

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 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, Iezzi, Martin, Miller, Todaro, Yarnell, Zalakar

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

ABSENT: None.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

Bob Shrader, 1532 Poplar Street

Mr. Shrader said the Borough owns a small piece of property at the end of Broad Street Extension. He asked if Council would be interested in leasing it.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Shrader what he would use it for.

Mr. Shrader said he would store his camper on the property. He also asked why the grass and weeds have not been cut there.

Mr. Todaro said the Gas Company had been cutting it, but no longer.

Mr. Shrader asked if dumping is permitted in the park.

Mr. Miller said no.

Mr. Shrader asked if dumping is permitted behind the Maintenance Building.

Mr. Miller said no.

Mr. Shrader said John Vaccare dumped brush and weeds there.

Mr. Yarnell said he would talk to him.

Joanne Caffrey, 1631 Poplar Street

Mrs. Caffrey spoke about the need to get away from using bottled water.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 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 April: 118 incidents, 48 citations, 1 parking notice, 18 arrests, 1,991 miles logged on the cars and \$2,672.86 collected in fines and reports.

POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Iezzi reported that she gave Tim Fedele information for contract negotiations with the Police Department. Mr. Furin presented his Emergency Management report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

STREETS & SANITATION: Mr. Yarnell presented the Foreman's report for April.

FIRE & WATER: Dr. Zalakar presented the Fire Chief's report for April: 20 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 109 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 170 miles on the 2008 engine and 87 miles on the 2004 squad truck.

Dr. Zalakar said the Fire Chief is concerned about the parking near the tennis courts during ball games.

Mayor Dobies said that has already been taken care of.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Hixson reported that Concerts at the Gazebo will be held on June 14, July 19 and August 16, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. each evening.

PLANNING, ZONING & SHADE TREES: Mr. Martin presented the Zoning Officer's report for April: 1 building permit, 2 accessory building permits and 1 certification for a total of \$147.00. UCC report for April: 1 permit for a total of \$30.00.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Fedele reported street opening permits are \$100.00 for a 100 square foot opening. He said that West Newton Borough just raised their fee to \$250.00.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Regola said the bids for School Street will be in for the June 13, 2011 meeting.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY REPORT: Mr. James Roman reported that the Sewage Authority is under a tap restriction until an agreement can be reached with Hempfield Township.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. HIRE ADDITIONAL GROUNDSKEEPER: A motion was made by Todaro/Iezzi to hire James H. Bartley Jr. as groundskeeper at \$9.75 per hour. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

B. HIRE SUMMER RECREATION EMPLOYEES: A motion was made by Hixson/Iezzi to hire Rachel Roddy as Recreation Director at a salary of \$360.00 per week for 10 weeks. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hixson/Zalakar to hire Anthony Monstrola as Playground Leader at a salary of \$325.00 per week for 10 weeks. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

C. WEED SPRAYING CONTRACT: A motion was made by Yarnell/Martin to approve a contract with Ehrlich for weed spraying in Jacks Run creek from Huff Avenue to the Hempfield Township line at a cost of \$1,352.00. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

D. JAMISON AVENUE BALL FIELD LEASE: A motion was made by Hixson/Todaro to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a lease of the Jamison Avenue Ball Field to Midway St. Clair VFD. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

E. ADVERTISE FOR PART-TIME POLICE APPLICATIONS: Mr. Fedele said Council should wait until the labor issue is resolved.

F. STOP SIGN AT SPRUCE STREET/WIRSING AVENUE: A motion was made by Zalakar/Todaro to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance amendment to erect a stop sign on Spruce Street, going South, at the intersection with Wirsing Avenue.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Hixson	Yes
	Iezzi	No
	Martin	No
	Miller	No
	Todaro	Yes
	Yarnell	Yes
	Zalakar	Yes

VOTE: 4 Yes, 3 No - Motion carried.

Dr. Zalakar said the response to the Fire Chief about the Knox boxes hasn't been good. Mr. Miller Dr. Zalakar to get the findings from Chief Hardy on the Knox boxes.

Council President Donald Miller called for an executive session at 7:22 p.m. for legal and personnel matters. The meeting was called back to order at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A motion was made by Yarnell/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/Todaro to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.
Borough Secretary