

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

**Minutes for May 21, 2012**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled May 21, 2012 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara, Manager Richard Wargo, Sec./Tres. Amanda Claycomb, President Ed Danyluk, Council Members; Richard Rodgers, Kevin Pile, Thomas Strittmatter, and Robert Morgan, Mayor Gregory Paolini, Det. Sgt. George Musulin (filling in for Chief Havas)

**Absent:** Council Members William Kory (out of town) and Herb Ewald; Fire Chief Mike Leckey, Police Chief Andrew Havas; Engineer Scott Rugh (excused)

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2012. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the ratification of payroll from April 19, 2012 through May 21, 2012 in the amount of \$16,291.53. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve payment of bills from April 18, 2012 through May 22, 2012 in the amount of \$72,739.42. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the April 2012 treasurer's report in the amount of \$505,948.07. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to note the receipt of the April 2012 tax collector's report in the amount of \$172,905.54. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Det. Sgt. Musulin reported all officers are scheduled to take part in firearms qualifications at the Daisytown Range later this month.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Leckey absent. The Hilltop Ambulance Report was received and is on file.

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported the EADS Group has scheduled a pre-construction conference for May 24, 2012 with State Pipe Services regarding the sanitary sewer rehabilitation contract.

**Zoning Officer's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported one zoning permit issued to 496 Edward Street for a fence. Mr. Wargo reported three approved sewer compliance certificates for 48 Shady Lane, 205 Orchard Street and 139 Helen Street. Mr. Wargo reported the owner of 6 Cox Street has completed the curb repairs. Mr. Wargo stated high grass letters and various property maintenance letters are being sent out.

**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported an extra ten percent (10%) of the paving contract amount can be used for extra paving noting it could be used to pave Leon Street from Wonder Street to State Street. Mr. Wargo reported sidewalk inspections have begun and letters will be sent out regarding any violations found. Mr. Wargo reported Fran Sivi of Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission requested the use of a portion of Thoburn Street to hold a downhill derby on July 21, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to allow the Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission to use a portion of Thoburn Street for a downhill derby on July 21, 2012 as per a review of the paperwork and approval by Solicitor Carbonara. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0). Mr. Wargo reported that on April 23, 2012, after a heavy rainfall, the sanitary sewer line backed up at 143 Violet Street and 147 Violet Street. Mr. Wargo noted that during the televising of sanitary sewer lines in 2008, a small portion of Violet Street and Tomato Alley was not included and a blockage of roots was not noticed. Mr. Wargo noted it will be an insurance issue.

**Solicitor's Report**

An Executive Session was called at 7:43 p.m. regarding legal matters. Executive Session ended at 8:07 p.m. and Council resumed its regularly scheduled meeting. Solicitor Carbonara reported he finalized a draft agreement regarding the Southern Cambria Emergency Services consolidation for Attorney Phyllis Forman to review. Solicitor Carbonara reported a release was received from Wessel & Company agreeing to pay Southmont Borough a sum of \$6,394.40 and to forgive an invoice in the amount of \$3,605.60 with Southmont Borough agreeing to release all claims against Wessel & Company. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the release with Wessel & Company. Motion seconded by Mr. Rodgers. Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0).

**Secretary's Report**

Ms. Claycomb reported the 2012 liquid fuels was received in the amount of \$56,114.75. A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve payment of \$192.15 to the Cambria County Tax Collection Committee for 2012 budget allocations. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan.

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Role call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Pile, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. Motion carried (5-0).

**New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve advertising for garbage bids for 2013 through 2015. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Mr. Ewald absent.

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

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

**D. Police Committee:** Mayor Paolini reported the committee voted to terminate a temp officer that has not worked for over one year.

**E. Fire Company Committee:** Nothing to report.

**F. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Nothing to report.

**G. Shade Tree Committee:** Mr. Morgan reported the Arbor Day celebration was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Diamond Blvd. Playground noting a tree was planted and dedicated to former Councilmember Charles Glass.

**H. Recreation Committee:** Mr. Kory absent. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to re-approve Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory as members of the recreation committee and all of council as alternates. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

**I. Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Nothing to report.

**J. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported another capital improvement meeting will be held to reallocate 2012 budget money.

**K. Open Records:** Nothing to report.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers for adjournment of the May 21, 2012 meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Mr. Ewald and Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).

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