

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for September 23, 2013

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled September 23, 2013 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, Council President Edward Danyluk; Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter and Robert Morgan; Mayor Gregory Paolini; Solicitor Michael Carbonara, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas; Det. Sgt. George Musulin; Fire Chief Joel Weslager

Absent: Council Members Herb Ewald and William Kory

Visitors: Deb Winterscheidt, Kamal Gella

Bid/Quote Opening

Mr. Wargo reported two quotes were received to repair the soffit and fascia at the borough building as follows: Cambria Somerset Remodeling \$2,117.00. Feather Seamless Rain & Gutter Specialists \$2,080.00. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve hiring Feather Seamless Rain & Gutter Specialists to fix the soffit and fascia at a cost of \$2,080.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). Mr. Wargo reported three quotes were received for pointing the side of the borough building and repairs to the base of the borough building as follows: Rosa Masonry Construction \$4,875.00; Piras Contractors \$3,870; Marisa Mario Masonry \$2,875.00. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Marisa Mario Masonry to repair the base and point the side of the borough building in the amount of \$2,875.00 to begin spring 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Visitor Recognition

Mrs. Winterscheidt requested when a workshop would be scheduled to discuss the Westmont Hilltop Recreation as Council stated at the August 19, 2013 council meeting that one would be scheduled. Solicitor Carbonara stated correspondence was sent to the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission affirming that Southmont Borough would withdraw from the commission if a response regarding the requested audit was not received by June 30, 2013. Solicitor Carbonara stated that since no response was received by the given date Southmont Borough will be withdrawing as of December 31, 2013 and a workshop meeting is not needed. Mrs. Winterscheidt reiterated her concern that a workshop meeting was not scheduled as Council stated it would. Mr. Gella requested if Council would reconsider withdrawing if the requested audit is completed and stated that

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withdrawing does not absolve Southmont from maintenance costs, upkeep and liability of the Ridge.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the August 19, 2013 Council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the September 17, 2013 workshop meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas stated an officer attended the Craftin' Cruisin' vent on August 24, 2013 and an officer provided traffic control for the Log Cabin Arts Festival. Chief Havas stated an arrest was made on a juvenile for three burglaries from cars.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported the fire company provided lighting for the band and members cooked food for Craftin' & Cruisin'. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a meeting would be held September 30, 2013 with Stiffler McGraw to discuss the possibility of hiring the firm as consultants to review the sanitary sewer data and project proposed by The EADS Group. Mr. Wargo stated water is getting into the sanitary sewer system from a set of laterals in Squash Alley noting a root system was also discovered below Arlington Street that will need to be cut out. Mr. Wargo stated the repairs will cost approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to add an addendum to the existing sanitary sewer contract to slip line that portion

Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two zoning permits issued to 945 Menoher Blvd. (balcony) and 210 Orchard Street (fence). Mr. Wargo reported three sewer compliance certificates issued to 221 Leon Street, 104 Milton Street and 334 Southmont Blvd. Mr. Wargo stated letters have been sent out and a few citations were sent out regarding high grass in the Shady Lane area.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve continuing current health care coverage with UPMC for 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent.

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Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to temporarily approve Richard Wargo as a representative for Southmont Borough to speak to the news media when necessary until a policy is received from PA State Association of Boroughs. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). Mr. Wargo reported The EADS Group will be pulling out the flow meters as of December 31, 2013 noting they could be kept in at a cost of approximately \$1,200 per month. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to have The EADS Group pull out the flow meters as of December 31, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Solicitor's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to ratify the previous acts of the Borough and its agents to terminate the agreement with Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission as of December 31, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to terminate the lease with Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission regarding the soccer field as of December 31, 2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). Solicitor Carbonara stated the Agency on Aging noted the property owner of 509 State Street is back in his home noting they will work with Solicitor Carbonara to attempt to convince the property owner to leave the home for a safer environment.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Council and administration to attend PSAB Fall Leadership Conference (October 18 – October 20). Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Council and administration to attend Cambria County Boroughs Association annual fall dinner (October 22). Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). Ms. Claycomb reported the 2012 liquid fuels audit and 2012 worker's compensation audits were completed and there were no findings.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald absent.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Mayor Paolini reported UPMC offered to extend the current coverage which was accepted.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

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F. Shade Tree Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory absent.

H. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent.

I. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported a discussion was held regarding renovation of the customer service area at the Water Authority building.

J. Open Records: Ms. Claycomb reported one request was received by Scott Berger for August 2013 zoning permits.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve ratification of payroll from August 22, 2013 through September 24, 2013 in the amount of \$10,906.21. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve additional paving on Palliser Street and Gardner Street, a leveling course approved by Mike Bowser from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of \$5,571.75. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of the bills from August 21, 2013 through September 18, 2013 in the amount of \$136,790.89. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the August 2013 treasurer's report in the amount of \$682,672.92. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the August 2013 tax collector's report in the amount of \$336.33. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory in favor, motion carried (5-0).

An Executive Session was called by President Danyluk at 5:25 p.m. to discuss legal issues. Executive Session ended at 5:50 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the September 23, 2013 meeting at 5:50 P.M. Motion seconded by Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer

