

MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT  
March 17, 2003 7:00 p.m.

The scheduled March Council meeting was called to order by President Pile at 7:00p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the March 17, 2003 meeting of Council convened.

**PRESENT:** President Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa, Mayor: Gerry Sloat, Solicitor: Daniel R. Lovette, Secretary/Treasurer: Judith Czzyrnik, Street Commissioner: Jan Bosley, Engineer: Dave Duray, Zoning Officer: Dyke Orms, West Hills Police: Chief Andy Havas.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Graham and Mr. Danyluk-out of town.

**VISITORS:** Steve Vickroy, Director-Westmont Recreation

President Pile asked for approval of the February 17, 2003 minutes and Committee Meeting Notes of March 11, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Minutes and Committee Meeting Notes, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.

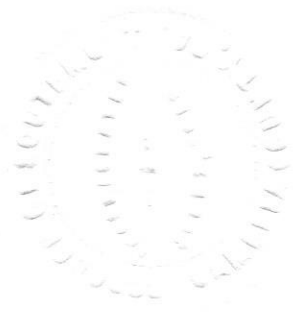
A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to act on only the issues that need action. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.

President Pile called upon Mr. Vickroy. Mr. Steve Vickroy, Director of Westmont Hilltop Recreation wanted to introduce himself to Council and to inform members of his activities. Mr. Vickroy is planning to apply for a grant to repair the fence at the Basketball/Roller Blade courts this year. Mr. Vickroy reported that the sewer holding tank has been installed and the treatment plant will be removed by the end of March.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Havas's report records revenues at \$201.81. Corporal Lose will attend a Bomb, Bomb Threat and Booby Trap Seminar in Pittsburgh. Officer Fisher attended a Homeland Security training seminar in February. Chief Havas reported that the Officer Phil's program will begin soon at the schools. West Hills Regional police received a preliminary grant approval for the purchase of additional police cars. No further report.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Police Chief's Report. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.



**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Borosky's report records that there were 12 assists during the month. The Department shoveled snow from hydrants. There was one in house training session for the annual SCBA certification. Four calls were received between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Chief Borosky submitted the monthly Financial Statement. Hilltop Ambulance Association report on file.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**

Mr. Orms report records that there were two permits issued this month. There were also two Business Registrations issued this month. A Zoning Hearing Board meeting was held on 3-13-03 to decide the appeal of Western Orthopedic and Sports medicine regarding an improper setback request. The board found in favor of the permit with the stipulation that the existing business sign be removed and new signage be placed on the wall of the building. Estimated cost \$200,000.00. Total Building construction to date is \$204,650.00. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Zoning Officers report. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Dave Duray of P.C. Rizzo & Associates submitted a report recording 2003 paving. Mr. Duray, Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Bosley attended a Superpave Seminar on March 4. PennDot has developed a 9.5 mm fine mix which should result in smoother paving. Southmont used the 9.5mm standard mix. Mr. Duray will inspect these streets to determine if the same material will be used this year. The 2003 paving will be advertised for bid opening at the April meeting. The material should not affect the price, however the general prices will be higher due to the oil situation this year. The repaired sewer flow meter will be installed this week now that the weather has improved. Corrective Action Plan reports are being compiled and will be submitted. NPDES storm water general permit application has been submitted to the DEP.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**STREET COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Mr. Bosley's written monthly report records that employees cleaned the Borough building, recycled when weather permitted, and monitored designated sanitary sewer lines and picked up Christmas trees, most have been frozen in the snow. Did maintenance on vehicles and equipment more often, due to severe use. Removed piles of snow with the front end loader, to widen streets. Prepared information for the DEP Corrective Action Plan. Continued to work with Verizon to install the lines for the new siren. Mr. Bosley submitted a To-Do List for 2003 and Weekly notes for Council. Mr. Bosley reported that employees will begin picking up piles of leaves and anti-skid. A catch basin has collapsed on King Street. Mr. Bosley requested additional help for Spring work. Crack sealing has been scheduled for the month of April. Street sweeping will also be done in April.

At this time Council called for an Executive Session at 7:08 p.m., to discuss Personnel issues. The regular meeting of Council reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to call back part timers, to be used as needed, for the leaf clean up, anti-skid clean-up and crack sealing in April. They will be re-called at the same rate of pay as when they were laid off. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town. After the Spring work is completed they will be laid off again.

**STREET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Nothing further to report.

**ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Nothing further to report. Negotiations meeting March 20, 2003.

**POLICE COMMITTEE**

There will be a meeting Tuesday March 18, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westmont Borough building. Mr. Krupa will attend the meeting. Nothing further to report.

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Report for February has been submitted. No other report this month.

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kory discussed the Liability Insurance renewal. PIRMA submitted a renewal of \$9,286.57 for the General Liability, Auto. Insurance and Public Officials Liability. No other quotes were received.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Nothing further to report.

**SHADE TREE REPORT**

Mr. Krupa reported that Arbor Day will be May 3, 2003. The trees that were not planted last year will be planted this month.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

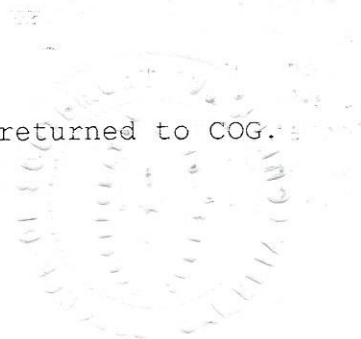
Nothing further to report.

**BUILDING/GROUNDS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**COG REPORT**

The Spring bid sheets have been received and returned to COG. Nothing further to report.



GRANDVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Kory had nothing to report this month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sloat had nothing to report other than there is an Emergency Management meeting scheduled in Ebensburg for Municipalities. Mayor Sloat will check on updates on Homeland Security plans.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Lovette reported on a deed he prepared for Rocco Truscello at 298 Langhorne Street conveying to the Rocco's one half of Ray Alley. Solicitor Lovette stated that we cannot force the people to take the property. Southmont should consider possibly removing the steps or forget deeding the property to the Truscello's, however no work should be done by the Borough. Mr. Bosley reported that the Truscello's have maintained the steps this winter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Czyrnik's written report records that COLA calculations have been worked out for the cost of living increase to one eligible retired Southmont police officer. The figures were calculated for Mr. Herb Howell with his years of service (base adjustment) and years of retirement (longevity adjustment) according to Act 64, signed into effect June 30, 2002. The amount of \$113.50 is the calculated figure per month. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to approve the COLA increase to Mr. Howell, payable through Borough funds, retroactive to June 2002, according to Act 64 and to authorize Solicitor Lovette to prepare and advertise an Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town. Mr. Pile also discussed the stock that has been turned over to the Borough when Principal Financial purchased stock in the Borough's name. These shares have a current value of some \$30,000.00. Council is not sure if it is proper for the Borough to hold Stocks, as an investment. Solicitor Lovette will check on this in the Borough Code Book. A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to renew the PIRMA Liability Insurance for 2003-2004 in the amount of \$9,284.67. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town. Council appointed Mr. Krupa and Mrs. Czyrnik to represent Southmont at the annual United Way meeting in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to accept the Treasurer's Report for February in the amount of \$288,994.85. Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

No report this month.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Krupa to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$33,095.42. Seconded by Mr. Strittmatter. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pile asked for review of the items on the "Tickler List". Items were reviewed and removed or re-listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kory made a motion to authorize members of the Board to attend the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, June 22-25 at the Hershey Lodge. Seconded by Mr. Rodgers. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town. The Visioning Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. at H. G. Andrews Center on Wednesday, March 19, 2003. Mr. Strittmatter asked Mr. Kory to mention that the meeting is always scheduled for the same night the Firemen meet for the regionalization of Fire Departments. Council members were given a copy of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority minutes of the last meeting. Council will have a Committee meeting on Tuesday April 8, 2003 and will ask Mr. Glass to attend.

After review of the Borough Code Book, a motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to sell the stocks received from Principal Financial group and reinvest. Seconded by Mr. Kory. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Strittmatter, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Pile. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Danyluk and Mr. Graham, out of town.

Greater Johnstown Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the County Commissioners will hold a reception at the Pit Stop in Nanty Glo on April 2, 2003. Elected officials are invited.

At this time President Pile called for adjournment of the March 17, 2003 meeting of Council. Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith A. Czyrnik*

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Borough Secretary

