

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for September 21, 2009

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled September 21, 2009 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Dan Lovette, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czyrnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. William Krupa, Mayor Gerry Sloat, West Hills Police Chief Andy Havas

Absent: Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Engineer Dave Duray

Visitors: Mr. Bob Matula, 211 Leon Street

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve bid opening for the 2004 dump truck was made by Mr. Strittmatter. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. The bid results were as follows; Windber Borough bid \$19,000.00 and Sulli Motors bid \$12,030.00. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve awarding the bid to Windber Borough provided all necessary requirements are met. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0). At this time Mr. Rodgers called upon Mr. Matula to address Council. Mr. Matula stated he had a problem with a neighbor regarding a tree overhanging his property. Solicitor Lovette suggested Mr. Matula speak with an attorney as the Borough does not handle personal property disputes.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Havas reported all Officers will qualify with the Department's weapons on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the Daisytown Sportsmen's Club Range. Chief Havas noted the new police software will be installed in the Department's computers during the week of September 7, 2009.

Fire Company Report

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Company and the Hilltop Ambulance reports were received and are on file.

Zoning Officers Report

Mr. Wargo reported five permits issued and three negative sewer compliance tests. Mr. Wargo also reported property maintenance issues are being monitored. A brief discussion was held regarding driveways extending across sidewalks. A motion was by Mr. Danyluk to accept a policy allowing the extension of driveway macadam across sidewalks providing the macadam is the same level of the sidewalk. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Duray absent. Mr. Wargo reported the Harding Street Steps railing is complete.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Ewald reported Robinson Pipe Cleaning has begun the sanitary sewer cleaning. Mr. Ewald noted leaf collection is scheduled to begin October 12 through the end of November.

B. Personnel: Nothing to report.

C. Police Committee: Mayor Sloat noted a five year contract has been signed for the Chief and Detective Sergeant and the old Ford Explorer is being sold.

D. Insurance Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget Committee: Mr. Pile reviewed a few line items. Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Report: Mr. Krupa stated he toured the Borough with Lichtenfels Nursery to inspect recently planted trees noting few need tended to. Mr. Krupa noted he is awaiting two tree inventory lists from committee members. Mr. Krupa reported the TreeVitalize grant is being stalled by the agency and monies may not be received until spring.

G. Recreation Committee: Mr. Kory and Ms. Czarnik will work with the Recreation Commission to set a trick or treat night.

H. Properties Committee: Mr. Kory stated updates from the recent inspection of the Borough are being completed.

I. COG Report: Mr. Krupa stated an update is needed regarding the fluorescent traffic and street signs for next year.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported cash flow is increasing and work on the interconnection is ongoing. Mr. Pile stated the Water Authority may

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complete an archaeological study costing \$49,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2009-06 which allows Saint Francis University to complete a study to determine if windmills will be financially feasible. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried.

K. Open Records: No open records requests received.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Lovette reported a meeting will be held with Wessel & Company and Central Tax Bureau in Council chambers on September 28 regarding the audit being completed by Wessel & Company.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported sidewalk inspections will begin soon. Mr. Wargo stated Mr. Corey Cassidy has been laid off and Mr. Mike Cassidy has been hired. Mr. Wargo noted Upper Yoder will again be assisting with brush cutting. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to advertise Ordinance #478 adopting the new International Property Maintenance Code 2009, formerly BOCA Code. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve advertising Ordinance 479 which authorizes the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority to establish rule for operation and maintenance of regional sewage collection and treatment system. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the August treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Czynnik reported the new rate for 2010 PSAB Unemployment Compensation will increase from 1.5% to 4.75%. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2010 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Southmont Borough Pension Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Czynnik reported the 2009 County Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$2,800.00 was received.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the August tax collector's report in the amount of \$4,397.25. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve the bills for August 2009 in the amount of \$73,703.10. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

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There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the September 21, 2009 meeting at 8:43 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk