council.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk has nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa will hold off on having an employee meeting until spring when more employees will be working. The recommendations that Attorney Brierton suggested to the Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual will be placed on committee meeting agenda.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat noted there is no new insurance information; the committee meets January 18th.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory noted that the yearly 2004 Recycling recap/graph was received, is in line with previous years. We are still receiving a lot of colored glass; Mr. Bosley will be looking into cost of video cameras. An article will be placed in the newsletter concerning items not to be recycled, may need to threaten to stop recycling program. Ms. Spak will check with PSAB to see if any sample ordinances on volunteer recycling are available.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers noted the Principal Financial Group (life insurance and accidental death & dismemberment) renews February 15th; no rate change.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve the account transfers in the amount of \$77,754.00. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Strittmatter noted that the carry over for 2005 is \$283,163.16; \$29,461.28 higher than 2004.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa noted that we submitted our application for recertification for Tree City USA to the Bureau of Forestry; should receive with no problem. Received some phone calls concerning TreeSmith's (utility arborist/trimming for Penelec in the Borough) on State Street and Olive Street; pine trees were done with a four (4) year "C" cut. There was discussion on the leaving of branches/limbs from trees trimmed on Southmont Blvd. and Langhorne Avenue. If Borough collects there is no where to put; Mayor Sloat will do some checking and will get back with Mr. Bosley.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The minutes for November and December meetings were received.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory stated the fence at Gardner Street was taken down, looks good. Mr. Bosley salvaged some pieces of the fence for use in other locations. Mr. Strittmatter mentioned that during heavy rains water is running off from the top of Grandview, shooting over concrete barrier onto Menoher Blvd. Ms. Spak will notify Grandview on their need to divert the water elsewhere and will notify PennDot that debris/runoff/rock beds need cleaned up from Menoher Blvd. Mr. Krupa mentioned on Wonder Street there is a constant ice build up, Mr. Bosley will see if he can find the cause; will keep area salted for now.

COG REPORT

President Pile is waiting for meeting notification. Meeting should be in February. The last meeting was a Christmas Party/meeting in December.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory requested the letter to be sent to Grandview on the rain water run off be in question form, keep light.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the December 9, 2004 meeting, the January 7, 2005 reorganization meeting and the Treasurer's report as of December 31, 2004 were received. Ms. Spak will contact Mr. Dunklesberger and inform him that Council missed seeing him at this meeting. Mr. Rodgers will contact Mr. McGhee and request a resume. The February meeting will be held in the new building.

Lower State Street Committee

Ms. Spak will be gathering information and working on policy/guidelines for monitoring streets; will contact Mark Hood, LTAP, for priorities and suggestions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat and Mr. Bosley looked at the handicap parking spot on State Street; will be moving spot down eight (8) feet, waiting for weather to improve. A letter from Sharan Jasper, 149 State Street, voicing her concerns on the handicap parking was received. Mayor Sloat received a phone call concerning advertising signs on Menoher for the Johnstown Brewing Co.; the signs have been removed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette updated Council on the County paying portion of Tax Collector audit, the schools unpaid 2003 taxes and agreement extension with Grandview; waiting to hear back from their Solicitors. There was discussion on the letter dated January 14th in reference to the closeout of County Real Estate Tax for 2004; Solicitor Lovette will contact Kris Cramer, Kline and Kimlin CPA's. The handicap ordinance that Solicitor Lovette drafted will be added to committee meeting agenda. Solicitor Lovette discussed Weir Way, Mr. Bosley stated that per a conversation Ms. King had with Mr. Bosley it is not their intent to close off the alley only to block off their parking area. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-01 the ACRE Proposal. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. Solicitor Lovette looked over the GIS data sharing and Release Agreement, all is in order. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to adopt the GIS data sharing and release agreement. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Ms. Spak attending basic training for municipal secretaries and administrators seminar on March 10th in Blair County. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Kline Kimlin to perform the DCED annual audit and financial report (review); used to be completed by elected internal auditors. Seconded by Mr.

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Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Ordinance #453 upgrading employee retirement benefits. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Ordinance #454 fixing the tax rate for 2005 at eleven (11.0) mills. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the 2005 meeting schedule. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve Ordinance #455 setting the compensation of the Tax Collector. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent. Mr. Kory made a motion to accept the manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the December's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$283,163.74. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted we received the December Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$6,509.17. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$63,906.38 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Graham absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked to remove the alley/street lights and the sewer lateral (Palliser/Helen) from the Street Committee "Tickler". Mr. Francis Kelly does not want to be reappointed to the Planning Commission or to the Shade Tree Advisory Board, this commission and board opening will be advertised in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

The four (4) Engineering interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 8th and Feb. 15th for 7:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Interviews should be forty-five (45) minutes to one (1) hour. Council will meet with Fire Company to discuss long range business plan, will schedule for March. Mr. Rodgers made a motion that anyone interested in attending workshops be approved to attend. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Graham absent.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the January 17, 2005 meeting at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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