

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for October 17, 2016

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 17, 2016 Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President Morgan at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Sheree Speicher and Bob Morgan; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Attorney Michael Carbonara; Mayor Mark Yonko; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council President Ed Danyluk (out of town)

Visitors: Brian Shura (Stiffler McGraw)

Meeting Agenda

A motion as made by Mr. Pile to approve the council meeting minutes of September 19, 2016. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Trick or Treat in all member municipalities has been scheduled for Monday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported the fire company will be escorting "Santa" around the borough on December 22nd from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Chief Weslager reported crews responded to a vehicle accident on Susan Drive involving a utility pole and assisted Upper Yoder Fire Company with a vehicle/pedestrian accident and Dale Fire Company with a building fire.

The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported Kukurin Contracting has delayed the sanitary sewer project construction to November 7th. Mr. Banks stated he will be meeting with Kukurin on October 25th to discuss their plans to have Phase I completed by the deadline.

Mr. Banks reported he has a meeting with PennVest on October 19th to discuss funding of Phase II for the sanitary sewer project.

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Mr. Shura updated council on the MS4 program and made them aware that the Department of Environmental Protection is working on getting the program more established. Mr. Shura noted the MS4 permits will be due in September 2017 and he will be working with the borough to make sure everything is in line.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two building permits issued to 111 King Street (gable roof) and 109 Violet Street (fence).

Mr. Wargo reported six approved sewer compliance certificates to 109 Violet Street, 157 Violet Street, 407 Diamond Blvd., 309 Orchard Street, 9 Celeste Drive and 794 Goucher Street.

Solicitor Carbonara reported a briefing has been scheduled for November 15th regarding Lamar Advertising.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported an issue recently occurred where two unknown individuals attempted to cash a fraudulent check from the borough. Mr. Wargo noted the check was a forged copy because the original check is still unused and in the borough office. Mr. Wargo stated West Hills Regional Police is investigating and in the meantime the borough office has set-up online banking to review accounts daily as an extra safeguard.

Mr. Wargo reported a temporary salt bin has been built at the pole building by the Diamond Blvd. Playground since the current salt bin at the borough building is unsafe to use.

Mr. Wargo stated a budget workshop is scheduled for October 25th at 3:00 p.m.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he issued a letter to Westmont Borough, Lower Yoder Township and Brownstown Borough regarding a proposal to resolve the pending municipal allocation issues with the municipal member of the West Hills Police Commission and West Hills Police Department.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve attendance at the Cambria County Borough's Association Fall Dinner on October 25th. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

Mr. Wargo reported ICARE on Menoher Blvd. has submitted a subdivision request for ten additional parking spaces. Mr. Wargo stated the Planning Commission recommended approval by Council. A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the subdivision request submitted by ICARE for ten additional parking spaces. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to untable the salt storage building bids. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to reject all bids for the salt storage building. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported the leaf machine is out.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reported line items were added for expenses related to the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is working on the 2017 budget and they are finishing up projects that were started this year.

I. Open Records: Mr. Wargo reported he has filed an open records request with Brownstown Borough regarding their 2015 budget.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve ratification of payroll from September 20, 2016 through October 18, 2016 in the amount of \$15,397.97. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to approve payment of bills from September 21, 2016 through October 18, 2016 in the amount of \$82,615.39. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile.

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Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the September 2016 treasurers report in the amount of \$1,020,928.75. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the tax collectors report in the amount of \$2,846.85. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Ewald for adjournment of the October 17, 2016 meeting at 4:43 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Danyluk absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda D. Layton

Secretary/Treasurer