

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 2010**

Council President Donald Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: M. Hixson, S. Hixson, Iezzi, Martin, Miller, Yarnell, Zalakar

PRESENT: Mayor Betty Dobies, Solicitor Timothy Fedele

ABSENT: Engineer Douglas Regola

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

Penny Kistner, 1513 Pine Street

Mrs. Kistner complained about a young man hitting golf balls into her yard.

Mr. Miller asked Patrolman Tom Grim to look into the situation.

Mrs. Kistner also said there are kids riding motorized scooters on the streets.

Mr. Miller asked Patrolman Grim to look into this situation too.

Judy Bateson, 1504 Pine Street

Mrs. Bateson said she saw a young girl ride her motorized scooter right through an intersection.

Tom Grim, Patrolman, 1412 Poplar Street

Mr. Grim said he was speaking for the part-time police. He asked if Council would consider paying time and ½ to any part-time officer working on a holiday. He said it would result in an extra \$51.00 per officer per shift. He further said when this idea was brought up before, it wasn't presented the right way.

Mr. Miller said a formal request should be made to the Mayor and Police Committee.

Mr. Grim also asked Council to look at comp time for part-time police officers again.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Fedele to look at this issue once again.

Mr. Grim also asked Council to consider allowing any police officer to participate in the Attorney General's Drug Task Force.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Grim to present more information about this to the Mayor and Police Committee.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12, 2010 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 reported 81 incidents, 24 citations, 1 parking notices, 2,112 miles logged on the cars and \$1,100.83 collected in fines and reports for April.

POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Iezzi asked Mr. Furin to present his Emergency Management report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Mrs. Hixson reported she received an estimate of \$4,800.00 to repair the kitchen in Hirst Hall.

STREETS & SANITATION: Mr. Yarnell presented the Foreman's report for April. He also reported that the old garbage truck can't be traded in right now because of 4 bad tires. He said he is looking for some used ones that won't cost too much.

FIRE & WATER: Dr. Zalakar presented the Fire Chief's report for April: 24 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 32 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 191 miles on the 2008 engine and 48 miles on the squad truck. Total man hours: 21.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Hixson reported that the Night at the Races fundraiser was held on April 24 and went well.

PLANNING, ZONING & SHADE TREES: Mr. Martin presented the Zoning Officer's report for April: 1 building permit, 1 accessory building permit, 1 swimming pool permit and 2 billboard permits for a total of \$565.00. UCC Report for April: 1 permit for a total of \$310.00. Mr. Martin also reported that as Code Enforcement Officer, he has sent out numerous letters on various violations and he is keeping a log. He also said he is working on getting ordinances from other communities to strengthen ours.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for April was presented by Mr. Kunkle. A motion was made by S. Hixson/Martin to acknowledge receipt of the financial report. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Miller reported that the State Mediator contacted him and wants to set up a negotiating session with the Teamsters.

Mr. Fedele advised Mr. Miller to go ahead and set up a meeting and that he would like to meet with the committee ahead of time.

Mr. Miller said there has been a large dump truck and backhoe parked at the corner of Ashland Street and Wirsing Avenue in the right-of-way.

Mr. Fedele said he will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. HIGH GRASS AT VACANT HOMES: Mayor Dobies said she does not want to wait until grass is too high all of the time. She said instead of waiting, she would like the Borough to cut the grass and then lien the property.

Mr. Fedele said if it presents a hazard or violates health and safety, that it could be done.

B. DALICANDRO PROPERTY ON SKIDMORE DRIVE: Mr. Miller asked Mr. Fedele to review the Ordinance to see what could be done.

C. BUDGET TRANSFER: A motion was made by M. Hixson/S.Hixson to transfer \$1,350.00 from account no. 480 (Miscellaneous) to account no. 414.135 (Code Enforcement Officer Salary). VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

D. HIRE PARK ATTENDANT: A motion was made by S. Hixson/Iezzi to hire Phillip B. Riggle Jr. as park attendant at \$7.00 per hour. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

E. WATER LINE IN PARK: Mr. Hixson said the Municipal Authority had no diagrams for the water line in the park.

Mr. Yarnell said it is a 2 inch water line and he presented a proposal from Street Foreman Terry Pegg to repair the line.

F. HIRE SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES: A motion was made by S. Hixson/Iezzi to hire Rachel Roddy as Recreation Director at a salary of \$360.00 per week for 9 weeks. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

A motion was made by S. Hixson/Yarnell to hire Anthony Monstrola as Playground Leader at a salary of \$325.00 per week for 9 weeks. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

G. SMART GROWTH BANQUET: Mrs. Iezzi said she would not be going.

Mr. Miller stated to all Council members that in the first year, employee evaluations would be done only once. He said that there is no rush, but asked everyone to get them done as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Iezzi/Martin to pay part-time police officers time and ½ for working on the following holidays for the rest of this year: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day (only those officers working on the actual holiday). VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A motion was made by M. Hixson/S. Hixson to authorize payment of the list of bills as presented by the Borough Secretary. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Iezzi/M. Hixson to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.
Borough Secretary