

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
June 19, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the June 19, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

**PRESENT:** President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa arrived at 7:55 p.m., Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, West Hills Police: Detective George Musulin, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Zoning Officers: Dyke Orms and Ryan Adams, Engineer: Dave Duray, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, and Borough Manager: Loretta Spak.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Strittmatter and Mayor: Gerry Sloat out of town.

**VISITORS:** Mr. Barry Gresh, Box #427 Revloc, sign/billboard; Ms. Grasser, 148 State Street, speeding on State Street; Bill Schartiger, Charlene Cervino, Kelly Civis, Paul Lee, and Pro Disposal - trash bids.

President Pile asked for approval of the May 15, 2006 Council Minutes and the committee meeting notes of May 23, 2006. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town and Mr. Krupa not present.

At this time, President Pile called for a motion to open the Garbage Bids. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Kory to open the Bids. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town and Mr. Krupa not present. Four (4) Bids were received; all Bids include Spring Clean-up:

1. Waste Management one year contract \$114,011.52 two year contract \$232,592.64 and three year contract \$356,086.08.
2. Lee's Disposal, Inc. one year contract \$131,090.40 two year contract \$267,470.12 and three year contract \$409,983.50.
3. Gallucci Sanitation, Inc. one year contract \$125,248.84 two year contract \$254,255.14 and three year contract \$387,131.62.
4. Pro Disposal one year contract \$159,479.04 two year contract \$326,954.88 and three year contract \$502,770.24.

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the lowest three year Bid proposal by Waste Management pending Solicitor Lovette and Ms. Spak review based on specs. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Strittmatter out of town and Mr. Krupa not present. Mr. Rodgers thanked all for bidding, it was greatly appreciated.

President Pile mentioned there are visitors present that are not on the agenda. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to place the visitors (Mr. Gresh billboard/sign and Ms. Grasser speeding on State Street) on committee meeting agenda. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town and Mr. Krupa not present. Ms. Spak will contact when committee date is set.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

West Hills Police report for May shows revenue in the amount of \$247.47 (ordinance violations \$132.17 and vehicle violations \$115.30). Detective Musulin updated Council on the counterfeit bills that passed through Southmont Jubilee and some yard sales.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**

Mr. Adams report was received. Report records activity of ten (10) permits at a total construction of \$312,617 as of 6/06/06. Mr. Danyluk mentioned that there is a meeting scheduled with the Lucetta Street residents for Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. on Lucetta Street to discuss the sidewalk/tree issue. Mr. Danyluk mentioned to Council that he is not letting residents remove existing sidewalks and Mr. Krupa does not allow cutting of roots, the meeting is to discuss other options. Mr. Orms mentioned that there is no fine amount listed in the BOCA code, discussion followed. Mr. Danyluk moved to amend BOCA Code maximum fine amount to three hundred dollars (\$300) and/or up to ninety (90) days in jail. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town, Mr. Krupa not present. President Pile thanked Dyke for all that he has done for the Borough over the years. Mr. Rodgers made a formal motion to send a thank you letter to Mr. Orms for all his years of service as Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town, Mr. Krupa not present. Discussion followed on ways to show Mr. Orms Council's thanks (dinner, tree, plaque, etc) and will be discussed further at committee meeting.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Borosky's written report records twelve (12) responses during the month of May. There was one (1) call between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had eight (8) assists in May; three (3) to Upper Yoder, one (1) to Westmont, two (2) to Lower Yoder, one (1) to Westwood, and one (1) to Conemaugh Township. The fire company is currently in process of refurbishing the rescue truck chassis and is receiving bids, estimate cost of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); will apply for grant after all costs come in. Still waiting for some invoices to come in from the Jubilee. Will update council when all outstanding monies are accounted for. Fire Chief Borosky and the fire company would like to "Thank" Council for volunteering their time. On Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> after 2:00 p.m., Chief Borosky will be having a barbecue at his home for all who helped with the Jubilee, council is invited. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for June was received and reviewed. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to pay \$86,807.53 to Quaker Sales for paving; will hold ten percent (10%) until all punch items completed. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Strittmatter

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out of town and Mr. Krupa not present. Ms. Spak will contact Mr. Barbin, Solicitor for water authority, on their approval of Mr. Chiodo's Pinebrooke Office Park and will forward information to Mr. Duray to re-review. Solicitor Lovette mentioned to Council that Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board hearing for Southmont noise exemption application is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at the Johnstown Brewing Company. Solicitor Lovette and Council Vice President Mr. Rodgers will be attending. Any other councilmen are welcome to attend. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the sewage planning module that Upper Yoder Township requires regarding letter from Mr. Rovansek dated June 9<sup>th</sup> (Luzerne Street Extension) for two new EDU's. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town, Mr. Krupa not present. Mr. Duray will respond to Mr. Rovansek with capacity letter for UY requirements. Mr. Krupa arrived at 7:55 P.M. Mr. Duray mentioned he will be bringing Ryan Farabaugh to the council meetings with him for training purposes, no charge to Borough.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Received Mr. Bosley's written report, discussion followed. The road crew has completed the annual maintenance on Cheney Run. President Pile asked Mr. Bosley if Southmont is in need of the sewer vacuum machine which is part of the shared equipment from COG. Mr. Bosley will check sumps to see if full, usually the sewer vacuum is used every four years; a city employee will operate and two of our employees will pull lids (some may be rusted shut). Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve resolution 2006-03 to participate in the PACC Vehicle and Equipment contract for truck purchase. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to advertise, at the appropriate time, for sale of old truck. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to rent the street sweeper from Lower Yoder to make another pass through the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town. Mr. Ewald would like to see a better plan to contact residents for when the street sweeper goes through so vehicles can be moved, will be placed on committee meeting agenda.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Bosley looked at Southmont Blvd. embankment area and letters will be sent out to residents to clean up their property of branches, debris, shrubs, etc.

**ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The personnel committee met with Ms. Spak on June 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss her goals. Mr. Krupa thanked Ms. Spak for her honesty in giving her opinion and also in starting a phone log keeping Council aware of items being handled.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Sloat out of town, nothing new to report.

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kory went with the recycling trailer to see the recycling center operation. It's a nice easy process, a win-win solution on both sides.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Rodgers mentioned effective July 1, 2006 Council's life insurance deduction will increase.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Strittmatter out of town, nothing new to report.

**SHADE TREE REPORT**

Mr. Krupa mentioned he met with Mr. Kupchella, 302 Palliser Street, he would like to remove five (5) large trees along the alley on the side of Princeton Avenue (letter received) to put a driveway in. Mr. Krupa had an arborist come and look at the trees, two (2) trees can be removed. Other trees are not dead. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to agree with the Shade Tree Commissioner. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town. Ms. Spak will send a letter to Mr. Kupchella allowing removal of the two designated trees and minimal trimming of lower branches on the others. The removal of the tree on Langhorne will be finished this week. Mr. Krupa spoke with the homeowner who contends tree is not on her property. Mr. Kory made a motion to spend up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to remove Langhorne tree and other overhanging dangerous branches. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town. Funding will come from Cheney Run account. A copy of the tree removal invoice and fence repair invoice will be submitted to Mrs. Rosenbaum's homeowners insurance.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The minutes for the April meeting were received. President Pile mentioned that all recreation center employees need to have their Act 34 and Act 151 clearance. Ms. Spak will contact Mr. Peterson to remove the soccer poles/nets from over the hillside at the ball field. Mr. Ewald mentioned looking into the water line at the ball field for next year's Jubilee.

**BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT**

Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley will be doing a ride around to inspect Borough grounds/buildings. Mr. Kory updated Council on sign for Barnett Street; he will look into color and get drawing/sketch of sign for committee meeting.

**COG REPORT**

Mr. Ewald attended his first meeting; a program to hire fifty-five or older workers was discussed and vision care for residents. These items will be placed on committee meeting agenda.

**GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kory had nothing new to report.

**GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY**

The May minutes were received. Mr. Pile mentioned windmills are a hot item. RDM is talking with Conemaugh Township to help with water supply in the Hooversville and Stoystown area.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sloat out of town, nothing new to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Lovette updated council on phone calls he received concerning his letter dated May 26<sup>th</sup> that went to PennDot on the agility agreement.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Ms. Spak will look further into who would be responsible for traffic signal on Goucher Street and Harshberger Road. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve May's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$382,530.03. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Rodgers noted we received the May Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$51,612.56. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$31,167.01. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Strittmatter out of town.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List". Mr. Bosley discussed the GIS training in Altoona that he attended. Mr. Kory will look into an intern from UPJ to help with the GIS.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile mentioned having the Overbrook residents who signed the petition dated June 8<sup>th</sup> to attend a committee meeting to discuss their issues. The Overbrook residents will be split into two committee meetings which will have full agendas. The committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the June 19, 2006 meeting at 9:20 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Strittmatter out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loretta Spak*, Borough Manager

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