

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
June 15, 1998 7:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the June 15, 1998 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mayor Lary Koval, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Engineer: Ron Walker, Secretary: Judith Czynnik, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Fire Department: Fire Chief Butler and Zoning Officer-Fred Pullen.

ABSENT: Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley-vacation,

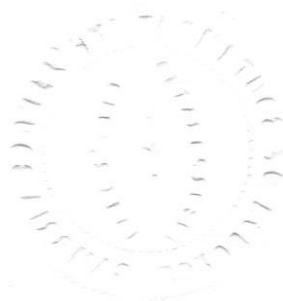
VISITORS: Joe Polantz 411 State Street

President Pile asked for approval of the May 18, 1998, and the Special Meeting June 2, 1998 minutes, as written. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the minutes as described. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

At this time President Pile called on Mr. Polantz who was interested in the procedure for accepting and vacating, either a portion or all of Apple Alley from Dell Street to Leon Street. Solicitor Lovette stated that we needed 51% of the abutting property owners signatures on a petition to either accept and vacate a portion or the entire alley. Costs of the survey and costs to prepare a deed would be the property owners responsibility. Engineers thought that they might be able to lessen the cost of the survey, by doing an overall description. There would need to be an easement written because of the sewer and water line in the alley. In most cases the property owners abutting each side of the alley receive 8 feet each. An abutting property owner could convey his 8 feet share of the alley to the other abutting property owner.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's written report records, revenues had not been received from the District Justices office prior to the meeting. All full time Officers and four part time Officers have completed the Robic Accutrack class and are now certified to use the Accutrack timing device for traffic speed control. Chief Havas had no other report.



ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 9 new permits were issued since the last report, with an estimated construction cost of \$47,978.00. The year to date estimated construction total is \$789,189.00. Mr. Pullen reported on a BOCA Property Maintenance letter he sent to Mr. John Klanchar of 104 Dahlia Street. A pile of scrap and a vehicle being repaired must be cleaned up within ten days. Not much progress has been made at the Haidar property at 1070 Luzerne Street. Some painting was done and a permit for siding has been approved. A progress letter has been sent notifying Magistrate Barron and Attorney Kiniry. The violation deadline issued by Magistrate Barron was for 60 days to clean up the property. This ruling expires July 13, 1998

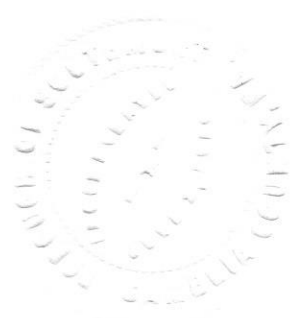
FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Butler's written report records that the Department had 21 responses during the month. The storm/tornado/thunderstorm damage on May 5, 1998 was minor in our area. The Department responded to a flooding call from the McCullough House at 500 Cheney Oak Drive and 491 Southmont Blvd. Chief Butler reported that the fire hydrant has not been installed at the Assisted Living facility, to date. During another storm on May 31, 1998, there were three trees down during the storm, all minor. Chief Butler reported that several members of the SVF went to Salisbury, Somerset County to assist with the tornado and flooding damage.

Chief Butler thanked The Borough Council and Mr. Bosley for the work done on the field prior to the Jubilee. The storm drains worked very well. Final reports of the Jubilee have not been completed, to date. Chief Butler thanked the Council for the fruit basket sent during his recuperation from a back operation.

Chief Butler announced that the contract has been signed with W. C. Murray for the construction of the new building addition. Work should begin June 22, 1998 and completion is scheduled for September 14, 1998. Chief Butler suggested that Mr. Krupa look at the trees on the Thoburn Street side for possible salvage, as they will have to be removed. There will also be many loads of dirt that will need to be moved. Chief Butler will check with Mr. Bosley about someplace to dump the dirt. It was recommended that the tree debris should be hauled away by the contractor, after removal. The Borough has no facilities to dispose of this amount of logs and branches.

The Department will have the lease agreement signed by their officers and returned to the Borough. President Pile noted that the Hilltop Ambulance Report is on file.



ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ron Walker returned final Labor & Industry approved drawings of the Restroom/Storage shed at the ballfield. At the PineBrooke Development area Mr. Walker stated that there was no regrading done, no fence around the pond, and no hydrant installed, to date. President Pile felt that we need to get a time schedule for the completion of this project. Solicitor Lovette suggested that Hinks & Locher send a letter to C & D Associates for a specific timeline, as to when these items will be done and a completion schedule.

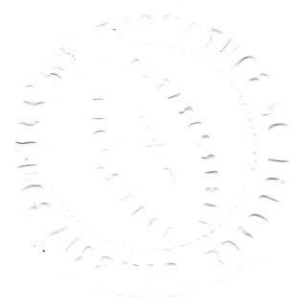
Mr. Walker completed and mailed the Corrective Action report on June 3, 1998. The retaining wall core test results show some sandstone bedrock exists. Until actual digging happens, it can not be determined how much sandstone bedrock is there. Solid bedrock is the best support for the retaining wall. The original estimated cost for the retaining wall was \$80,000.00. This could drive the costs higher than previously reported. The Borough is waiting to hear if the \$80,000.00 DCED grant is approved. Hopefully, we will hear before the end of June. The paving of State Street will be held up until we hear about the status of the grant. A decision can be made at the July meeting.

Mr. Leventry, Mr. Walker, Mr. DuRay and Mr. Bosley met and reviewed videos of sanitary sewer problems on Helen Street and Wonder Street. Approximately 50' to 60' of new pipe will be installed on Wonder Street in the Sanitary line. Borough workers will do the construction. The application for County Aid was mailed to the County. It was for \$18,000.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONER

Mr. Bosley's written report records that employees finished the ballfield storm drain and covered the excavated areas with mulch temporarily for Fire Company jubilee. Employees checked water flows weekly in designated sanitary sewer manholes for the Corrective Action plan. The new case highlift has been received and the old 1982 Case was sold to the highest bidder for \$13,286.00. Cleaned up after storms. Sealed cracks the week of May 11, 1998 to make up for lost days in April. Put milled materials in alleys. Patched potholes May 29th. The variance for the above ground diesel tanks will be reviewed June 26th by the Department of Labor and Industry. There don't appear to be any problems. Johnstown High School Building Trades Class laid the block and installed the roof on the new restroom at the shed in the ballfield. A letter will be sent to Mr. Dixon and the Greater Johnstown High School expressing our appreciation and praise for their workmanship.



STREET COMMITTEE

No further report, other than Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve making an application for vehicle gasoline fleet service at the 8th Ward Sunoco as the first choice and Pacific Pride Fueling on Napoleon Street as a back up resource. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter met with the Secretary and reviewed some of the duties he will be involved in as Councilman. Mr. Strittmatter will be looking into the fees and perhaps a Procedure Manual and a Personnel Manual. President Pile reported that he spoke with Mr. Catanese and the performance review will be completed within the next few days. No other report. An exit interview will be arranged when they are completed. Solicitor Lovette felt that this meeting could be done at a regular scheduled Tuesday committee meeting.

No further news has been received on the codification. We are still waiting for our next draft copy.

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Koval reported that at the last meeting the Police Commission made a meritorious award to Officer Matthew Watts. The June meeting will be held at Southmont Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m. June 16, 1998.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

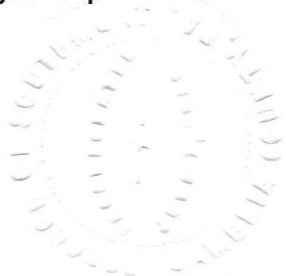
Mr. Rovanssek reported that the volume was up in March due to the newspaper collection. The operation seemingly runs well for a volunteer operation.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that the 1998-99 Workers Compensation renewal premium would be \$8,771.00 plus a \$200.00 Loss Control fee, for a total of \$8,971.00. This is approximately \$1200.00 less than last year. Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve the renewal of the Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$8,971.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. The Recreation Commission and the Borough Employees are working to correct the items recommended by the Loss Control review for the PIRMA group. A dividend for 1997 was received from H A Thomson Agency in the amount of \$254.72

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that the budget expense and receipts are at a satisfactory 40%. No other report.



SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that the limbs and overhanging branches at the corner of Wonder Street and Dell Street have been trimmed. Mr. Krupa will survey the trees at the site of the Fire Company's addition and report to the Fire Company. Any reports of trees overhanging streets, sidewalks, or obstructing traffic signs should be reported to the Secretary who will inform the Mayor for his action thru letters to the property owners.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mayor Koval reviewed the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission minutes. Westmont and Southmont Borough's have paid their contributions for the year in full. Upper Yoder has not paid any contribution, to date. The Recreation Summer programs began this week. Mayor Koval reported that the A-1 Vending Company and Pepsi are willing to donate a scoreboard to the Westmont Recreation Commission in return for soda machines to be installed at various sites in Westmont and Southmont, and the Commission will receive 15% of the profits from the machines on a five year lease. The Commission has received a proposal from Coke and the will give Southmont 25 to 37% of the profits, no scoreboard. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rovansek to install both Pepsi and Coke and to negotiate for the second 5 year term of the lease, seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. A new budget line item will be set up and the cost will be \$1.00 per bottle. Mr. Pile reviewed with Council that the laying of the block was completed and the roof is on the storage/restroom shed. We can now accept bids from plumbers and electricians for the completion of the building. Drawings are available showing the specifications needed for the handicapped restrooms. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the lowest bid for the electric and plumbing at the shed/restroom. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

BUILDING /GROUNDS COMMITTEE

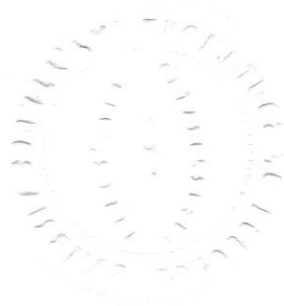
No other report.

C.O.G. COMMITTEE

No report. C.O.G has moved their offices to R. 938 Mt. Airy Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904.

CHAPIN ARCH

Nothing new to report. Everything is still in progress, construction scheduled for April 1999.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Koval completed a County form for Emergency Management and how a disaster would effect our community. Completed the Spring clean-up at the Diamond Blvd. Playground. He is recommending that a letter be sent to Sheesley and the volunteers who helped in the clean-up. Mayor Koval had a question regarding dumping on any vacant lot. Council advised him to call the BOCA code Officer Mr. Pullen.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor Lovette had no report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czzyrnik's report records the independent auditors worked during the end of May and early June. They should have their report ready for an exit conference within the next few weeks. We have a surplus copier that is available to be sold. Council decided to adopt a procedure for selling surplus items that the Borough might have available. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approval for the Secretary to attend the PLGSA's annual training conference in August 12th thru 15th at the UPJ Learning Center. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

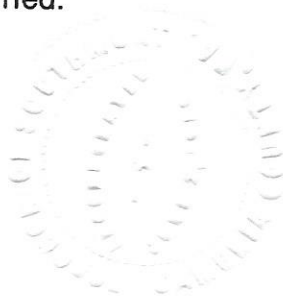
Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of May in the amount of \$375,058.99 in the General Fund balance. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report for the May Report records \$138,587.00 in Real Estate collections and \$3,332.00 in collections for Per Capita. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers that we received the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

After questions, and review, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve the Payment of the Bills in the amount of \$77,587.86. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Rodgers, Rovansek, Strittmatter, Krupa, Kory, Leventry and Pile, all in favor. Opposed none, motion carried.



OLD BUSINESS

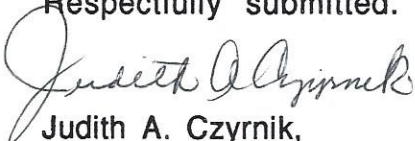
Items on the "Tickler List" were discussed. Items were reviewed, removed and re-listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Cwik has sent the Borough a letter resigning his position of Health Officer. Upon receipt of this resignation, Dr. George Hanzel agreed to accept this position if appointed. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept, with regret, Dr. Cwik's resignation and appoint Dr. George Hanzel as Health Officer. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.


Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

