

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
August 21, 1995

The regular scheduled meeting of August Council meeting was called to order by President Glass at 7:30 p.m.. After the pledge to the flag, the August 21, 1995 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: Mr. Glass, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile (7:40), Mr. Rodgers (7:42), Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa (7:50), Mayor Robert Morgan, Solicitor: Dan Lovette, Engineer: Ron Walker, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas, Secretary: Judith Czyrnik, Zoning Officer: Fred Pullen, Fire Chief-Mike Butler, Hilltop Ambulance-Jim Dailey.
ABSENT: Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley

VISITORS:

Bill Leckey-Observer Bernard J. Paruch-Sidewalk/Address change
Tom Lewis-Computer update Lary Koval-Playground

At this time President Glass asked for approval of the July 17, 1995 regular Council meeting minutes. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

President Glass ask for approval of the July 27, 1995 Special Meeting minutes. Mr. Leventry ask that clarification be made to a statement he made in reference to the Chapin Arch wall. The wall extends about 2 feet above ground level and the total height of the cemetery wall is about 8 feet along the hillside. Council made a motion to accept the changes, all in favor, opposed none. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve the July 27, 1995 minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

Moving on, two bids were received for the Otis Street Sanitary Sewer project. Mr. Leventry made a motion to open the bids. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk , all in favor, motion carried.

Bid # 1	Video Pipe Services Co. R. D. #2 Box 30 Newfield, NJ 08344-8909	\$9,568.00
Bid # 2	State Pipe Services 7322 Franklin Street Evans City, PA 16033	\$5,734.00

Mr. Leventry made a motion to accept the low bid of \$5,734.00 from State Pipe Services for the sanitary sewer pressure testing and grouting construction on Otis Street, pending Engineers and Solicitor approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile, Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Mr. Krupa late. Motion carried. 6-0

VISITORS

Mr. Lewis will wait until the Administration & Personnel report in the event there are any questions on the computers. Mr. Bernard Paruch of 113 Palliser Street asked if Council could recommend an address change for a R 113 Palliser Street address. Mr. Paruch had received a notice to repair the sidewalk in front of his house and thought the Rear address should have to pay some part of the costs. Solicitor Lovette read from the Borough Code book (section 1801) that the property owner abutting the street is responsible for the repair. Mr. Paruch ask if the R 113 Palliser Street could be change to a Floyd Street address. Mr. Glass informed Mr. Paruch that it was considered for changes until Mr. John Boroski provided a plot sketch of his property at 115 Palliser showing the 12 foot frontage of his property. An address change on that side would not be logical. The Floyd Street change is not a very logical solution, as Mr. Romanow (R 113) would not have good access. If Mr. Paruch (at 113) could change his address to 111 Palliser and possibly his next door neighbor to 109 Palliser, the R 113 Palliser Street number could be change to 113 only. Mr. Paruch will check with his neighbor and get back to Council. The Cambria County 911 would accept the "R" address if there is no other possible solution.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Havas's written report records revenue of \$1,057.47 for the month of July. Police answered 540 calls in Westmont, Southmont, and Brownstown for the month of July. In reference to Dr. Hanzel's letter of July 7, 1995, Chief Havas reported that a few parking tickets have been issued, but there didn't appear to be any other problems. Mr. Koval ask if the WHR Police could please pull into the playground area after dark and shine the lights through the playground. Mr. Koval had a report of drinking in the park, after hours. Chief Havas has not had any reports, but he will inform the Officers to make that check.

HILLTOP AMBULANCE REPORT

Mr. Dailey reported that fund raisers have been sent to members in the Westmont, Southmont and Brownstown area. The fund raiser returns to date are \$13,000. The fund drive is for replacement of the 1984 ambulance. The fund drive is for an ambulance only. The Ambulance Association has been talking with two Ambulance groups, with reference to consolidating the Ambulance departments. They will continue with the talks.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Pullen's written report records 3 Permits issued this month in the amount of \$19,340. There have been 28 permits issued for the year in the amount of \$705,205. Mr. Pullen reported on the Southmont Zoning Hearing board meeting August 10, 1995, to hear the appeal of Peter Chiodo for a set back variance on property adjacent to Pinewood Restaurant. Mr. Chiodo is planning to build a one story office building. There were no public objections and the set back variance was approved 4 -0.

Mr. Pullen is working out an agreement for two residents who are in violations of the BOCA code. The agreement or progress report will specifically spell out the progress of the clean-up or repairs to their violations.

Mr. Pullen had a question as to who is to make notification to the State about application for a day care in-home business. Solicitor Lovette indicated that when the application is made and before approval, the applicant should be informed to notify the State if a license is required and then after response from the State we would issue the business registration. Mr. Pullen checked a property on Olive Street for any BOCA code violations, he found none. A lot clean-up notice letter will be sent by the Mayor, in reference to the high weeds. Mr. Pullen has addressed a complaint of a fence in excess of the Zoning Ordinance height on Leila Street. He has not had any response to date.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker reported that the Street Committee met, and inspected the streets on August 3, 1995. All paving and additions were approved. Mr. Walker reviewed the Derry Construction's invoice for quantities. Everything is in order and approved. (Derry Construction's invoice is on the bill sheet.) Mr. Krupa asked if he could have three copies of the new map for his Shade Tree inventory. Mr. Walker will get them for him.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Chief Butler reported on the fire on Edward Street with estimated loss of \$35,000.00. The fire was contained to the one apartment and no damage to the other apartments. Several members attended a Self Contained Breathing training session sponsored by Scott Aviation. The Rescue was taken for inspection and yearly service. Rear brake linings, brake drums and new batteries were installed. Council received a letter from the Fire Company in reference to additional fund drives overtaxing the residents. Mr. Pile asked for better communications between the Ambulance Association and Fire Companies.

Mr. Pile asked if we had any provisions for smoke alarm detectors for multi-family dwelling or residents. Mr. Butler knew of none. Mrs. Czyrnik and Mr. Pullen, Zoning Administrator will check with other Municipalities.



STREET COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bosley's written report records grass cutting, cleaning catch basins after storms, and the weed spraying maintenance was done during the month. The United Way Summer help began cleaning out the catch basins. Began scrapping and painting the salt spreader. Prepared the handicapped parking space at the Playground, and laid the stone base before the paving was done. It will be painted and marked as handicapped. Painted crosswalks and installed new signs at Playground. Mulch was put around trees in Diamond Playground. Repainted lines on curves at Orchard and Gardner Streets. Rebuilt a collapsed catch basin on State Street at Parsley Alley, prior to paving. Mr. Danyluk suggested that Mr. Bosley try the rented sewer cleaning machine to finish cleaning out the catch basins.

STREET COMMITTEE

Mr. Leventry reported that the Street Committee was completely satisfied with the paving inspection of the Borough streets. The 1995 paving contract was about 4% over the estimated costs. The Committee was satisfied.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported the Committee met with Mr. Tom Lewis and Mr. Scott Koontz of the Lewis Group, and Mr. Mike Constantino with Advantage Computer Services. on August 8, 1995. The Committee reviewed the bids for the hardware, two bids were received.

1. Connecting Point \$3,287.00 for two Performa 630 CD 8/250 HD with 14" monitor.
 2. Advantage Computer Services \$2,999.90 with the same specifications.
- The Committee had discussed the need for a CD Rom and hard drive with more memory. Mr. Danyluk made a motion recommending we accept the Advantage Computer Services bid for the two Apple Performa Computers with 4 hours set up at \$160.00 for an amount of \$3,159.90. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. Discussion, two new computers would be needed to keep the speed, since the machines will be inter-networked. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Leventry made a motion to approve the purchase of a File Maker Pro update software package for \$100.00, and approve the Lewis Group consultant fee to integrate spread sheets and database for conversion. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried 7-0. Additional files can be converted to a database format for an additional \$40.00, when and if needed.

Mr. Rodgers asked the Committee if it would be possible to check on updating the air conditioning system.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Danyluk reported there was a slight drop in the recycling volume for the past month. We have not received any word on the paper recycling program, from Dave Lester of NIMBY, Inc. Volume refunds could be very substantial for Southmont. Mr. Danyluk reported that we have received \$16,799.22 from the Commonwealth for our disbursement request #1 for the Recycling Program Grant. They have withheld 10% until all contract requirements are met.

POLICE COMMISSION/COMMITTEE

Nothing to report other than the Police Commission is also purchasing new computers, along with Westmont Borough.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers is monitoring the Budget. Blue Cross rates will be increasing beginning October.

SHADE TREE

Mr. Krupa reported that an America the Beautiful grant application for residents on Palliser Street has been approved. Mr. Krupa will work with the residents on the tree planning and planting, probably in late October. Mr. Krupa had an advertised meeting with Shade Tree personnel in reference to removing and replanting trees on Palliser Street, Diamond Blvd., Thoburn Street and several other areas. Mr. Krupa will discuss some of the Shade Tree personnel concerns with Mark Maser, Forester Consultant. In reference to tree removal Solicitor Lovette recommended referring to the approved shade tree list for replacement. The Committee looked at a tree at the property at Mr. Behe on Diamond Blvd. This also will be looked at by Mr. Maser. There will be a workshop at Hoss's Restaurant August 25, 1995. Mr. Maser will take the group on a tour of Southmont's MTRP programs.

Some discussion on sidewalks and trees was held, in reference to the recent sidewalk notices.

RECREATION/PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Mr. Pile reported on the financial status of the Recreation Commission. All accounts are in order. The Commission is working on their fall schedule brochure. The Commission's 30th anniversary will be April 1996, the Commission will plan some function to celebrate the anniversary.

Mr. Koval reported that the water fountain was installed and is very attractive. Many thanks to the Westwood Kiwanis for their contribution. Laurel Management has installed a meter with a limit on the consumption, and they need to establish ownership of the meter. Mr. Danyluk made a motion to accept ownership of the water meter at the Diamond Playground. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

The final reseeding has been done by Lichtenfels. Mr. Bosley will paint the handicapped marking on the space provided. The Diamond Playground rule sign is being painted and will be installed soon. The Playground Committee is making final tabulations for the contribution plaque. Mr. Koval suggested that any funds remaining after all commitments have been paid should be put into an escrow account for maintenance and up keep. A motion by Mr. Danyluk and seconded by Mr. Pile for the Borough to keep the funds in a fund for maintenance and upkeep program. All in favor, motion carried.

CABLE TV COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers reported that the Cable Committee is to have talks with Time Warner's head attorney, on Wednesday, August 23, 1995. The talks will be held in Johnstown, at the Cable Committees request. Mayor Morgan reflected that Time Warner people are not happy with the size of the ordinance, they would prefer a much smaller ordinance. This new ordinance is a 175 page document.

CHAPIN ARCH COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory reported that three letters have been written, to Penn Dot, Grandview Cemetery and Jonathan Daily of the Johnstown Heritage Association declining ownership of the Arch property. We have forwarded copies to Mr. Karl King of the Southwestern PA Heritage Preservation Association.

Council will keep up to date on the project, as Council is still interested in improving and preserving the Arch area.

C.O.G REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Morgan received a call from Mr. Zamias, he will fix the sidewalk as proposed. He will not fix the spring water that comes out on his property.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report. Solicitor Lovette has not heard any further on the Kenney suite.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records approval to publish a press release about Southmont Borough's participation in the 1996 Community Map. A motion by Mr. Pile to approve the agreement and letter of introduction for the Community Map. Seconded by Mr. Leventry. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers spoke with Mr. Caputo of the IU8 in reference to a program involving the Alternative Special Education Program where as the special youth group would work several afternoons on the Playground clean-up probably during the fall months. The program is to do basic community work services. The youth would be supervised by IU8 personnel. After discussion, it was recommended that Mr. Bosley talk with Mr. Caputo to work out a time schedule preferably not Fridays, get distinct job descriptions of what work they plan to do. The group would be covered by our temporary liability insurance. Council will look at the program again. Letters have been sent to all of the Playground Committee, Recreation Commission and others who helped in the planning of the playground. Council agreed that we would not participate in the PA Cooperative Purchasing Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records a balance of \$313,073.99 in the General Fund for July 1995. Mr. Leventry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Quinn's written report records \$26,786.75 collections for July Real Estate, and \$1,155.00 collections for Per Capita. Total collections of \$27,941.25. Mr. Krupa made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report, seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS

A motion by Mr. Leventry to pay the bills in the amount of \$80,074.10. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll Call vote: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry, Mr. Pile and Mr. Glass, all in favor, opposed none. Motion carried 7-0. Question: Mrs. Czyrnik will check on the degreaser prices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Glass reviewed the literature on the dismantling of the DCA. Mr. Leventry felt we should support efforts to keep the DCA, because of the many services they provide. A letter will be sent in support. Council received an progress update from Congressman Murtha. Permission was granted to place a temporary sign at the triangle on Menoher Blvd., for the Arts Center.

NEW BUSINESS

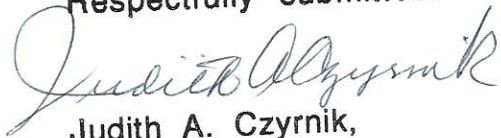
President Glass received prices for a frame for the new Borough map. Michael's Framing was in the amount of \$275.00 for a bronze frame with glass. Moxham Lumber was \$265.00 for a wood frame. Some discussion was held about weight, size and etc. A motion by Mr. Danyluk to purchase the frame from Michael's in the amount of \$275.00. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

A letter was received from David Rodgerson on Gardner Street. Mr. Rodgerson is requesting to eliminate the sidewalk that encompasses the front of his property. Mr. Leventry set up a meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this request and other related items about sidewalk qualifications for repair. Also, Mr. Leventry set a meeting for Wednesday, September 20, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the employees evaluation forms. Both meeting are scheduled as Committee meetings.

Discussion was held on installing a new air conditioning system in the Council room or the possibility of installing central air in the offices and Council room. Mr. Danyluk will check on prices for either replacement or new installation of the air conditioning system. He will report at next months meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 9:55p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted.



Judith A. Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary

