

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for August 20, 2012

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 20, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by Vice President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Ed Danyluk, Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, Det. Sgt. George Musulin

Absent: Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Bid Opening

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve opening the bids for the 2007 Ford F550 Truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. The bids were as follows: Brownstown Borough \$23,012.10; Auto Wholesalers \$22,789.00; Sulli Motors \$12,252.00. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the bid of \$23,012.10 from Brownstown Borough as per review by Solicitor Carbonara. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the July 16, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the July 24, 2012 Workshop Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the August 2, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the ratification of payroll from July 25, 2012 through August 22, 2012 in the amount of \$21,488.87. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the bills from July 18, 2012 through August 22, 2012 in the amount of \$45,866.29. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the July 2012 treasurer's report in the amount of \$746,140.82. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the July 2012 tax collector's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

Det. Sgt. Musulin reported Chief Havas wrote a letter to Council regarding the investigation into the possibility of making Langhorne Avenue into a one-way street, as

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Mr. Ewald believed a serious accident could occur due to what he believes are vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed from Southmont Boulevard onto Langhorne Avenue. Chief Havas stated in the letter that according to the West Hills Regional Police Department's records, there have been no traffic accidents on Langhorne Avenue, and no complaints have been received regarding speed on Langhorne Avenue. Chief Havas also noted a speed sign and a "Watch Children" sign have been erected on Langhorne Avenue which should deter speeding. Chief Havas stated in the letter that it is his recommendation that Langhorne Avenue should not be changed into a one-way street. Mr. Ewald would like to take the opinion of the public. No action was taken.

Fire Company's Report

Mr. Butler reported the Southmont Borough Street Department assisted in moving trees from the roadways after the recent severe storms. Mr. Butler stated the black drapes on the front of the fire station have been hung for the late Mr. Robert Wagner Sr. Mr. Butler reported that after responding to a house fire in Upper Yoder Township, he accidentally hit a car mirror with the fire truck while turning from Harshberger Road onto Violet Street. Mr. Butler noted the repairs are estimated at approximately \$250.00, which is under the deductible. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported State Pipe Services completed the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project noting he has completed a final walkthrough with Jan Bosley, The EADS Group and State Pipe Services and everything is in order. Mr. Wargo noted there was a savings of approximately \$3,800.00 from refurbishing a few manholes instead of replacing them. Mr. Wargo reported a meeting is scheduled with The EADS Group to plan the location of repairs for a future sewer repair contract. Mr. Wargo reported the MS4 renewal application is completed.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported six zoning permits issued to 135 Palliser Street (addition), 2 Shady Lane (deck), 225 Leon Street (decking and patio), 4 Shady Lane (fence), 206 Diamond Blvd. (addition), and 513 Diamond Blvd. (fence). Mr. Wargo reported three sewer compliance certificates approved for 204 State Street, 401 Olive Street, and 474 Southmont Blvd. Mr. Wargo reported a sign permit application for Lamar Advertising was refused because it is an off premise sign and the square footage and height did not comply with Borough Ordinance No. 359. Mr. Wargo noted a letter was received from Mr. David Meinhart stating he would be filing an appeal.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the new dump truck has been delivered. Mr. Wargo reported the CD currently at S&T Bank will expire on August 23, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to research rates and execute at the best rate available. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve transferring \$5,000.00 to the reserve funds for the truck and back hoe. Motion seconded

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by Mr. Morgan. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara reported he has completed the amendments to the sign ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to lower the height requirements to 15 feet. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan opposed. Motion carried (5-2). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Ordinance No. 490 with the change in height requirement to 15 feet. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve a Special Meeting on September 4, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Ms. Claycomb reported articles for the Fall/Winter 2012 Newsletter are needed. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve attendance to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Fall Leadership Conference from October 12, 2012 through October 14, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve Resolution 2012-10 granting consent to the transfer of control of the cable television franchise to Cogeco Cable Inc. upon review by Solicitor Carbonara. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Fire Company Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

G. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported trees that came down during the recent storms have been cleared noting a bee keeper had to be called in to remove a section of tree containing a bee nest on Arlington Street.

H. Recreation Committee: Mr. Ewald reported the Craftin and Cruisin event would be August 25 and August 26, 2012.

I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory reported there are no major issues to address at this time.

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J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile reported the Ligonier inter-connection is expected to be completed in October instead of September. Mr. Pile stated restoration on two properties in Southmont Borough was approved.

K. Open Records: Nothing to report.

An Executive Session was called at 8:05 p.m. Executive Session ended at 8:36 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to note the intent to approve the consolidation agreement with the future Southern Cambria Emergency Services with the additions made during Executive Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the August, 2012 meeting at 8:38 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer