

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
June 17, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled June Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the June 17, 2002 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers-8:25 p.m., Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czyrnik, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Detective Musulin.

ABSENT: Mayor: Gerald Sloat, Police Chief Andy Havas, Fire Chief Chet Borosky

VISITORS: Mrs. Hilda Benner 230 Wonder Street

President Pile asked for approval of the May 20, 2002 minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers-Absent.

At this time President Pile called upon Mrs. Benner who attended the meeting to complain about the Borough not cutting the grass along the upper Cheney Run stream. Mrs. Benner called to have the grass cut early in May. Grass cutting begins when weather permits during the early weeks of May. Council explained that Borough crews have many areas to cut and they cut the stream area as soon as possible. This year the area had many days of rain and the grass cutting was delayed. Mrs. Benner provided Council with pictures of the high grass.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

In Chief Havas's absence, Detective Musulin reviewed the written monthly report. Revenues reported for the month of May at \$407.24. Detective Musulin reported monthly activity. Reviewed copies of certificates of those officers who have participated in various training classes, both in classroom settings and via the Internet. The Bike Patrol is in operation since Memorial Day participating in the ceremony at Grandview Cemetery over the Holiday. The Patrol is being very well received by residents of the Municipalities. Notes were received from students and teachers at Our Mother of Sorrows School for the Officer Phil program. Council had some questions on the stabbing incident at the Jubilee. Detective Musulin reported that incident was invalid, no stabbing occurred. A person fell and punctured himself in the fall. There were reports of a concession at the Jubilee giving penknives as a prize. Mayor Sloat had spoken with Chief Borosky during the Jubilee asking that knives not be given as prizes. It was Council's decision to send a letter to the Fire Company asking them to not allow this concession at the Jubilee in the future.

On a question by the Police Department, of a trailer parked on private property,

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms reported that 7 permits were issued since the last report with total construction cost of \$9,350.00 Year to date total is \$339,265.00. Mr. Orms informed Council of a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2002 to hear the appeal of Bruce Graham of 163 State Street. Mr. Graham's permit does not meet the set back regulations. President Pile noted for Council that a tax appeal by Mr. Pete Chiodo has been denied. President Pile asked about the temporary sign on the property at Portage Bank. Mr. Orms explained that this is for a three or four month bank promotion. Mr. Strittmatter asked Mr. Orms to check on a property at 106 Daisy Street that has placed a pipe through their basement wall. It appears to pump water from the basement and discharge the water in the back yard. Mr. Orms will check.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

In Chief Borosky's absence the written report records 16 assists for the month. Two calls were received between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. The Jubilee was held from May 27, through June 1, 2002. The Fire Company attended the Westmont Memorial Day parade on May 27, 2002. Work details were scheduled to set up and to tear down the Jubilee. President Pile reported that 4 persons have been selected to represent Southmont Borough in the study to regionalize the Fire Companies. Mr. Borosky, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Rovanseck and Mr. Brett have agreed to serve in this study.

Mr. Bosley reported that he is waiting for Mr. Randy Zucco to sign the 16' easement approval for the Borough to install the pole for the new siren. Mr. Bosley will continue to contact Mr. Zucco. The Hilltop Ambulance minutes are on file for the month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates reviewed with Council the 2002 paving program. Quaker Sales has completed the work, however they have not submitted a completed invoice to PCR & Associates. Some paperwork requirements necessary for PennDot have not been submitted. Mr. Duray suggested the retainage of \$7,200.00 will be held until all inspections and necessary paperwork is received. The total invoice from Quaker Sales is expected this week. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the request for payment, withholding a 10% retainage fee, until all invoices and inspections are completed. Seconded by Mr. Graham. Roll Call: Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Pile. Opposed none. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. Solicitor Lovette stated that we have a contract and we should approve payment, when paperwork is received. Mr. Strittmatter commented that Cabbage Alley behind his property has not sealed properly. Mr. Duray will look at the alley. Mr. Duray continued with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Corrective Action Plan progress. Borough problems are corrected and residential problems are mostly corrected. Mr. Duray reported that the DEP is concerned with infiltration. He and Mr. Bosley will continue dye testing the area.

The Helen Street slip lining on the sanitary sewer has been completed and is on the bill sheet in the amount of \$6,050.00.

Engineers Report cont'd

Mr. Duray is still working with the manufacturer on the exchange of the flow motor. Mr. Duray asked about the GIS proposal made by Paul G. Rizzo & Associates in the amount of \$11,500.00 for development of the Geographic Information System program. Council has discussed this program at several Committee meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Graham to proceed with the GIS program in the amount of \$11,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Pile. Opposed none. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. President Pile felt that the Engineers could work on their part of the proposal and when the Borough has their computers in place it can be downloaded. The same software will be used. (ArcView) Mr. Duray reported that 5 new EDU taps were allocated to Southmont for 2002. (equivalent dwelling units)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Bosley reviewed his written report. Cleaned borough building, recycled weekly, monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and cut grass weather permitting. Picked up grass and debris after storms and heavy rains. Continued to work on the sanitary sewer line along Southmont Blvd. The line has roots in it and has multiple turns and they will have to install a manhole for the roots to be cut out.

Three summer employees were hired at \$5.50 per hr. for 40 hours a week, as per Borough's Wage Rates. All Doctor and Drug Tests were done. Removed topsoil over field drain at entrance to bailfield and placed 2B stone over the area to eliminate the muddy area during the Jubilee. Chief Borosky stated that it worked very well. Began working on Cheney Run Stream clean up for the Department of Army Corp of Engineers inspection later this month. Mr. Bosley asked Council for permission to install a gate at the lower end of the Cheney Run by Grimaldi's. Council agreed to approve it if it is approved by DEP and Dept. of the Army Corp of Engineers. Southmont Borough hosted a Council of Governments sewer camera demonstration. Mr. Bosley had the area of Leon Street televised, in reference to Brawley sewer back up at 100 King Street, to pinpoint the problems and trees that need to be removed.

PennDot will be handling the problem at the corner of Harshberger St. and Daisy Street. Shrubs and bushes are in PennDot's right of way. Mr. Bosley is checking on sidewalks installed on Cheney Oak Drive. It appears blacktop sidewalks were installed, which is not allowed by the Borough. Mr. Bosley will check. Mr. Bosley reported that there does not appear to be any major problems, at this time, in the Cheney Run.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk discussed the letter requesting a handicapped No Parking sign to be installed at 21 Shady Lane. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the handicapped parking sign. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Motion carried. Mr. Rodgers absent. A letter was received from Attorney Walker in reference to a new resident at 621 Diamond Blvd. concerning sidewalk repairs. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to allow the resident to make the correction to the sidewalk by October 31, 2002.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter had nothing new to report. Southmont has received notification that Mediator Melania Archangelo has been assigned to the negotiations of the AFSCME contract.

POLICE COMMISSION

There is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in Westmont. Mr. Krupa will attend, as Mayor Sloat is out of town.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham had nothing new to report.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reviewed with Council the Worker's Compensation insurance contract that will renew August 1, 2002. Mr. Danyluk suggested that the Insurance Committee look into the new Borough Elected Official Program (BEOP) and the Keystone Municipal Insurance Programs for worker's compensation, liability and casualty insurance. After data is received, a Committee meeting will be scheduled for discussion on the programs.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Nothing to report, at this time.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reviewed with Council a letter he is sending to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Keklak who have failed to plant trees according to their agreement signed several years ago. Mr. Krupa has asked Solicitor Lovette to review and prepare the letter. Council approved the letter as prepared and Mr. Krupa will send the letter immediately. Mr. Krupa reviewed the planting of 4 trees on State Street and 3 trees on Gardner Street. All stumps have been removed and Mr. Krupa is awaiting the invoice for the removal.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

President Pile reported on the Recreation Commission minutes and Finance Committee Minutes. Mr. Pile was elected as Recreation Authority Chairman, Mr. Azar is vice-chairman, and Mr. Khuri was elected as Secretary Treasurer. Solicitor Lovette was renamed as Commission Solicitor. Southmont has written a letter to 12th Congressional REC naming Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission as an affiliate of Southmont.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

It was reported that the shed on Diamond Blvd. was damaged over the weekend. It will be turned over to the Insurance Co. Also, the outside garage roof is leaking. A

C.O.G REPORT

Mr. Graham submitted a brochure on the PA Urban Forest for applications on grants for replacement planting of trees under utility lines. Also, GPU was at the COG meeting and distributed a phone number for municipalities to use when reporting problems to GPU.

Mr. Graham reported that monies for the Camera Grant are due this week. A meeting is set to discuss use and training of the camera and operators.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that he will talk with Mr. Dick Ott on June 20th in reference to the Cemetery Association and the Borough working together on projected planning.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat absent. Written report reviewed. Mayor Sloat spoke with Fire Chief Borosky on the concession at the Jubilee giving away knives. Nothing further.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette prepared a draft ordinance for Council's review. The proposed ordinance will prohibit living or sleeping in recreational vehicles parked in the Borough of Southmont. Council will review and make additions and or corrections for the Solicitor's review. Solicitor Lovette will write a response to Attorney Walker in reference to Michael Kane and Elizabeth Mayer , new owners of a property at 621 Diamond Blvd. The home was purchased recently without the knowledge of the sidewalk violation and they are asking for an extension to the 60 day notice for correction.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report records that during the month several letters were sent to residents whose property abuts the Cheney Run Stream. Residents have been planting gardens, storing materials, and have piled other debris along the 3' easement that was signed when the channel was built. Several letters have gone to residents who have been throwing dog waste into the creek and along the 3'easement.

There were approximately 60 letters sent to residents in reference to the 2002 sidewalk inspection done by Mr. Danyluk. Mrs. Czynnik will be on vacation the week of June 23 thru 29, 2002.

Mr. Rodgers joined the meeting 8:25 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the May Treasurers Report in the amount of \$381,128.83. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers that we received the Tax Collector's Report for the month in the amount of \$123,907.29. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Graham to approve payment of the bills, for a total amount of \$36,547.40. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, opposed none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile asked for review of items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed, removed or relisted. Some new items will be added.

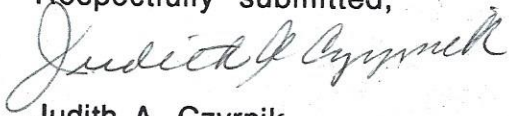
NEW BUSINESS

President Pile reported on the monthly interest received from Valley National Investment.

PSAB Fall Conference is Oct. 25-27 at Station Square in Pittsburgh. Council discussed the problem on State Street that Mr. Martin approached Council about last month. It was decided that lines would be painted on State Street Leon Street to Helen Street.

There being no further items to discuss Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

