

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

**Minutes for July 18, 2011**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled July 18, 2011 Council meeting was called to order by President Rodgers at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Asst. Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Richard Rodgers, Council Members; Mr. Ed Danyluk, Mr. Herb Ewald, Mr. William Kory, Mr. Tom Strittmatter and Mr. Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, West Hills Police Chief Andrew Havas

**Absent:** Council Member Mr. Kevin Pile, Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Engineer Scott Rughe (excused)

**Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Ewald made two corrections to the wording of the June 20, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve the June 20, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes as per changes made. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll in the amount of \$15,682.43 from June 21, 2011 to July 18, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the bills from June 22, 2011 through July 19, 2011 in the amount of \$34,766.82. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to approve the June 2011 treasurer's report in the amount of \$576,631.26. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to note the receipt of the June 2011 tax collector's report in the amount of \$16,607.76. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Havas reported per a request from Mr. Bob Riddle, who is in charge of the Farmers Market at the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Officer Dowdell attended the Farmers Market on July 2, 2011 and gave various handouts. The May 2011 police fines were \$274.50 for vehicle fines and \$89.50 for ordinance fines. June 2011 police fines were \$208.57 for vehicle fines and \$206.58 for Ordinance fines.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Leckey absent. The Fire Company Report and the Hilltop Ambulance Report were received and are on file.

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### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported 975 dye tests have been performed throughout the Borough noting out of 191 potential violations only 47 are left to be repaired. Mr. Wargo stated a letter was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding reimbursements for the damages as a result of the pipe failure under Menoher Boulevard noting PennDOT stated they are not responsible for any damages associated with the incident. Mr. Wargo will send a copy of the letter to Grandview Cemetery.

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported three zoning permits issued to 134 Palliser Street, 308 Palliser Street and 1 Cheney Street. Mr. Wargo reported one sign permit issued to 100 Susan Drive. Mr. Wargo reported one approved sewer compliance certificate for 205 Leila Street. Mr. Wargo stated the property owner of 15 Shady Lane has not responded regarding the retaining wall between 15 Shady Lane and 14 Shady Lane. Mr. Wargo stated the issue has been filed with District Magistrate John Barron.

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported the 2011 paving schedule, line painting and stop bar painting are completed. Mr. Wargo noted catch basin repairs will continue all summer. Mr. Wargo suggested sidewalk inspections be completed. Mr. Danyluk, Mr. Ewald and Mr. Morgan will meet with Mr. Wargo to discuss a procedure to complete sidewalk inspections. Mr. Wargo stated the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority requested approval to install a rain gauge on the municipal building roof at no cost to the Borough. A motion was made by Mr. Danyluk to approve installation of a rain gauge by Johnstown Redevelopment Authority on the municipal building. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Mr. Wargo reported Mr. Keith Inscho of 215 Dell Street recently had flooding in his basement and he believed it was Borough related. Mr. Wargo stated the area was dye tested and Roto Rooter televised the sanitary sewer line noting the issue is not related to the sanitary sewer system, but may be a Water Authority issue.

### **Solicitor's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Danylk to approve advertising Ordinance No. 488 establishing, modifying and reenacting an earned income tax for residents of Southmont Borough. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0). Solicitor Carbonara reported he spoke with Attorney Binotto regarding a settlement with Central Tax Bureau noting Attorney Binotto is awaiting a signed agreement from Attorney Rullo.

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Strittmatter to increase the mileage rate from 50 cents per mile to 55.5 cents per mile. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role Call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr.

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Danyluk, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Strittmatter and Mr. Morgan in favor. Mr. Kory opposed. Mr. Pile absent. Motion carried (5-1).

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald reported the street sweeper is out. Mr. Ewald stated gravel is being pushed onto the streets from driveways. Mr. Wargo will look into the issue.

**B. Administration:** Nothing to report.

**C. Personnel:** Nothing to report.

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

**E. Fire Company Committee:** Mr. Strittmatter stated a Finance Committee meeting will be held July 24, 2011.

**F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Pile absent.

**G. Shade Tree Committee:** Mr. Morgan reported six trees have been removed and will be replaced in the fall.

**H. Recreation Committee:** Mr. Ewald reported not all activities are going well.

**I. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Mr. Kory noted the basketball courts below the soccer field seem to be less used than in the past. Mr. Kory stated there are no major issues to address at this time.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile absent.

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

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the July 18, 2011 meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Pile absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amanda D. Claycomb*  
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer