

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014**

Council Vice President Thomas Yarnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

**PRESENT:** Fajt, Hixson, Iezzi, Putt, Thomas, Yarnell

**PRESENT:** Solicitor Timothy Fedele, Engineer Douglas Regola

**ABSENT:** Martin, Mayor Betty Dobies

**CITIZEN'S REMARKS:**

Frank Massari, 2009 Highland Avenue

Mr. Massari said he was told there were three reasons given for wanting to cut down trees in the park: 1) acorns were falling on someone's head, 2) dead and unsafe trees and 3) possibly moving the park restrooms. He asked if the Solicitor approved the contract and if the property was surveyed.

Mr. Yarnell said the acorns were a complaint, there were dead trees and moving the restrooms was only a suggestion.

Mr. Fedele said he prepared revisions to the original contract.

Mr. Yarnell said the wrong contract was signed and sent back by the contractor.

Mr. Massari said he didn't like the way this was handled.

Mr. Yarnell said the idea was to thin out some trees and let more sunlight in. He said any money received was going right back into the park. He said a problem was created and Council is now trying to fix it.

Patty Lewis, 1419 Elm Street

Ms. Lewis suggested that "No Dumping" and "No Hunting" signs be put up in the park.

Mr. Hixson said the Park Advisory Committee will address that.

JoAnne Caffrey, 1631 Poplar Street

Mrs. Caffrey said she is glad that Council admitted things were done wrong. She also said she read an article in the newspaper about what's carried on trains passing through town.

Eric Hardy, Fire Chief, 1438 Elm Street

Mr. Hardy said if there are any hazardous materials on the trains, they are marked with PennDOT plates. He said he not for or against the trees being cut in the park, but he is tired of hearing about it. He said there are other more important issues in town that need addressed such as: 1) fire trucks not being able to get down certain streets, 2) a drug problem and 3) property values going down because of slum landlords and nothing being done about it. He said people should stop pointing fingers and start working together.

Mr. Fedele said the Borough cannot regulate transportation because of the interstate commerce clause in the constitution.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:** A motion was made by Thomas/Putt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 14, 2014 and the special meeting held on July 28, 2014.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

**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 July: 92 incidents, 17 citations, 3 parking notices, 5 arrests, 850 plus miles (odometer on 2008 Ford not functioning) logged on the cars and \$2,558.57 collected in fines and reports. Permit Report: 1 garage sale permit, 4 live entertainment permits, 2 peddler's permits and 2 solid waste disposal permits for a total of \$130.00.

**POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Mr. Thomas said the police car was repaired.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Mr. Iezzi said he is working on improvements to the outside of the Municipal Building.

**STREETS & SANITATION:** The Foreman's report for July was presented.

**FIRE & WATER:** Mr. Fajt presented the Fire Chief's report for July: 23 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 42 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 169 miles on the 2008 engine, 32 miles on the 2004 squad truck and 419 miles on the chief's vehicle.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Mr. Hixson said the Park Advisory Committee met on August 7 and discussed the following items: 1) holding monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 P.M., 2) developing a mission statement, 3) defining the recreation and conservation areas of the park and 4) selling permits to cut dead trees in the park.

Mike Rosensteel, Park Advisory Committee member, said the permits should specify the amount of wood. He recommended looking at liability waivers for volunteers.

Mr. Iezzi said issues in the park will be addressed as urgent or moderate.

**PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Mrs. Putt presented the Zoning Officer's report for July: 1 building permit, 1 occupancy permit, 1 fence permit, 1 regulated rental unit license and 1 zoning certification for a total of \$470.00. UCC Report for July: 1 permit for a total of \$77.00.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mr. Regola said he met with PennDOT and they signed off on the paving project. He said the Notice to Proceed has been issued to El Grande Industries.

**SEWAGE AUTHORITY REPORT:** Claude Petroy said the Authority Board is working on updating the operating agreements with the municipalities.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Kunkle presented the following financial reports: Balance Sheet as of August 11, 2014, Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for July, Budget Report for July, Bank Statement Reconciliation as of August 11, 2014, Report of Taxes Collected for July and Report of Garbage Fees Collected for July. A motion was made by Thomas/Hixson to acknowledge receipt of the financial report.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06: A motion was made by Putt/Hixson to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-06, changing the designation of property at 40 Huff Avenue from a R-1 One Family Residence District to a C-2 General Commercial District.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Putt/Thomas to approve an amendment to the Sub-Recipient Agreement with Westmoreland County to reflect the actual cost of the 2013 CD Paving Program.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

C. FOOTBALL PROGRAM AD: A motion was made by Thomas/Hixson to approve the purchase of a ¼ page ad in the Greensburg Salem Football Program at a cost of \$50.00.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

D. BAND PROGRAM AD: A motion was made by Putt/Thomas to approve the purchase of a ¼ page ad in the Greensburg Salem Band Program at a cost of \$30.00.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

E. PAVING ESTIMATES: A motion was made by Putt/Hixson to authorize the Engineer to prepare an estimate for the reconstruction of Huff Avenue (American Legion to Ashland Street, Cedar Street to Park), Jamison Avenue (Pine Street to Oak Street) and Sheridan Avenue (Ashland Street to Pine Street) to be submitted for Community Development Block Grant funding.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

F. REQUEST TO USE HIRST HALL: A motion was made by Thomas/Putt to permit the Yarnstorming Troopers from Mental Health America to use Hirst Hall once a month for meetings at no charge (meetings to be scheduled with Borough Secretary).

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASES:** None.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Fajt/Hixson to authorize payment of the list of bills as presented by the Borough Secretary and summarized below:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$ 62,630.55
Sanitation Fund	20,025.69
Park Fund	<u>10,106.38</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 92,762.62

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Putt/Thomas to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.  
Borough Secretary