

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
February 21, 2005 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled February Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for Herbert Howell, the February 21, 2005 meeting of Council convened.

PRESENT: President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Engineer: Dave Duray, West Hills Police: Detective George Musulin, Fire Chief: Chet Borosky, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Borough Manager: Loretta Spak and Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms.

ABSENT: West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas and Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette

VISITORS:

President Pile asked for approval of the January 17, 2005 Council Minutes and the Committee Meeting Notes of February 8th and February 15th. A motion was made by Mr. Krupa to accept the Minutes and to accept the Notes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. All in favor, motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

West Hills Police report for January shows revenue in the amount of \$274.47. Detective George Musulin has nothing new to report, there were no questions for Detective Musulin.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Orms has approved a permit for driveway at 570 Harshberger Road; PennDot approved prior to Mr. Orms approving. Mr. Strittmatter is concerned the driveway may become a thruway to alley. Mr. Duray mentioned that if the driveway becomes a continuation of the alley this could be a problem, Mr. Orms stated the driveway access is above the alley. There was discussion concerning possible drainage problem. Mr. Orms will send letter to Mr. Suler, 570 Harshberger Road, making him aware there may be some water runoff problems he may need to address.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Borosky's written report records ten (10) responses during the month of January. There were five (5) calls between the hours of 10 PM to 7 AM. Chief Borosky mentioned that he signed off on a building evacuation transfer agreement with McCullough House to temporarily shelter approximately 50 residents at the Southmont Borough building in case of an evacuation emergency. The Jubilee will be scheduled for Memorial Day week; they will be using a new ride company (Lamb Enterprises). Mr. Danyluk made a motion to grant permission to the fire company to use Borough equipment and to pay half of the police protection cost. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. The Southmont Volunteer Fire Co. will meet with Council on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM to discuss five year income/business plan.

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Discussion followed on items that need taken care of prior to Jubilee; make sure the water in the restrooms is turned on when weather permits, the recreation center should clean restrooms and the Borough will schedule the grass to be cut. Mr. Krupa made a motion to approve the Clean Lawn proposal to provide the Borough with grass cutting services. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Durays Engineer's report for February was received. P. C. Rizzo Associates did meet with Mr. Bosley and they have submitted the 2004 annual wasteload management report to Johnstown Redevelopment Authority; the 2005 tap request will be submitted shortly (before end of February). The 2005 street paving was discussed, base bid of one hundred thousand (100,000). Mr. Rodgers made a motion for P. C. Rizzo Associates to advertise for 2005 street paving bids. Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve Mr. Duray to develop a plan and schedule for 2005 smoke testing, dye testing and televising of the Borough's sanitary sewer system in the drainage basin which contributes to the State Street bypass. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Received Mr. Bosley's written report. Mr. Bosley to pull the republican political sign that is on Menoher Boulevard. Mr. D.C. Nokes, Jr. will be placing some campaign signs on private property; if any signs are placed illegally (e.g. on any right-of-way) they will remove. Mr. Bosley will remove log laying lengthwise against curb on Menoher Boulevard. Mr. Bosley informed Council of GIS entry plan and will have a better idea of completion date next month.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Danyluk mentioned any councilmen are more than welcome to come along when street inspections are performed.

ADMNS. & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham made a motion for Ms. Spak and Mr. Bosley to advertise and to contact career link to hire at least three (3) Part-time employees, will need before April 1st (crack sealant, smoke testing, etc.). Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Krupa has nothing further to report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Mayor Sloat noted an insurance package was received and is being looked over for possible cost savings. A new police vehicle will be purchased later this spring. Mr. Rodgers commented on Herb Howell's funeral. Mr. Howell was a World War II veteran and he was a Southmont

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policeman for twenty-seven (27) years, where he served as chief for fifteen (15) years. Mr. Hugya, who was the last Police Chief for Southmont Borough, spoke very highly and nicely of Southmont (did a nice public relations job) during the funeral. Ms. Spak will write a letter of thanks to Mr. Hugya and a condolence letter to Mrs. Betty Howell.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory spoke against purchasing a surveillance camera for the recycling issues, discussion followed on other options. Mr. Graham made a motion to spend up to two hundred dollars (\$200) to purchase a large sign stating that if problems continue the Borough will stop recycling. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rodgers noted the updated insurance renewal check sheet will be forwarded to Council.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mr. Strittmatter has nothing new to report.

SHADE TREE REPORT

Mr. Krupa requested a letter be sent to Mr. Snyder, 481 Southmont Blvd. There are three (3) leaning trees on his property and this is a potentially hazardous situation. The shade tree planning meeting is scheduled for March 15th at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Krupa will be sending letters to committee members. If any Councilmen have planting wishes or ideas, please make them known to Mr. Krupa. The newsletter will be going out in late April, it will be more of a Borough newsletter rather than a Shade Tree newsletter. Please forward any articles you would wish to appear to Ms. Spak.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

No minutes were received. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to reappoint Mr. Khuri and Mr. Pile to three (3) year terms on the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Spak will be sending letters of reappointment to the recreation commission and to Mr. Khuri. At the Wednesday, March 23rd, recreation meeting Mr. Pile will bring up the cleaning of the restrooms. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to set a deposit fee for the restroom key (deposit is returned if restroom is clean) for a week (7 days) or less deposit of twenty five dollars (\$25); longer than a week deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100). Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT

Mr. Kory and Mr. Bosley will be doing a ride thru of Borough when weather breaks. Please note Clean Lawn was approved by Council for 2005 grass cutting see Fire Company Report Section (page 2).

COG REPORT

President Pile was unable to attend the February 1st COG meeting, prior commitments. Mr. Krupa who is the alternate will be notified when President Pile cannot attend.

GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory has nothing new to report.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN WATER AUTHORITY

The minutes from the February 10, 2005 meeting were received. Mr. Graham made a motion to accept Mr. Dunkleberger's resignation as an at-large member of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority (term expired December 31, 2004). Seconded by Mr. Danyluk. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk mentioned that Mr. Wissinger would be interested to be an at-large water authority member; Mr. Danyluk will set up an interview for Mr. Wissinger and Council. Ms. Spak will speak with Mr. Chiodo and Mr. Soulcheck to see if Mr. Chiodo is eligible to be an at-large member. There may be some legal issues arising concerning Laurel Management and the turning over of records/items they have in their control.

Lower State Street Committee

Ms. Spak will be gathering information and working on policy/guidelines for monitoring streets; will forward information to Mr. Graham; this will be placed on the April committee meeting agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat stated it has been quiet, nothing new to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

President Pile spoke with Solicitor Lovette prior to meeting. President Pile stated that Solicitor Lovette has some questions for the School and for Kris Cramer concerning the 2003 taxes owed to the Borough from Mr. Quinn's account. The hospital is complaining about the retro being charged for 2000 thru 2004 on the Grandview cemetery/parking lot agreement. Council feels strongly that the retro monies be collected; Solicitor Lovette will speak with Solicitor Walsh.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Spak will send a letter to Shawn Jedrzejek, 525 State Street, replying to his request dated February 2nd on dog waste pickup; copy of Ordinance #448 prohibiting the harboring of an animal nuisance will be enclosed. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to accept the manager's report. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the January's Treasurer Report in the amount of \$277,660.49. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to note that no tax collector's report was received, due to no activity at this time. Seconded by Mr. Graham. All in favor, motion carried. The 2005 real estate taxes for Cambria County and Southmont Borough will be mailed out March 1st.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Strittmatter made a motion to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$34,851.93 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. Roll Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kory, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile all in favor, opposed none.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pile discussed the "Tickler List" nothing to remove or add at this time. The Fire Company income statement will be on the March 1st committee meeting agenda. President Pile noted that the eight hundred dollar (\$800) payment from Cambria County for their portion of Tax Collector's audit was received.

NEW BUSINESS

A review of the four (4) Engineering interviews will be discussed at the March 1st committee meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the February 21, 2005 meeting at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Spak, Borough Manager

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