

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
July 20, 1998 7:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled July Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the July 20, 1998 meeting of Council convened.

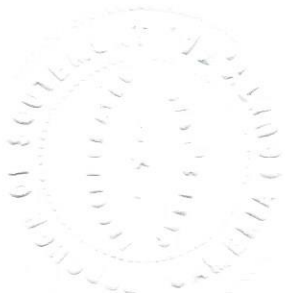
PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Krupa (7:15), Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mayor Lary Koval, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Engineer: Ron Walker, Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Fire Department: Fire Chief Butler and Zoning Officer-Fred Pullen (7:50).

ABSENT: Mr. Rodgers, absent, - Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Conference

<u>VISITORS:</u>	M.C. Kaplaniak	109 Leon St	Jeff McKool	WHRC/Pepsi
	Hilda Benner	230 Wonder St.	Chuck Luffy	Pepsi Cola
	Carl Jacoby	212 Wonder St.	Cliff Kittner	WHRC
	Dennis Henry	210 Wonder St.	Vivian Partch	218 Wonder St
	Barbara Henry	210 Wonder St.	Fred Partch	218 Wonder St.
	Erma Folta	214 Wonder St.	Fred Folta	214 Wonder St.

President Pile asked for approval of the June 15, 1998 minutes . A motion was made by Mr. Leventry to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Rovansek. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers, absent. A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 16, 1998, as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers, absent.

At this time President Pile called on Mrs. Benner who came to report that she did have sewer backup into her basement twice in June. Council had told her that Upper Yoder was working on their infiltration and that should lessen her chances of the backup. It is still happening and she wanted to report that to Council. She also asked who was responsible for the clean-up of the stream that runs in front of her property. She feels there is a right of way there and this area is the Borough's responsibility. Mr. Bosley will check with a representative of the DEP, Mr. Ron Spellman who is coming into this area on Wed. July 22, 1998, for an inspection of another area. He will get back to Mrs. Benner. She also reported on a pipe that is filling up with debris. Mr. Bosley will meet with her on Tuesday July 21, 1998 to inspect this problem. Mrs. Benner thanked Council for their time.



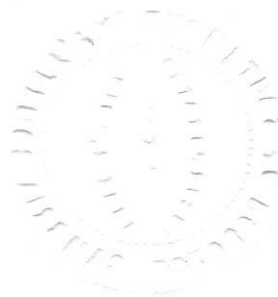
President Pile called on Mr. Jacoby to act as spokesperson for the residents of Wonder Street who came to discuss access to Artichoke Alley. It has been several weeks since Mr. Polantz began construction of a garage at the corner of Dell and Artichoke Alley. The excavated dirt has been piled in the alley since construction began. Residents have not had any access to the alley, and want the dirt removed. Residents use their garages for storage purposes and have not been able to enter the alley from either end. During paving of Leon Street a 8" high curb was made on the Leon Street side of the alley. Mr. Leventry explained that this curb height will be reduced as soon as possible to accommodate the residents. After further discussion, Council informed the residents that a certified letter will be sent to Mr. Polantz informing him that he will have 10 days to remove the dirt blocking the entry to Artichoke Alley near the Dell Street side.

Mr. Cliff Kittner of the West Hill Recreation Commission spoke on behalf of the proposal from Pepsi Cola to install soda machines at the recreation sites within the Recreation Commission. Mr. Luffy of Pepsi is offering a \$3,400.00 score board to be used at the Grove and 15% of the profits if Pepsi is granted an exclusive contract to install only their machines. The Commission has been offered by Coca Cola 25% of the profits. Maintenance on the machines would be under A-1 Vending. Council feels both vendors should be allowed to install their machines. Council also feels that a 5 year contract is not satisfactory. If Council feels that at the end of one year they don't want the machines on the recreation site they would like it removed. It was the consensus of Council that the Recreation Committee should review the proposals, and make recommendations to Council.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's written report records revenues for the month of May in the amount of \$789.31 and June at \$893.44. A Bicycle Safety Program was held at the Mound Playground. Office David Crichton assisted in the program. Chief Havas wanted to thank the Fire Department and Chief Butler for their assistance and participation in the funeral service for Merle Keppler. Mr. Keppler was an officer in the West Hills Police Department for over 25 years. On a question on speed control, Chief Havas reported that the Department is using Accu-Trak, Vascar and Radar for speed control. The 1998 Annual Report was submitted to Council for their review. Chief Havas asked that if anyone had any questions they should call him.

The West Hills Regional Police Commission will meet at Southmont Borough on July 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m for the monthly meeting.



ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 6 new permits were issued since the June meeting, with an estimated construction cost of \$143,340.00. The year to date estimated construction total is \$932,229.00. Some progress was made on the property maintenance BOCA code violation mailed to Mr. John Klanchar of 104 Dahlia Street. George Haidar's 60 day extension has expired and a July 13, 1998 hearing has been continued by the Attorneys. No new date has been set. Some progress has been made, however, there is debris that needs to be cleaned up. A resident complained the Mr. Alex Goodman was keeping chickens on his property at 339 Langhorne Ave. A notice was delivered by Mr. Pullen to remove the chickens immediately. Mr. Pullen was asked about dumping on a property along Menoher Blvd. located below Hoss's. The property belongs to R. Zucco and T. Fred Young. In order to dump there they would need the property owners permission and they should be careful not to cover the stream in that area. Mr. Pullen will advise the person who inquired.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Butler's written report records that the Department had 45 responses during the month. During storms on June 16, and June 30 the fire department was placed on alert. The department responded to 24 emergency calls on June 16th. Trees were down, blocking driveways and roadways. There were some lightning strikes and wires down. Two large trees went down during the June 30th storm.

Chief Butler was concerned with the intention of Hilltop Ambulance Association about a proposed form of fund drive or solicitation. Council agreed to send a letter to Hilltop Ambulance, informing them to submit a request for Council approval for any additional fund drives other than their annual membership drive. The fire hydrant still has not been installed at the McCullough House on Cheney Oak Drive.

Chief Butler informed Council that Murray Construction suggests that a new 1" dia. copper water service line be installed to replace the existing same size water line. The new line will be re-located to insure against winter freezing. The meter is presently located in the storage room along with electrical boxes in the lower entrance hall. The meter will be re-located to the new building. Connecting of the new water line to the existing water line system in the Borough Building will be required. The cost to the Borough would be \$1,100.00 to \$1,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to install the new line and meter, as proposed. Seconded by Mr.

Leventry. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers, absent.

The Hilltop Ambulance Association report is on file.



ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ron Walker reported on the Street Paving preconstruction meeting on July 15, 1998. Paving will begin August 7, 1998 with the milling of Milton Street. Mr. Walker submitted to Council an updated estimate and the design drawings for the retaining wall on Southmont Blvd. After review of the drawings, a motion was made by Mr. Leventry to advertise for bids for the reinforced concrete retaining wall on Southmont Blvd. and prepared descriptions for Solicitor Lovette to prepare necessary easements of the abutting property owners. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers, absent. Traffic patterns will be worked out later.

Mr. Walker reported that he has made numerous calls to Mr. Chiodo in reference to the completion of the PineBrooke Development area. Mr. Walker will continue to meet with Mr. Chiodo in order to get a completion schedule. Council agreed that Solicitor Lovette should do whatever it takes to complete the project.

Six EDU sewer tap allocations have been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection for 1998.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONER

Mr. Bosley's written report records that employees planted grass at the State St. storm sewer at the ball field. Did routine maintenance work on the building, trucks and Borough properties. Continued to check flows at sanitary sewers for Corrective Action Plan. Painted yellow lines on sharp curves on various streets. Rebuilt several catch basins and raised, as needed, to meet grade of present street. Did some "safety work" at the Wren Street playground as suggested by the PIRMA Safety Group. Trimmed trees and branches blocking traffic sign view and overhanging onto sidewalks at Borough Building. The diesel above ground tank has been ordered. It has been approved by PA Department of Labor & Industry.

STREET COMMITTEE

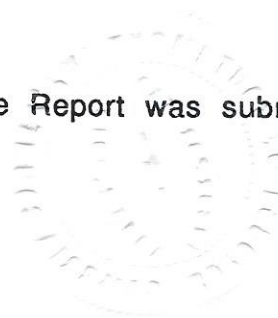
No further report.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter reported that he has drafted a copy of the Policy and Procedures Manual and a draft of the fee schedule for the Borough. The Secretary will input some fees presently used and Mr. Strittmatter will complete his draft. A meeting will be called for Council review.

POLICE COMMISSION

Mayor Koval reported that the Annual Police Report was submitted to Council.



RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Rovanseck reported the year to date volume was 26,376 pounds of recycled materials.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported there was nothing on the Insurance, however, on the Hartnett case it is still in the courts.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

In Mr. Rodgers absence, President Pile received the 1998 Final Audit Report from the elected Auditors. The Performance Audit was completed and submitted to Council, also. Both reports will be reviewed by Committee.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported his Committee met prior to the Council meeting. It was decided that an arborist will review the trees and make recommendations on the cutting of the trees at 104 King Street, 117 Palliser Street and 317 Leila Street, as advertised. The Committee suggests that the advertisement is done twice for the Shade Tree meetings, as required.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mayor Koval asked Mr. Krupa to look at trees in the Diamond Playground for any dead wood that might need to be trimmed. Mr. Koval could use the money from the maintenance fund to do the trimming. The Recreation Commission will be doing selective tree cutting at the Ridge in the fall. Cutting blocks are being layed out for bidding. The Mound Playground equipment has been received. No installation date has been set. The Recreation Commission asked if they could possibly piggy back with the Borough for the vehicle gasoline after the fuel storage tanks are removed.

BUILDING /GROUNDS COMMITTEE

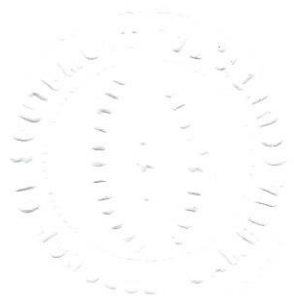
No other report.

C.O.G. COMMITTEE

Mr. Krupa attended the meeting where voting issues were discussed. When two representatives are present at a meeting the elected representative shall have voting rights. Also, the County Commissioners are proposing a 1999 membership rate for all Municipalities. A motion by Mr. Kory was made for representatives to attend the Annual COG picnic if they want. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

CHAPIN ARCH

Nothing new to report.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Koval has reviewed several of the trees or shrub trimming complaints, before a letter is written. He is following up on the trimming. The UPMC/Lee Stroke Screening program was successful. The UPMC/Lee staff will make this an annual event, if Council wishes.

SOLICITOR

No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's report records that maps have been completed for the US Department of Commerce Census 2000 program. With the completion of the audit, the request for the balance of the Leaf Recycling Grant has been made. Mrs. Huda Martin paid the Hannah Alley Paving costs in the amount of \$1,394.32 in full. We have requested the exoneration of the unpaid taxes for the property at 205 Leon Street, recently sold to Mr. Richard Reed. The original request was never completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

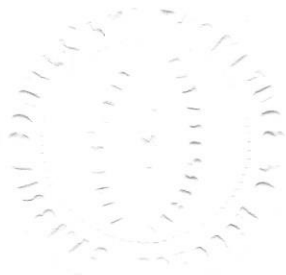
Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of June in the amount of \$392,022.63 in the General Fund balance. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers, absent.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report for the June Report records \$2,035.00 in Real Estate collections and \$140.00 in collections for Per Capita. A motion was made by Mr. Kory that we received the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers, absent.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

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



OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

President Pile reviewed with Council the workshops and seminars scheduled. If anyone wishes to attend, they should let the Secretary know.

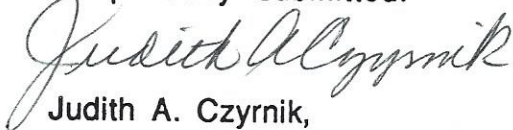
Some discussion was held on the sidewalk inspections. Mr. Leventry will check on any that were not completed from the last inspection and check on when the next inspection should be done. Council discussed some of the items recommended by the Performance Audit Review such as the suggestion box.

Mr. Daniel Kresko sent a letter requesting that he purchase some part of the right of way along Southmont Blvd., where the private lane enters the Blvd. This was referred to Mr. Leventry.

A letter was received from Mr. Bob Moore the IUP intern who worked this summer with the Borough on the Restroom/Storage Shed. He thanked Council for allowing him to be a part of Municipal Government for a short time.

There being no other discussion, Council adjourned 9:25 p. m.

Respectfully submitted.



Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

