

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

**Minutes for October 16, 2017**

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The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled October 16, 2017 Council meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Attorney Michael Carbonara; Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Treas. Amanda Layton; 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; Fire President James Carbaugh; Mayor Mark Yonko

**Visitors:** David Taylor (Street Light), Robert Walker (Observing), and Judy Kelly (Fire Co. Consolidation)

**Visitor Recognition**

Mr. Taylor thanked council and staff for the street light installed at the corner of Court Alley and Pearl Street.

Mrs. Kelly inquired as to why the consolidation between fire departments did not go through, how badly a new fire engine is needed, and if consolidation is a possibility in the near future. Chief Weslager stated the consolidation was discussed for over two years, but ended up not being the best option. A consolidated fire company would inevitably end up with less equipment, less members and less funding. Chief Weslager noted the state will probably consolidate local fire departments within the next ten to twenty years. Mrs. Kelly stated she feels the fire company should still consider a consolidation.

**Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the council meeting minutes of September 18, 2017. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Lose reported Officer West attended a class regarding how to interview child abuse victims, Officers Stutzman and Woodruff completed a Taser Instructor Certification Class, and Officer Beblar completed AR15-M4-Shotgun Armor's Training in Harrisburg and is now trained to repair all of the Department's firearms.

**Fire Company's Report**

Chief Weslager reported members showed fire equipment at the C.H.I.E.F.S Day in honor of the late Walter Howell.

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### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Banks reported 99% of the piping for Phase I of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project is complete noting Kukurin Contracting estimated they should be completed with Phase I in approximately two to three weeks. Mr. Banks noted the budget for Phase I should come in approximately \$500,000 less than expected.

A motion was made by Mr. Kory to approve Pennvest Pay Requisition No. 12 in the amount of \$481,992.31. 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).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Kukurin Contracting Payment Estimate No. 11 in the amount of \$452,791.22. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. 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 Snyder Environmental Services Payment Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$4,500.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. 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 zoning permits approved for 110 Leon Street (metal roof) and 218 Orchard Street (porch).

Mr. Wargo reported five certificates of compliance approved for 407 Diamond Blvd., 121 Arlington Street, 161 Floyd Street, 52 Shady Lane and 119 Wonder Street.

Mr. Wargo informed council they would need to hold a public hearing regarding the new draft zoning ordinance. Council agreed on a public hearing date of December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to authorize advertising a Public Hearing on December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to review the new draft zoning ordinance.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wargo reported that he participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock-Up noting he raised \$650.00 for the cause.

Mr. Wargo informed council that Snyder Environmental Services will close Southmont Blvd. during the day for Phase II of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project starting October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Carbonara reported the Lamar Advertising case is scheduled to be reviewed by the Commonwealth Courts during the second week of November, 2017.

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### **Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Southmont Borough Ordinance No. 511, prohibiting parking in designated areas of Diamond Boulevard. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 tentative general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 tentative garbage fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the 2018 tentative sewer fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2018 tentative general fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2018 tentative garbage fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve advertising the 2018 tentative sewer fund budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. Roll call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Kory, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

## **1) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Streets:** Nothing to report.

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

**C. Personnel:** A motion was made by Mr. Paolini to hire Alexander Glessner as a part-time seasonal laborer at \$7.25 per hour on an as needed basis. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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

**E. Budget & Tax Collection Committee:** Mr. Pile reminded council of a budget workshop scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**F. Shade Tree Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

**H. Greater Johnstown Water Authority:** Mr. Pile reported the GJWA is moving along with the work at North Fork Dam.

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

**Business Items**

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve the ratification of payroll from September 19, 2017 through October 16, 2017 in the amount of \$11,805.33. 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 payment of bills from September 20, 2017 through October 17, 2017 in the amount of \$952,131.19. 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 the September 2017 treasurers report in the amount of \$996,070.53. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to accept the September 2017 tax collectors report in the amount of \$820.24. Motion seconded by Mr. Paolini. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the October 16, 2017 meeting at 4:35 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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