

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
October 16, 1995

The regularly scheduled October Council meeting was called to order by President Glass at 7:30 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the October 16, 1995 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Glass, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa, Mayor Robert Morgan, Engineer: Ron Walker, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, Zoning Officer: Fred Pullen (8:40 p.m.), Fire Chief-Mike Butler.

ABSENT: Solicitor: Dan Lovette, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Hilltop Ambulance-Jim Dailey

VISITORS: Frank M. Mardis-Hannah Alley William Leckey-observer
Lary Koval -Playground

At this time President Glass asked for approval of the September 18, 1995 regular Council meeting minutes. Mr. Leventry asked for a correction be made for clarification and then made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor.

VISITORS: President Glass informed Mr. Mardis that the official Public Hearing scheduled for tonight's meeting will have to be postponed until November 20, 1995, due to an error in wording in the advertising of the meeting and in the letter and the timing of the letter to residents of property abutting the proposed Hannah Alley acceptance. Also, according to Borough Code residents must be notified 15 days prior to the Public Hearing schedule. Property owners will be re-notified of the November 20, 1995 meeting.

Mr. Walker submitted to Council the costs, plans, grading and specification of the proposed Hannah Alley paving. There are 4 utility poles in the right of way which would have to be moved in order to provide a 16' alley. Mr. Walker has talked with representatives of Penelec to determine what utility is responsible to move the poles. they will get back to him after they look at the alleyway. Possibly easements will be necessary to move the poles. The estimated costs for grading, paving and draining are \$23,000. There are 8 property owners who would share in the cost of this construction based on the foot frontage of their property. Further discussion will be held at the Public Hearing on November 20, 1995.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas reported to Council on an incident involving residents allowing someone to paint address numbers on the curbs in front of their property, for contributions. Southmont Borough did not authorize anyone to paint the address numbers and the people doing the painting did not have a Borough permit to solicit for any painting. Chief Havas has talked with the people involved and warned them they would need a permit and authorization before any peddling could be done in the Borough. No fines would be imposed this time, as these people did call into the Police and explain after the fact, what they were doing. Chief Havas asked that the Borough look at the Canvassing Ordinance and the fines, to update and re-word where necessary. This Ordinance was established in 1921. Council agreed. The Street Committee will look into the question as to whether address numbers be painted on the curbs.

On other matters Chief Havas reported on the latest rape incident that happened in Upper Yoder Twp. and because of the similarities in the other 4 rape cases, the area police departments, working together, have called in the FBI. Chief Havas reported that the FBI has opened a serial crimes case, 2 FBI agents have been assigned to this cases. The area police now have access to the labs, State Police helicopters and crime dogs. The District Attorneys office has assigned two assistant DA's to the case, to answer any legal questions. Hot lines have been opened for incoming tips and there are about 10 officers working full time on these cases. Chief Havas reported that all area Police Departments, FBI, and State Police are working together very well on any and all leads. Chain of Command has been established with all the personnel working on the case. A lot of expertise and knowledge is involved in the effort to solve these cases. A reward might be started and Mayor Morgan and Council has offered any support necessary to apprehend this assailant. Police Revenue for the month of August was \$311.25.

HILLTOP AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Jim Dailey submitted the Treasurer's Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker submitted the invoice from State Pipe Services for the sanitary sewer project on Otis Street, in the amount of \$5,156.40. This was \$577.00 under quote. State Pipe found some questionable sections and one section that moved during grouting. They have televised the section and Mr. Walker will review the tape.

Mr. Walker discussed the meeting of October 2, 1995 with the Fire Company personnel, Council members, Mr. Dave Duray and himself. The design plans from DaChille Architects and question on whether the existing building would need updating because of the new addition. Mr. Watt of DaChille Architects checked with the Department of Labor & Industry and found that this Borough Building has never been approved by L & I.

Mr. Walker continued stating that the existing building would need to be brought into compliance with the Department of Labor & Industry's guideline. Costs and design plans were done last year and Mr. Walker will get copies to all of Council and the Fire Department for review. After lengthy discussion it was decided that plans and costs should be looked at and look at costs of upgrading the existing building according to L & I regulations. Several items were done such as emergency lighting, fire doors, and emergency exit signs. The electrical system, stairways, hall size and door size will need to be looked at in order to bring all areas into compliance. Council agreed, in order to bring everything in to code specifications the funds could be appropriated over a period of time.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

The Fire Company had 11 members attend 44 sessions of fire school training. Eight members attended Structural Burns class. Other attended vehicle rescue classes. Chief Butler extended a formal invitation to Council to attend the annual Fire Company banquet on November 4, 1994 at Surf-n-Turf. Mr. Butler will be in touch with each member of Council. The Fire Company will be patrolling for Trick or Treat night.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No report

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry set a Fall Street inspection for Thursday, October 19, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. Also, the sidewalk inspection will be Friday, October 20, 1995 at 1:00 p.m., at which time the residents who have complied with our letter to repair and the residents who have not complied with our letter will be looked at. After inspection those who have not complied will be given notice that the Borough will have repairs made and assess the property owner.

Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept Ordinance #397 as written, providing for sidewalks in Southmont Borough and to advertise the Ordinance for final adoptions at the November 20, 1995 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry reported on the meeting of October 10, 1995 at which time several different evaluation forms were reviewed. The Committee will meet again on November 15, 1995, at 7:00 p.m., to tie up the loose ends.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 2 permits were issued this month for a total of \$101,000.00. This brings the year to date total to \$949,105.00 of estimated construction costs. The Zoning Hearing Board met and approved an appeal by Clark's Corner Store for an addition to their property. The hearing was required because the existing use is a grandfather commercial operation located in a residential area. Hoss's has submitted a revised landscaping plan and planted Arborvitae and installed a Calgard fence around the entire parking area.

Mr. Pullen reported that both the Hearn and Klanchar properties are making satisfactory progress and they are making monthly reports to Mr. Pullen.

Mr. Rodgers commented on the letter received from Attorney Cosgrove in reference to a problem about a fence permit issued to Mr. Paul Carpenter. Mr. Rodgers commended Mr. Pullen for his work on this case. Mr. Rodgers added that Mr. Pullen tried to make a situation workable between the neighboring property owners.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reported on an incident involving window glass deposited in the clear glass bin at the trailer. We were made to pay an additional fee for the contaminated materials. Residents will be reminded again that window and safety glass are not recyclable.

Mr. Danyluk reported on the newspaper recycling program, stating that he expects to begin in the spring. Details are not completed to date, but he will keep Council informed.

POLICE COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

Next meeting is scheduled October 26, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at which time the Commission will be talking with the Principal Group on the disability part of the Police coverage. They are working on the budget and Mr. Pile has submitted the 1996 Police budget to Southmont.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

No report. Mr. Kory submitted the Insurance Budget to Mr. Rodgers.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

All Budget items were to be submitted at this meeting. Mr. Rodgers asked that the Secretary remind the Fire Company we need a detailed request. Mr. Rodgers called for a Budget meeting November 1, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. A motion to advertise the November 1, 1995 meeting made by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Leventry. All Council is invited to the meeting.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that the America the Beautiful/Palmer Street Project

planting has been approved for the 1996 Arbor Day celebration in April.

Mr. Krupa attended the Penn State annual seminar on trees. It was a worthwhile workshop. Mr. Krupa has found an arborist from Indiana County and has met with him this past month. After reviewing the trees in question with Mr. Krupa, the arborist will send a report of his findings so that Mr. Krupa will have the report at his advertised meeting on October 24, 1995. Mr. Krupa has enough money left in his budget to remove several more trees this year. Any newsletter items are still being accepted.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported that the Recreation Commission decided to withhold \$3,000. from Taylor & Associates because they had not delivered the correct roof for a piece of equipment at the Upper Yoder playground. The Fall brochure has been mailed to area residents. There will be a pet fair October 21, 1995, and an area veterinary will participate. Lary Koval is on the 30th Anniversary committee. Ms. Sythe's contract has been renewed for 1996.

Mr. Koval reported that the Playground Committee received 6 trees donated by Wal-Mart. Rule signs and No Parking handicapped signs have been installed. Mr. Koval will borrow the line painting equipment for the area beside the handicapped parking. There has been a problem with people parking in this area. The Water Authority will place a large rock in the playground and the Committee will install the contributors plaque on the rock.

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Negotiations are completed and the contract is being reviewed by the Municipalities Attorney/Consultant. After this is done the Steering Committee will distribute copies to the Municipalities Solicitors for review and also meet with area Council Members and Township Supervisors.

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Danyluk reported that we have received the COG bids for the rock salt for the 1995/96 season. Morton salt had the low bid of \$34.24 delivered. COG is asking that we purchase at least 75% of the estimated figure we submitted.

MAYOR' REPORT

No report, except for approval for Trick or Treat night. A motion by Mr. Rodgers to approve October 31, 1995, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m as Trick or Treat night. Seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette was not present but his report shows that he has prepared the Ordinance to vacate Custer Street for Mr. Steve George and Mr. Raymond Asfar and it has been advertised for approval. A motion by Mr. Danyluk to approve Ordinance #396 for the vacation of Custer Street, Seconded by Mr. Leventry, All in favor, motion carried.

The easement for the Bruce property along Leon Street has been prepared and Mr. Bruce will be in later this week to sign. Solicitor Lovette had stated that he filed a preliminary objection to the Kenney/Peregory suite. No further report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records allotments have been received from the State for the allocation of \$3,934.00 for the Regional Police. A motion by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Kory to distributed the allocated amount. All in favor, motion carried. Allocation was received in the amount of \$9,810.92 for the Fire Company. A motion by Mr. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Pile to distribute the allocated amount. All in favor, motion carried.

A letter has been written opposing any decrease in the new assessed value. Mr. Pile has agreed to attend the hearing of the Tax Appeal on November 14, 1995.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records a balance of \$290,445.37 in the General Fund for September 1995. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Mr. Leventry All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$301.40 collections for September Real Estate, and \$22.00 collections for Per Capita. Total collections of \$323.40. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

A motion by Mr. Pile to pay the bills in the amount of \$76,468.65. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Danyluk reported that he did not have a schedule for the installation of the Air Conditioner to date. He will check before the next meeting. Mr. Glass will attend the Borough's Association Dinner in place of Mr. Krupa who has a Shade Tree meeting that night.

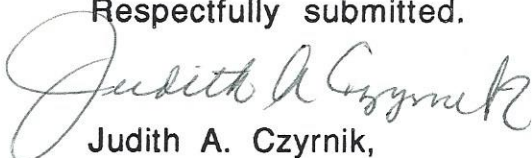
NEW BUSINESS

Residents of Leila Street have signed a petition requesting additional street lights. A motion by Mr. Rodgers and seconded by Mr. Kory to have the Street Committee look at the petition. All in favor, motion carried.

President Glass asked Council to read the information about the DCA re-distribution of DCA programs.

A motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted.



Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

