

**BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT**  
**148 Wonder Street**  
**Johnstown, PA 15905**

**Minutes for December 7, 2009**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled December 7, 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. Czynnik, 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 Det. Sgt. George Muslin, Fire Chief Mike Leckey

**Absent:** Engineer Dave Duray, excused

**Visitors:** Mr. Skip Paolini, observing

**Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Rodgers noted a change in the minutes under "New Business" to read as follows; A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to allow newly elected Council member, Mr. Morgan and newly elected Mayor, Mr. Paolini, to attend a newly elected officials meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the November 16, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes as per the changes made. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. At this time Mr. Wargo presented Council Member Mr. William Krupa and Mayor Gerry Sloat with plaques for their dedicated service to the Borough of Southmont.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas absent. Det. Sgt. Muslin had nothing to report.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Leckey reported two members attended two sessions of a Haz-Mat Operations Refresher Course at Lower Yoder Fire Department.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Duray excused. Nothing to report.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported three zoning permits issued and three approved sewer maintenance certificates.

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### **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve a handicapped parking space for 27 Shady Lane. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

**B. Personnel:** Mr. Wargo reported a meeting was held on November 24, 2009 with the Personnel and Shade Tree Committee regarding topping and pruning trees. Mr. Wargo noted a pamphlet has been ordered to send to residents showing proper ways to prune trees. Mr. Wargo stated the Shade Tree Ordinances will need to be reviewed and possibly revised and a discussion was held about possibly requiring a contractor's license for tree trimmers performing work in the Borough. Mr. Wargo will return to the next Council meeting with specific recommendations.

**C. Police Committee:** Nothing to report.

**D. Insurance Committee:** Nothing to report.

**E. Budget Committee:** Mr. Pile reviewed a few line items noting per capita and LST taxes are under budget as the bills were sent out late this year.

**F. Shade Tree Report:** Mr. Krupa reported the Shade Tree Committee agreed at the November 24 meeting to meet with Mr. Dan Wallace noting a letter has been received from Mr. Wallace refusing such meeting. Mr. Wargo will attempt to meet with Mr. Wallace along with the future Shade Tree Commissioner.

**G. Recreation Committee:** Mr. Kory reported a meeting will be held December 16, 2009. Mr. Kory noted six finalists have been chosen to interview for the manager position.

**H. Properties Committee:** Nothing to report.

**I. COG Report:** Mr. Krupa reported the December 6, 2009 meeting has been canceled and has not been rescheduled yet.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported a meeting will be held on December 10, 2009.

**K. Open Records:** No open records requests received.

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report

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### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Wargo will research and report at the next Council Meeting on property located at 12 Harding Street to determine if it will comply with the Abandoned and Blighted Property Act.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported five applications were submitted to the Laurel Highlands Correctional Program and verbal approval has been received. Mr. Wargo reported notices have been sent to residents with roof drain violations. Mr. Wargo stated the energy grant has been denied noting lack of funding as the reason.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the payment of any bills necessary to close off 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve advertising the 2010 Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the November 2009 treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Tax Collector's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to note the receipt of the November 2009 tax collector's report in the amount of \$715.01. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills for November 18, 2009 through December 7, 2009 in the amount of \$61,090.40. Motion seconded by Mr. Krupa. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Krupa in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

### **Old Business**

A discussion was held regarding a dog and cat pick-up contract. The topic will be further discussed at a later meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kory for adjournment of the December 7, 2009 meeting at 8:03 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Claycomb*  
Borough Clerk