

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
September 18, 2006 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled September Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag the September 18, 2006 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, West Hills Police Chief: Andy Havas, Engineer: Dave Duray and Ryan Farabaugh, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Zoning Officer: Ryan Adams, Street Commissioner: Mr. Bosley and Borough Manager: Loretta Spak.

ABSENT: Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

VISITORS: Mr. Snyder of 481 Southmont Blvd., Mr. & Mrs. Middleton of 485 Southmont Blvd., and Ms. Cramer of 445 Southmont Blvd. parking on Southmont Blvd.; Mrs. Kelly, 102 Violet Street, Garden Club Barnett Street sign.

President Pile asked for approval of the August 21, 2006 Council Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the Minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

President Pile called upon Mrs. Middleton to address Council concerning parking on Southmont Boulevard. When coming out of the private lane onto Otis Lane and Southmont Blvd. you cannot see if any vehicles are coming due to parking along Southmont Blvd., very dangerous no visibility. Mrs. Middleton would suggest a no parking sign along with painting the curb on Southmont Boulevard. Mayor Sloat, Chief Havas, and Mr. Bosley will get together on where to place a no parking sign. Mr. Krupa also requested they investigate the parking at Thoburn Street and Leila Street intersection (by apartment house).

President Pile asked if Council has reviewed Garden Club's written request dated September 6, 2006 and called upon Mrs. Kelly to speak. Mr. Kory made a motion to add three hundred dollars (\$300) to 2007 budget account #409.45 grass cutting/maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Discussion followed concerning shape and color of sign for Barnett Street. In Mr. Kory's opinion sign should be kept uniform with other "welcome" signs throughout Southmont Borough. Mrs. Kelly will have Big City Signs draft two color schemes on the selected design (one in beige and green the other in blue and gold). Mr. Ewald made a motion to spend up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) for sign. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for August shows revenue in the amount of \$188.43 (ordinance violations \$117.63 and vehicle violations \$70.80). Police Chief Havas mentioned the camper which was parked on the Borough right-of-way on Mabel Street has been moved. The police received a call from the postal service that a pit-bull was running loose on Mabel Street; mail will not be delivered in a two block radius of dog. The police have cited the owner for a vicious animal.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Adams report was received and reviewed. Report records activity of twenty-four (24) permits at a total construction of \$544,541 as of 9/12/06. Mr. Adams updated council of his findings at 828 Diamond Boulevard on sewage type odor in building.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records eight (8) responses during the month of August. There were no calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Southmont had five (5) assists in August; three (3) to Upper Yoder, one (1) to Westmont, and one (1) to Ferndale. A new international chassis for the rescue was ordered from Tri County Motors. 4-Guys are to install the rescue box on the chassis and make necessary modifications and upgrades to the rescue vehicle. Mr. Krupa made a motion for Ms. Spak to fill out the Local Government Unit Debt Act (Act 52) and to sign the PEMA loan settlement documents as the vehicle owner. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Chief Borosky is inquiring on procedure to advertise/sale old truck. Ms. Spak will forward section 1201 (ii) of the Borough Code book to Chief Borosky; plan is to advertise and open bids at December 11, 2006 council meeting. The 2006 jubilee raised eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000), jubilee will be held again next year and will need Council's help in manning the booths. Local fire companies are starting to meet again, Chief Borosky will keep Council updated. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Duray's written Engineer's report for September was received and reviewed. Quaker Sales final invoice has been reviewed and Mr. Duray recommends Borough pays the \$9,645.28, which was being held until all work was completed. Mr. Duray and Mr. Bosley updated Council regarding Mr. Chiodo's project of the Pinebrook Office Park sewer line going through Cheney Oak, discussion followed. Ms. Spak will send letter to Mr. Chiodo informing him that Council will no longer pay half of sewer extension since not going across Susan Drive and lateral will need to be inspected by Mr. Bosley before it is buried. Ms. Spak will submit a letter to office of county commissioners listing the five (5) priorities as submitted by Mr. Duray. Street inspection will be scheduled prior to next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report was received and reviewed. Three property owners along Southmont Blvd. have not cleaned up debris to curb, will send a second letter. Mr. Bosley will write up truck specs to advertise/sale old truck; plan to open bids at November meeting. Mr. Krupa "thanked" Mr. Bosley for removing several of the smaller dead trees, which saved shade tree some money.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk, out of town, nothing new to report.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa had nothing new to report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat mentioned a new police car will be in service soon.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory had nothing new to report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The 2007 minimum municipal obligation (MMO) for pension plan was reviewed. Mr. Rodgers, out of town, nothing new to report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter had nothing new to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

The fall/winter newsletter will be going out early October. Articles need to be turned into Ms. Spak before September 27th. Mr. Krupa updated Council concerning 107 Lucetta Street; borough will inspect sidewalk when completed and lien property for cost of replacement.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

President Pile mentioned the recreation center is in the process of purchasing a new truck. Shirley Robson, Office Manager, is leaving the recreation center.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory mentioned the soccer/baseball field looks a lot better; some work had been completed (filling holes, picking up debris, etc).

COG REPORT

Mr. Ewald had nothing new to report.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory updated council on his conversation with Mr. Kondor, President Citizens' Cemetery Association, concerning ZP2005-21. They have received two fence proposals; their board meets on September 28, 2006, will keep us informed.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The August minutes were received. Mr. Pile mentioned an article "Johnstown Water Authority looking into land purchase" that was in the Tribune Democrat on Friday, Sept. 15, 2006. The article along with the numerous meetings the water authority holds will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat will meet with Ms. Spak on Thursday, Sept. 21st; and they will complete the NIMS Implementation Plan. Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve the completed NIMS Implementation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette will get back to council on ownership of wooded property below soccer field.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak's written report was submitted. Mr. Kory made a motion to approve Ms. Spak and Mr. Rodgers to attend the wage and hour seminar on Oct. 12th in Johnstown at the cost of one hundred forty-five dollars (\$145). Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town. Mr. Kory moved to accept the Manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Kory made a motion to approve August's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$310,342.30. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kory noted we received the August Tax Collector's report with Real Estate revenues at \$2,176.31 for the month. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills adding \$9,645.28 to Quaker Sales (final paving invoice) new total of \$35,932.75. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll Call: Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List".

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile noted Clean Lawn (Ron Keafer is retiring) will no longer be cutting Borough grass effective September 30, 2006. Ms. Spak will receive three bids; will accept the lowest bid, to cut temporarily to finish out the year.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the September 18, 2006 meeting at 8:25 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Danyluk out of town.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

9/21/2006 10:22 AM

