

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
148 WONDER STREET  
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted, and the scheduled February 15, 2021 Council meeting via Zoom was called to order by President Speicher at 4:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Mayor Mark Yonko; Council President Sheree Speicher; Council Members Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, Robert Morgan and William Trevorow; Solicitor Michael Carbonara; Exec. Sec. Amanda Layton; Street Commissioner Harry Lingenfelter; Police Chief Michael Lose; Engineer Todd Banks

**Absent:** Council Members Herb Ewald and Edward Danyluk; Fire Chief Michael Butler

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the January 18, 2021 council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

The January 2021 Police Chief's Report was received and is on file.

**Fire Company Report**

Chief Butler absent. The January 2021 Fire Chief's Report was received and is on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks reported he will have the Phase II final pay estimate and pay requisition for approval at the March 2021 council meeting noting he didn't have them for approval now because there are a handful of Southmont Borough residents in the Luzerne Street area that are served by Westmont Borough and Snyder Environmental Services will be finishing those within the next two weeks.

Mr. Banks stated the repairs to Cheney Run will cost approximately \$135,000 and will require easements from the adjacent property owners.

Council discussed a drafted letter that Mrs. Speicher suggested the borough send to residents summarizing DEP requirements to eliminate the amount of storm water that is infiltrating the sanitary sewer system by December 31, 2021 and what residents may be required to do to keep them updated. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve sending the sewer project update letter to residents. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

**Zoning Officer's Report**

The January 2021 Zoning Officer's Report was received and is on file.

**Street Commissioner's Report**

Mr. Lingenfelter reported the public works department has been focusing on plowing, salting and keeping inlets free of ice noting everything is going well so far.

**Solicitor's Report**

Council discussed a draft Inflow and Infiltration Ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve advertising Ordinance No. 531 to be approved at the March 15, 2021 monthly meeting. Motion

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seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

Solicitor Carbonara reported he drafted a resolution to adopt the amended sewer lateral certificate of compliance because the old form is outdated now. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2021-01, amending the sewer lateral certificate of compliance. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to table the SHARP Agreement received from Cambria County until the March 2021 meeting so the Fire Chief could review it. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

Solicitor Carbonara reported on the Bill & Sue Lease assessment appeal noting the final agreed upon amount was \$205,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to allow Solicitor Carbonara to execute the documents so the assessed value will be \$205,000.00 for the Bill and Sue Lease property at 905 Menoher Boulevard. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Executive Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the 2021 meeting schedule as follows: "The Borough of Southmont has set the Meeting Schedule for the year 2021 as follows: Monthly meetings will be the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Committee meetings will be Monday of each week, when necessary, at 3:00 p.m. The December 2021 monthly meeting will be held December 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings are held at the Municipal Building at 148 Wonder Street, Cambria County, Johnstown, PA 15905, or via Zoom when necessary." Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve Resolution 2021-02, disposition of records. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

### **Committees:**

**Streets:** Mr. Morgan stated the streets are in good shape and the public works department is doing a good job with snow removal.

**Administration:** Mrs. Speicher stated the committee held a meeting regarding the inflow and infiltration and also on the internal audit noting both went well.

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Police:** Nothing to report.

**Budget/Tax Collection:** Mr. Pile stated the committee will need to hold a meeting to discuss funding Cheney Run repairs.

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**Shade Trees:** Nothing to report.

**Bldg. & Grounds:** Nothing to report.

**GJWA:** Mr. Pile stated GJWA is still waiting on permits from DEP to begin some projects and the Franklin Street sewer and water line replacement project will begin soon.

**Open Records:** Mr. Danyluk absent. Nothing to report.

**Borough Services:** Nothing to report.

**Audit:** Nothing to report.

**Insurance:** Nothing to report.

**Blighted Properties:** Nothing to report.

**Ballfield Improvement:** Nothing to report.

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve ratification of payroll from January 19, 2021 through February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$12,226.68. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of bills from January 19, 2021 through February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$146,794.02. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve transfers as presented from January 19, 2021 through February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$85,613.71. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the January 2021 treasurer's report in the amount of \$1,306,192.15. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

An Executive Session was called at 4:51 p.m. to discuss legal negotiations. Executive Session ended at 4:47 p.m. and the regularly scheduled meeting was resumed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Pile for adjournment of the February 15, 2021 meeting at 4:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Trevorrow, and Mrs. Speicher in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Danyluk absent. Motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Layton  
Executive Secretary