

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
October 21, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled October Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the October 21, 2002 meeting of Council convened

PRESENT: Vice-President Rodgers, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Kory, Mr. Graham, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czynnik, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas

ABSENT: Mr. Pile-Death in Family, Street Commissioner, Jan Bosley-sick.

VISITORS: None

Vice-President Rodgers asked for approval of the September 23, 2002 minutes and October 15, 2002 Committee Meeting notes. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to accept the Minutes and Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-Death in Family.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas reviewed the September report. Revenues are \$1,406.60. Chief Havas reported that Corporal Lose and Officer's Mulkey and Fisher fingerprinted approximately 25 Brownies at the Westmont United Methodist Church. Officer Mulkey spoke to the Brownies about various safety issues and instructed the girls on how to use 9-1-1. Council asked Chief Havas to look at a parking situation at 154 Helen Street. A neighbor parks directly opposite of the driveway at 154 Helen Street. Chief Havas stated that this would not be in violation, however, he will speak with the resident. Vice-President Rodgers reported that Chief Havas met with the Committee and discussed an anonymous letter that Council received from a resident in the Overbrooke section of Southmont. Chief Havas will follow-up on the letter. Chief Havas also reported to Council on many other items and services provided by the West Hill Regional Police.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported that 3 permits were issued since the last report with total construction cost of \$4,820.00. Year to date total is \$611,928.00.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky reviewed the written report recording 8 responses for the month. Two calls were received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Five work details were scheduled for erecting and tearing down tents. Southmont provided one public service detail to escort the Westmont Hilltop football team. Council discussed the purchase of new tires for the Engine. The money will come from the balance in the Fire Co. Budget. The Siren should be installed within the next week. Hilltop Ambulance report is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates has reviewed with Council the flow meters. Mr. Bosley sent the meter back for repair or replacement, as instructed.

Mrs. Czyrnik will check on the status of the meter. Mr. Bob Mills completed a PennDot Audit of the 2002 Street paving for the County Liquid Fuels. A check for \$14,000.00 will be released for 2002 from the County. Mr. Duray would like to meet with Council at a Committee meeting to explain Storm Water Management Phase II. The deadline to provide this information to the State is March 10, 2003. Each municipality must demonstrate how they are going to comply with the mandated regulations and implement measures. Ferndale asked if it would be possible to rent our flow meters at some time. Mr. Duray will calculate rental costs.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping is nearly complete on the roadway information. Mr. Duray is still waiting for information from Mr. Bosley on the sewers. Mr. Duray scheduled a meeting for Thursday October 24, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. to do the street inspection for Budget 2003 purposes.

COMMITTEES

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

In Mr. Bosley's absence his written report was reviewed. Cleaned borough building, recycled weekly, monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and cut grass weather permitting. Picked up grass and debris after storms and/or heavy rains. Completed dye testing downspouts and driveway drains according to the DEP Corrective Action Plan. Completed work on handicapped ramps. (All completed as of September 18) Watered new trees but still lost a few that Lichtenfels planted. Removed last years leaves to make room for this years compost at the Menoher site. Began preparing for the new siren platform to be ready for the new siren installation. Penelec provided power to the Menoher site for the new siren pole. Contractor is to begin week of 10-28-02. Worked with the Garden Club on the Barnett Street/Menoher site. Made arrangements with Clean Lawn to spray area to keep weeds down for next year. Repaired a catch basin at Gardner Street near Kale Alley. Prepared new leaf machine for leaf pick-up. Received estimates for fabricating a new impeller for the old leaf machine 1953 model. The cost would be \$975.00, also the radiator would need to be rebuilt and welding would need to be done to house the new impeller. Mr. Bosley does not feel the expense would be worth the money. Mr. Bosley submitted prices for a new leaf machine under the State Piggy Back plan, for approximately \$22,000.00. Financing would be available.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk stated that the Fall Street Inspection is open to anyone on Council who would like to attend October 24, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Danyluk discussed with Council the old leaf equipment. Suggestion will be made at a later time.

Mr. Danyluk will discuss this at a Committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter discussed the traffic light at Goucher/Harshberger. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the agreement with Upper Yoder Township at 7500 and Southmont at 25% for the maintenance of the traffic light at the intersection. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family. Mr. Rodgers commented on the fine work of Solicitor Lovette and Solicitor Shahade. The Committee will discuss the Budget costs for the maintenance. A motion was also made by Mr. Graham to approve Resolution No. 2002-04 approving PennDot to do the installation of the traffic signals at the Goucher/Harshberger intersection. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

Mr. Strittmatter provided updated Policy and Procedure Manuals for Council's review. Any additions or changes should be referred to Mr. Strittmatter.

POLICE COMMISSION

There was a meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. The 2003 Budget was submitted to the municipalities. Southmont Borough's share is (16%) \$132,313.00.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham had nothing new to report. Reports submitted. Cost of the Recycling Program are very high. Since the colored glass is no longer accepted at the Recycling Center in Boswell the volume is very low. Therefore the credit received for removing this volume from the waste stream is very low. The Committee will discuss this further.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that the new Hospitalization rates are on file and have been submitted to the Budget Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that there is a Budget meeting scheduled for October 29, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Rodgers will meet with Mrs. Czynnik to review the Budget.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reviewed with Council that the Advisory Committee identified the trees to be removed in 2003. Several trees need to be planted before year end, weather permitting. Mr. Krupa will make the annual Tree City Application for 2002.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Solicitor Lovette reported that the Recreation Commission will meet at Southmont on Wednesday October 23, 2002.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

Mr. Kory reported on some vandalism at the Diamond Playground area. Two benches were overturned and two dog enforcement signs were bent. The Police were notified.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham reported on the minutes from the last meeting. The sewer camera trailer is being provided by PennDot. After this is in place COG will schedule the partner municipalities to come in for training. The rental fees for any non-partner municipality will be \$80.00 per hr/operator with a four hour minimum portal to portal. COG will reimburse the operator's wages. Southmont is offering to house the new sewer camera and trailer. The final payment for the sewer camera is \$1,232.00 and has been forwarded to the Budget Committee.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has meet with the Citizen's Cemetery Association. He is asking Council for any input they might have to discuss at the meetings. He will mention it to them that Millcreek Road will be paved in 2003.

MAYOR'S REPORT

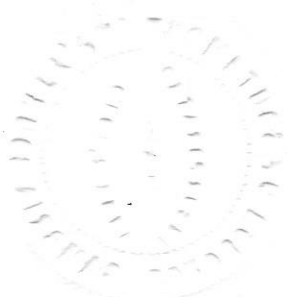
Mayor Sloat reported on several letters sent to residents about high grass, weeds and overhanging limbs during the month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette reported that he has prepared deeds to convey the former Pay Aliey section abutting the property of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Sobecky and Mr. & Mrs. Rocco Truscello, as discussed at a previous meeting of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve and sign the prepared deeds. Seconded by Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the Agreement/Resolution 2002-05 authorizing the termination of the Greater Johnstown Sewer Authority. It is in order. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve signing the Resolution 2002-05 to dissolve the Greater Johnstown Sewer Authority. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to authorize Solicitor Lovette to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to accept Cheney Oak Drive. The entire project was accepted in December 13, 1999. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.



Solicitor Lovette reviewed with Council on the tax appeal decrease in assessment of Gelormino property at Goucher and Harshberger. Solicitor Lovette feels that it would be too costly to appeal the decision, however, a letter should be sent to the Westmont School District questioning their allowing this decrease. Possibly a reappraisal needs to be done, before next September. Solicitor Lovette recommended that we talk with our carrier on the calculated figures to provide workers compensation for first call service. (This is when you have contractual service, which Southmont dose not have.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that during the month Southmont requested and scheduled the use of the wood chipper from Westmont Borough. Budget worksheets were presented to Council for the Budget meeting. The Borough received a complaint from a resident in reference to Fire Company members returning from a fire at 12:30 a.m. The resident complained about the engine running for a very long time and the firemen were talking very loud, enough that it awoke her. Auditor's for the Non-uniformed employees will be in October 22, 2002.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the September Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$391,015.96. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

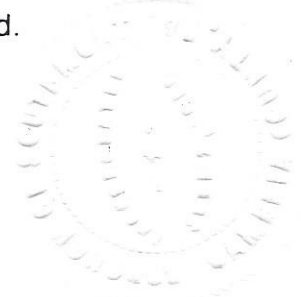
A motion was made by Mr. Graham to note that we received the Tax Collector's report for September in the amount of \$1,699.80. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$81,970.99. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Mr. Graham, Mr. kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Rodgers asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.



NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the Borough's Elected Officials Program offering \$10,000. Life Insurance at a rate of \$4.40 for an individual and \$7.40 per family. The program requires 75% participation. There is a \$25.00 Annual Fee to enroll. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to participate in the Borough Elected Officials Program. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

Each enrollee will pay for the Insurance themselves-payroll deduction. The ID tags should be ready within the next week. Residents will be informed of the ID tag in the next newsletter.

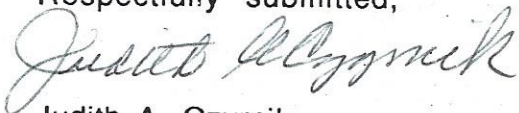
Mr. Rodgers suggested that Mrs. Czyrnik talk with the M.E.I.T. Insurance representative in reference to the premiums And to inquire on the 2003 subsidy for our Borough.

This is the year to update our quotes for Engineering Firms to service the Borough. Mrs. Czyrnik will sent a request for proposals and rates to several Engineering Firms for review at the November meeting of Council . Mr. Pile will notify Paul C. Rizzo & Associates of the intent of Council. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to request for proposals for Engineering Services and Rates. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Pile-absent-death in family.

It was suggested that Council invite the Greater Johnstown Water Authority members who represent Southmont, Mr. Carstensen, Mr. Glass and Mr. Ambrose, for an update on the Authority. Some discussion was held on the Water Authority receiving bids to replace Laurel Management.

There being no further items to discuss Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

