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BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
October 18, 2004 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled October Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the October 18, 2004 meeting of Council convened.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Kory and Fire Chief: Chet Borosky.

VISITORS: Mr. Tim Miller, AFSCME Council 83, Mr. Frank Santichen, Mr. Marty Vrabel, Mr. Popchak, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Szewczyk, Mr. Paul Vrabel, AFSCME and Mr. Mike Szewczyk, Jr. the subject was RDM (new company taking over water authority from Laurel Management); Ms. Diane Grasser, 148 State Street, speed humps on State Street.

President Pile asked for approval of the September 20, 2004 Council Minutes and the Committee Meeting Notes of October 5, 2004. 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. Kory absent.

President Pile invited Mr. Tim Miller to speak on his concerns with RDM. Mr. Miller passed out copies of the proposal made by RDM, minutes from GJWA and a newspaper article on Laurel Management ending association with GJWA. Mr. Miller, and the other visitors, concerns are with the nine (9) employees losing their jobs, between them they have one hundred fifty-two (152) years of service. Mr. Miller would like to make sure that RDM will do what they stated they would; that these employees would not lose their jobs. Mr. Miller and Mr. Vrabel are asking Southmont Borough Council for their support in making a commitment to these individuals for a fair evaluation in keeping their jobs. Council will look into their request.

President Pile invited Ms. Grasser, 148 State Street, to speak; Ms. Grasser is looking for status on speed hump on State Street. Mr. Graham summarized the steps that Council has taken and will be taking into the speeding on State Street i.e. use of radar gun (clocking individuals from 19 mph to 55 mph), getting loaner equipment to count traffic, getting a policy together with criteria, etc. This project will take time and with winter fast approaching it will be early spring when findings can be acted on. Council is looking into and Mr. Graham will keep Ms. Grasser informed.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hill Police reported that they have received the \$11,000 grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development and will be put toward the purchase of a new police cruiser. Extra police officers will be out patrolling during trick or treat night. Police Chief Havas

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summarized the 2005 West Hills Regional Police budget, which will be voted on at the October 19th Police Committee meeting. West Hills Police have not asked for monies; they have always made budget since 1978. They will be going down to six (6) vehicles instead of the seven (7). All their purchases, that are needed, are received thru grant monies. Senator Wojnaroski is a large help. With his support grant monies have been received in a lot of different areas i.e. Westmont Hilltop Recreation, Southmont Volunteer Fire Company, West Hill Police, etc.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orm's report records activity as of 10/14/04; fifty-one (51) permits and a total construction of \$182,605. It has been a slow month. Any questions that arise about the UCC are directed to contact Labor and Industry directly.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky absent. The written report records that there were 11 responses during the month of September. There were four calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and on file. Mr. Strittmatter mentioned that the fire company received a \$12,432 grant which they will use toward the principal on their mortgage.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gray reported the 2004 paving repair done by Quaker Sales is completed. The road ratings/amounts for 2005 paving has been submitted for the October 19th budget meeting. Mr. Gray will be working up a quote for compiling paving information for projections for GIS. This would be a useful tool for evaluating. Mr. Gray is working on the NPDES Storm Water permitting second year information on mapping and monitoring. The first round of visual out flow monitoring has been completed. Mr. Gray is following up on the two flow meters that were returned to manufacturer for repair. Mr. Gray and Mr. Bosley are working together on putting a storm drain over an existing pipe for Mr. Jedrzejek, 93 Thoburn Street. PennDot is doing a detail review on the Highway Occupancy Permit application for 1086 Menoher Blvd., Mr. Orms will be holding permit until PennDot approves. Ms. Spak did receive a sample Ordinance for the Little Conemaugh River Watershed Stormwater Management, which will be needed for the NPDES permitting at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. The area at Swan Alley, wooded area between Daisy and Dahlia Street, where the water was infiltrating into the sanitary sewer has been dug out and installed French drain; the drain is working great. Mr. Bosley did adjust the motion light at front of Municipal Building, still no big range; Jan will look into overriding the system and leaving light on during voting.

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Mr. Rodgers made a motion to advertise for part-time help for the Road Crew. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. At Helen and State Street there is a leakage in yard, tested and it is sewage. The cause is from 309 Palliser Street. They appear not to be tapped into the line. Mr. Bosley spoke with Richard Burkert, 309 Palliser St., he will open the line; Mr. Bosley will dye test and follow up with a letter to Mr. Burkert on findings. Ms. Spak will contact, Dominion, Denny Devlin. To remind him of the \$25 per day charge on street openings not closed; Olive Street and Edward Street are completed as of October 20th, Dell Street is not done. Ms. Spak will get prices for the cost of a DVD burner, video tapes of sewer lines can then be put onto DVD's.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk mentioned the letter dated September 22nd from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Page, 48 Shady Lane, in reference to placement of two no parking between signs on Cox Street. Mr. Bosley stated the signs will stay up during leaf collection and over the winter, they will come down in the spring; a letter will be sent to Mr. Page. Mr. Graham made a motion for approval of one handicap parking space across the street directly in front of the driveway at 146 State Street, Mr. Karl L. Kenney. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham and Mr. Krupa yes; Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter and President Pile no. Vote is tied three yes and three no; Mayor Sloat votes yes, motion is passed. Mr. Kory absent. A handicap resolution draft will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting.

At 8:30 p.m. an executive session was called. At 9:10 p.m. Council reconvened; Kris Cramer, Kline Kimlin Certified Public Accountants, submitted the Real Estate Tax Collector Audit reports for 2003 and 2004.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa mentioned the termination of part-time employee Stephen Keifline with cause. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Sunoco Credit Card Policy and the Emergency Operational Procedure. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to start part-time road crew employees at \$6.25, after a thirty (30) day evaluation they will get a twenty-five cents (.25) increase. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat noted that the committee meets tomorrow, October 19th, the 2005 Police Budget will be discussed.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory absent, the recycling recap was received.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept proposal 2 in regards to upgrading the retirement plan with Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) effective January 1, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

A budget meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 7:15 p.m. with the Southmont Volunteer Fire Company and then a council budget meeting at 7:30 p.m.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa noted the newsletter went out; it looked good, except some of the pictures came out too dark. Mr. Krupa mentioned that on Violet Street the trees were cut back from the streetlight as far as possible without harming the trees. The intersection is still dark; Mr. Krupa will be looking into other possibilities to correct problem i.e., move light, etc.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

President Pile had nothing new to report. The minutes for the September meeting were not received as of yet.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept Resolution 2004-10 to barter the Borough's two single axle trailers for the concrete picnic table from Ron Keafer of Clean Lawn. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

COG REPORT

Mr. Bosley and Ms. Spak will create a check off list for the sewer line video camera system and trailer Southmont is housing; we received camera and trailer from Ebensburg on October 13th.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory absent. Grandview is going to start putting in crypts and offering monument sales and services; we will follow up for tax purposes.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the September 9, 2004 meeting were received. Mr. Graham stated the Greater Johnstown Water Authority will be setting up a meeting as a whole with Westmont, Upper Yoder and Southmont Boroughs along with the City to discuss the hiring practices (visitors concerns) of RDM.

Lower State Street Committee

Discussed earlier; will add to agenda for the next committee meeting.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat attended training on damage assessment procedures on October 6th; the current requirements for reporting damage after a disaster were discussed. The sooner the damage is evaluated and presented to upper levels of government, the ability to qualify and then speed funding to that area is greatly increased. Any and all damage should be reported regardless how small.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Ordinance #450 regulating the use of skateboards, bicycles and scooters on public sidewalks, pathways, roadways and playgrounds. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Mr. Danyluk voted no, five yes and one no, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Ordinance #451 eliminating the position of elected auditor. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Ms. Spak will notify the election board on council approval of Ordinance #451. Solicitor Lovette spoke with Mr. Jim Walsh on taxes for Grandview parking lot used by hospital; they have paid up to 2000. A new agreement may need to be done to cover 2001 to present, Solicitor Lovette will have answer/update by next meeting. Ms. Spak is to change the Ordinance for the stop sign on Olive Street; removed the "except right turn".

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion for Ms. Magistro to attend a seminar on Understanding Bankruptcy & Liability scheduled for November 19th in Greensburg registration fee of \$75. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion for whoever wants to attend the Annual Fall Dinner Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th at the Imperial Room at the Ebensburg Mini Mall cost per person is \$21. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Manager's Report. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the September's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$357,121.21. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers noted that we received the September Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$1,712.20. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Kory absent.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$83,672.91 adding Borough of Westmont ½ Share of Millcreek Road repairs in the amount of \$5,752.09 and COG dues in the amount of \$400. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr.

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Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Kory absent.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked to remove internal verses outside auditor and 2005 paving recycle shed area from "Tickler List".

NEW BUSINESS

Reminded all about the Budget meeting Tuesday, October 19th.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the October 18, 2004 meeting at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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