

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for May 16, 2011

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled May 16, 2011 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec. /Tres. Judith A. Czynnik, Clerk-Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. Kevin Pile, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. Robert Morgan Mayor Gregory Paolini, West Hills Police Det. Sgt. George Musulin, Fire Chief Mike Leckey

Absent: Council Member Mr. William Kory (out of town), Engineer Scott Rughe (excused)

Meeting Agenda

The Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2011 will be approved at the June 20, 2011 Council Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from April 21, 2011 through May 18, 2011 in the amount of \$17,764.78. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the bills from April 20, 2011 through May 17, 2011 in the amount of \$65,432.63, which does not include payment to Wessel & Co. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the April 2011 Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$498,605.07. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Pile to note the receipt of the April 2011 Tax Collector's Report in the amount of \$177,638.13. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Police Chief's Report

Det. Sgt. Musulin reported all of the Officers have completed their CPR updates for 2011. The Department will be receiving new mobile radios through a Cambria County Grant. Police fines were \$176.72 for vehicle fines, \$161.17 for Ordinance fines and \$125.17 for County fines.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Leckey requested use of the Borough dump truck for the 2011 Jubilee. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the use of the dump truck by the Southmont Borough Volunteer Fire Company for the 2011 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Chief Leckey requested police protection for the 2011 Jubilee. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve police protection for the 2011 Jubilee. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the placement of Jubilee signs throughout Southmont Borough. Motion seconded by Mr. Danyluk. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried. (6-0). Chief Leckey thanked Council for the Arbor Day ceremony honoring the late Mr. William Leckey.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported The EADS Group prepared a proposal for consideration to design a repair contract for corrective actions to several defects within the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Wargo reported an initial cost of \$15,300.00 was submitted noting after review EADS has agreed to lower the cost by \$4,050.00. Mr. Wargo reported a response was received from PennDOT regarding the December 2, 2010 Shady Lane flooding event, indicating that future maintenance activity is planned to minimize the chance of water ponding.

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two Zoning Permits issued to 107 King Street and 481 Southmont Blvd. and one Temporary Business Occupancy Permit to Unique Venues at 1001 Menoher Blvd. Mr. Wargo reported three approved Sewer Compliance Certificates were issued for 215 Violet Street, 3 Cheney Street and 1050 Luzerne Street. Mr. Wargo reported the property owner of 6 Cox Street has a taped barricade in place at the site of the illegal curb cut and has indicated to the tenant that he must repair the curb. Mr. Wargo reported he was contacted regarding a potential rodent or sewage problem at 828 Menoher Blvd. Mr. Wargo indicated that after review the problem was not a property maintenance issue and he has notified the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor and Industry.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Paolini reported he gave the proclamation for the Arbor Day ceremonies on May 7, 2011.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported the first draft of the borough map project was received noting a few small changes were needed. Mr. Wargo reported a Corrective Action Plan meeting is scheduled for May 24 with Johnstown Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Wargo reported the summer work schedule (6 am – 2pm) will begin for the street department June 6 until September 5, 2011.

Solicitor's Report

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Solicitor Carbonara reported no updates have been received regarding the Central Tax Bureau issue noting he will advise Central Tax Bureau that the Borough needs a response by July 1, 2011.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to approve the use of Bird Sanctuary funds to pay the bills for fencing at the Bird Sanctuary in the amount of \$1,895.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried. Mrs. Czyrnik reported a notification was received stating Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland has canceled the Atlantic Broadband surety bond. Mrs. Czyrnik noted she has spoken with Mr. David Dane, General Manager of Atlantic Broadband, and he has not received the notice or name of the new surety bond company. Mrs. Czyrnik reported the 2010 Liquid Fuels audit was completed and everything was in order.

New Business

A brief discussion was held regarding fall brush clean-up. Council agreed to re-establish the fall brush clean-up. Mr. Wargo will contact Mr. Dave Birch of Westmont Borough to make arrangements for use of the chipper.

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Mr. Wargo reported crack sealing is completed.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Fire Company Committee: Mr. Strittmatter met with the Fire Company Committee regarding the consolidation with Upper Yoder. Mr. Strittmatter stated they discussed a new set of consolidated by-laws and financial aspects. Mr. Strittmatter reported a consolidation target date of June 1, 2012.

F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Mr. Pile reviewed a few line items noting we are at thirty-three percent of the budget. Mr. Pile stated the next Cambria County Tax Collection meeting will be held June 2, 2011.

G. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan reported Norway Maples will be removed from the approved list of shade trees noting Norway Maples are invasive to sidewalks and only last approximately forty years. Mr. Morgan reported a tree in the Diamond Blvd. Playground has a rotted bottom and will be removed.

H. Recreation Committee: Mr. Ewald reported he is planning a fundraiser for the Recreation Commission to be held August 27-28, 2011.

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I. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Mr. Pile briefly updated Council on the Ligonier Interconnection Project.

K. Open Records: Mr. Kory absent. Nothing to report.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the May 16, 2011 meeting at 8:22 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Borough Clerk