

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

Council President Clentin Martin 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, Putt, Thomas, Yarnell

PRESENT: Solicitor Timothy Fedele, Engineer Douglas Regola

ABSENT: Fajt, Mayor Betty Dobies

A motion was made by Thomas/Putt to elect Scott Hixson as Temporary President.

VOTE: 5 Yes, 0 No, 2 Not Present, 0 Abstain - Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

Frank Massari, 2009 Highland Avenue

Mr. Massari asked who wrote the revised Timber Sale Agreement?

Mr. Martin said the Solicitor wrote the revised agreement.

Mr. Massari asked who is paying for the cleanup of the park?

Mr. Martin said Council is waiting to hear from Mt. View Lumber as to how much they are returning to the Borough.

Mr. Massari asked who wrote the first contract?

Mr. Fedele said Mt. View Lumber sent a contract to the Borough and Council asked him to revise it, so he did.

Rosemarie Foschia, 1519 Elm Street

Mrs. Foschia asked where the Timber Sale Agreement was signed?

Mr. Martin said in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Foschia asked why the revised agreement was not signed?

Mr. Martin said the revised agreement was not signed by Mt. View Lumber because work was stopped and the agreement was declared null and void. He said Mt. View Lumber was abiding by the terms of the revised agreement.

JoAnne Caffrey, 1631 Poplar Street

Mrs. Caffrey asked Council to consider hearing from residents at the beginning and end of each meeting.

John Lewis, 1619 Elm Street

Mr. Lewis said he told Mr. Fajt that a sewer line came apart in the park. He said it is still laying there.

William Costelnock, 1141 Acorn Drive

Mr. Costelnock asked for a copy of the Timber Sale Agreement. He also asked what the Borough got for the 70 trees that were taken?

Mr. Martin said the Borough hasn't gotten anything yet.

Mr. Costelnock asked how much lumber was gotten from the 70 trees.

Mike Rosensteel, Park Committee Member, 1317 Ashland Street

Mr. Rosensteel estimated that 5,000-5,500 board feet of lumber was on each of 7 loads taken out of the park.

Bob Shrader, 1532 Ashland Street

Mr. Shrader asked why there were no-parking signs erected on Broad Street Extension?

Mr. Martin said a study was done by a committee consisting of the Police Chief, Fire Dept. representatives, Emergency Management Coordinator and others. He said the committee determined that it was hard for fire equipment to get through because people were parking on both sides of Broad Street Extension and the only way you can ticket them is if you have an ordinance prohibiting parking there.

Mr. Shrader asked why there will be no parking on Parr Street from December 15 to March 1 for snow removal and fire truck access?

Mr. Yarnell said Parr Street has a lot of cars.

Patty Lewis, 1419 Elm Street

Ms. Lewis why the Borough employees cut some trees and removed them from the park?

Mr. Yarnell said they were asked to remove the dead trees and mulch them. He said they are behind the Maintenance Building waiting to be mulched.

Deb Muse, 1231 Spruce Street

Ms. Muse asked about the membership of the Park Commission. She said she thought it was to be 3 Council members and 2 residents.

Mr. Fedele said it was amended after it was advertised.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: A motion was made by Yarnell/Thomas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 15, 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: Police Report for September: 108 incidents, 35 citations, 2 parking notices, 10 arrests, 676 plus miles (odometer on 2008 Ford not functioning) logged on the cars and \$2,914.62 collected in fines and reports. Permit Report: 2 garage sale and 1 special event permit for a total of \$10.00.

POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mr. Thomas reported that his committee is negotiating with the 2 full-time officers.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Mr. Iezzi said 4 new lights can be installed outside the back entrance to the Municipal Building for \$400.00.

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

FIRE & WATER: Fire Chief's report for September: 50 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 82 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 110 miles on the 2008 engine, 28 miles on the 2004 squad truck and 530 miles on the chief's vehicle.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Hixson said the grass cutter is needed a little longer until football is done.

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mrs. Putt presented the Zoning Officer's report for September: 1 sign permit for a total of \$159.30. UCC Report for September: no permits issued.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Regola said he hasn't received anything yet from the developer of the office building at 560 Rugh Street for the bond to be released.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY REPORT: Claude Petroy said the Authority has decided to change their policy on sewer line repair. If the problem is checked and found to be under the street, then the Authority will take care of it. If it hasn't been checked, the Authority will check it. If it turns out to be the property owner's problem, then they're responsible. If the problem is under the street, then the Authority will take care of it.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Kunkle presented the following financial reports: Balance Sheet as of October 13, 2014, Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for September, Budget Report for September, Bank Statement Reconciliation as of October 13, 2014, Report of Taxes Collected for September and Report of Garbage Fees Collected for September. A motion was made by Thomas/Putt 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. 2014-08:** A motion was made by Hixson/Putt to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-08, establishing the South Greensburg Community Park Commission.

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

B. **PARK COMMISSION:** A motion was made by Hixson/Putt to appoint residents Deb Muse, Mike Rosensteel and Jamie Bartley; and Council members Scott Hixson and Anthony Iezzi to the Park Commission for three-year terms ending on October 13, 2017.

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

C. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: A motion was made by Yarnell/Iezzi to renew employee health insurance with UPMC Health Plan for 2015 at an annual premium of \$24,944.64 and establish a Health Reimbursement Account to reimburse each employee for their deductible as used at the rate of \$1,250.00 for single coverage and \$2,500.00 for family and employee/spouse coverage.

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

D. TRANSIT AUTHORITY AGREEMENT: A motion was made to approve the Local Share Agreement for 2014-2015 with the Westmoreland County Transit Authority at a cost of \$1,618.00.

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

E. HOCKEY PROGRAM AD: A motion was made by Hixson/Yarnell to approve the purchase of a ¼ page ad in the Greensburg Salem Hockey program at a cost of \$60.00.

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

A motion was made by Thomas/Putt to accept the resignation of Henry J. Fontana Jr. as a part-time police officer.

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

A motion was made by Putt/Thomas to hire Steven Fontana as a part-time police officer at \$14.10 per hour (\$13.10 per hour training).

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

A motion was made by Hixson/Iezzi give any wood cut from the Team 211 chain saw training drill in the Community Park to Borough residents.

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES: A motion was made by Hixson/Putt to authorize the following purchases:

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Miracle | Handicapped Swing | <u>1,088.20</u> |
| | TOTAL: | \$ 1,088.20 |

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS: A motion was made by Iezzi/Thomas to authorize the following budget transfers:

| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| 452.600 (Special Projects) | 409.143 (Part-time Wages) | <u>500.00</u> |
| | TOTAL: | \$ 500.00 |

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

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

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| <u>Account</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | \$ 49,493.97 |
| VFD Capital Reserve Fund | 2,895.78 |
| Sanitation Fund | 13,281.85 |
| Park Fund | <u>77.71</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ 65,749.31 |

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

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Putt/Yarnell 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