

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Minutes for August 21, 2017

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled August 21, 2017 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members; Gregory Paolini, Herb Ewald, William Kory, Kevin Pile, Bob Morgan and Sheree Speicher; Police Chief Michael Lose; Fire Chief Joel Weslager; Mayor Mark Yonko

Absent: Attorney Michael Carbonara; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton

Visitors: Jason Dailey (Police proposal)

Visitor Recognition

Mr. Dailey stated the Johnstown Police Department is interested in meeting with council to discuss police protection. Mr. Wargo noted an administrative or police committee meeting will be arranged for Mr. Dailey to present his information.

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of July 17, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Police Chief's Report

Chief Lose reported Officer Beblar patrolled the Mound on the 4th of July due to the large crowd, Officer West attended the Westmont Hilltop Baptist Church for their Vacation Bible School event, and Officer Kesslak spoke with children at the Westmont Learning Lamp.

Chief Lose reported the Department's Open House was held on July 22nd and went well.

Fire Company's Report

Chief Weslager reported crews assisted West Hill Fire Department with a fatal garage fire and pumped basements on Goucher Street for four hours due to a clogged main sewer line.

The Hilltop Ambulance report was received and is on file.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Banks reported Phase I of the sanitary sewer replacement project is progressing quickly noting the budget seems to be in good shape as well. Mr. Banks noted the main lines are approximately 94% complete and laterals are approximately 75% complete.

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Mr. Banks asked for council's advice regarding a complaint on a flooded basement issue at 206 Leila Street noting the issue arose because of an abandoned gas line conduit through the wall that had not been sealed, which allowed for surface and ground water to get through. Mr. Banks noted a few solutions include a French drain or an exterior sump pit. Council decided Kukurin Contracting will be responsible for plugging the existing holes in the basement.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Kukurin Contracting Pay Estimate No. 9 in the amount of \$551,613.81. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve PennVest Payment Request No. 10 in the amount of \$605,598.69. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

Zoning Officer's Report

Mr. Wargo reported two building permits issued to 17 Cox Street (fence) and 211 Olive Street (siding/windows).

Mr. Wargo reported three certificates of compliances approved for 129 Mabel Street (no sumps), 510 Edward Street (no sumps) and 221 Leila Street (no sumps).

Mr. Wargo reported a subdivision request was received for 165, 167, 169 and 171 Floyd Street noting the request is being reviewed by Solicitor Carbonara.

Mr. Wargo stated a planning commission meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. to review the improved zoning ordinance draft.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wargo reported a request was received from the Westmont Hilltop School District regarding parking concerns along Diamond Blvd. between Luzerne Street and Menoher Blvd. noting there will be an influx of traffic in that area because of the elementary being in the area. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to allow Solicitor Carbonara to draft an ordinance to ban parking on both sides of the street on Diamond Blvd. between Luzerne Street and Menoher Blvd. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Wargo stated he will request an additional flow meter be installed on Harshberger Road to monitor the inflow from Upper Yoder Township noting a letter was sent to Upper Yoder Township requesting a status update regarding recent excessive sewage flows and their plans to abate the issue. Mr. Ewald suggested a flow meter be installed on Southmont Blvd. to monitor flows coming from Elim Street.

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Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Carbonara absent. Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Layton absent. Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve a request from Bishop McCourt to "Turn Southmont Teal" to promote ovarian cancer awareness during the month of September. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

1) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Streets: Nothing to report.

B. Administration: Nothing to report.

C. Personnel: Nothing to report.

D. Police Committee: Nothing to report.

E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee: Nothing to report.

F. Shade Tree Committee: Mr. Morgan stated a tree inspection will need to be done to identify hazardous trees.

G. Buildings & Grounds Committee: Nothing to report.

H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority: Nothing to report.

I. Open Records: Nothing to report.

Business Items

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to approve the ratification of payroll from July 20, 2017 through August 21, 2017 in the amount of \$16,738.23. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to approve payment of bills from July 19, 2017 through August 22, 2017 in the amount of \$792,983.75. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the July 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$1,848,092.04. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the July 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$23,315.76. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Pile to send a letter to residents along Court Alley regarding shrubs and hedges that need trimmed back. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the August 21, 2017 meeting at 4:36 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Layton
Secretary/Treasurer