

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2011**

Council President Donald Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

All those present repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PRESENT:** Hixson, Martin, Miller, Todaro, Yarnell, Zalakar

**PRESENT:** Mayor Betty Dobies, Solicitor Timothy Fedele, Engineer Douglas Regola

**ABSENT:** Iezzi

**CITIZEN'S REMARKS:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:** The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2011 were approved as presented to each Council member.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Borough Secretary read monthly correspondence and copies were given to each Council member.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Dobies presented the Police report for February: 118 incidents, 49 citations, 6 parking notices, 7 arrests, 2,115 miles logged on the cars and \$2,305.99 collected in fines and reports.

**POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Mr. Furin presented his Emergency Management report.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Mr. Todaro said he would like to have both Mike Poulich and Dave Bell cut the grass. He also said that he is having the batteries replaced in the building generators. Mr. Todaro further stated that the Unity Township Tax Collector will be forwarding Local Service Taxes for First Student to our Tax Collector.

**STREETS & SANITATION:** Mr. Yarnell presented the Foreman's report for February. He also said that the weeds on Adams Street were from someone cleaning up.

**FIRE & WATER:** Dr. Zalakar presented the Fire Chief's report for February: 32 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 129 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 96 miles on the 2008 engine and 64 miles on the 2004 squad truck. Dr. Zalakar then asked Fire Chief Eric Hardy to address Council. Chief Hardy then asked Council to consider adopting an ordinance requiring business within the Borough to utilize a Knox Box. This box will contain a key for the Fire Department to enter a business in case of an emergency. The boxes cost anywhere from \$250.00 to \$600.00. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Martin and Mr. Fedele to review a copy of an ordinance from Southwest Greensburg.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Mr. Hixson reported that a Boy Scout, working on his Eagle Scout project, will be re-doing the horse shoe pits and installing a tetherball court in the park.

**PLANNING, ZONING & SHADE TREES:** Mr. Martin reported there was no activity for February. He also said a zoning hearing will be held tomorrow at 7:00 P.M. for the appeal by Nellie Salvatore.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** No report.

**SEWAGE AUTHORITY REPORT:** Mr. James Roman reported that the improvements to the treatment plant are 30% done and the line on Hamilton and Jefferson is 70% blocked.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report for February was presented by Mr. Kunkle. A motion was made by Martin/Hixson to acknowledge receipt of the financial report. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04:** A motion was made by Martin/Zalakar to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-04, establishing new regulations for animals. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

B. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05:** A motion was made by Martin/Zalakar to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-05, establishing new property maintenance standards and regulations. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

C. **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06:** A motion was made by Martin/Zalakar to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-06, establishing new regulations for brush, grass and weeds. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

D. **HIRE GROUNDSKEEPER:** A motion was made by Todaro/Martin to hire David Bell as groundskeeper at \$9.75 per hour. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

E. **WCBA BANQUET:** A motion was made by Martin/Hixson to authorize payment of \$20.00 for any official attending the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Banquet on April 29, 2011. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

F. **WCBA PROGRAM BOOK:** A motion was made by Martin/Yarnell to purchase a ¼ page ad in the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association banquet program book at a cost of \$45.00. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

G. ZONING APPEAL FEE: A motion was made by Martin/Hixson to increase the zoning appeal fee (for appeals, variances, special exceptions & zoning changes) to \$500 plus advertising costs. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

H. RELEASE OF BOND FOR BRICKYARD COMMONS: Mr. Regola said in order for the bond to be released, as-built drawings must be submitted by Mr. Woodman as required by ordinance. He said the drawings confirm that the water runoff issue was taken care of. Mr. Regola's recommendation was to not waive this requirement, as all others subject to it have complied with it.

Mr. Miller said that Mr. Woodman told him that it would cost him several thousand dollars.

Mr. Regola said that's an issue between Mr. Woodman and his engineer. He also said that after the performance bond is released, a 10-year maintenance bond is required.

Mr. Miller asked how long can this go on?

Mr. Regola said until Mr. Woodman complies with the ordinance. He said that actually, no homes should have been occupied before the performance bond is released.

Mr. Todaro said the ordinance should be enforced.

Mr. Fedele said that Council cannot deviate from the ordinance requirements.

Mr. Regola will send Mr. Woodman a letter notifying him of this.

I. DUST/WATER PROBLEM - BROAD STREET EXTENSION: Mr. Todaro said he contacted the owner of the lot (across from the Borough Maintenance Building) and he told him that he will put a new base down and oil the parking lot. He said that the water problem will be addressed by channeling the water somewhere else. Mr. Todaro also said that the owner of the parking lot might be interested in buying a strip of land that the Borough owns nearby.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Martin/Hixson to authorize payment of the list of bills as presented by the Borough Secretary. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Hixson/Zalakar to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.  
Borough Secretary