

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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, Engineer Douglas Regola

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

George Vidakovich, 1920 Adams Street

Mr. Vidakovich said he has a problem with snow removal at the property next to his. He said that snow is piled high on his property.

Mr. Miller asked Mayor Dobies to have the Police talk to the property owner. He also asked Mr. Yarnell to have the Borough Employees plow the snow away from Mr. Vidakovich's property.

Charles Anderson, County Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson introduced himself to everyone. He talked about his background and said he is available to help anyone with a problem or concern.

Joanne Caffrey, 1631 Poplar Street

Mrs. Caffrey said the new website is great and thanked everyone for the response to her alley problem.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 11, 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 112 incidents, 28 citations, 0 parking notices, 1,922 miles logged on the cars and \$1,272.32 collected in fines and reports for January. 2009 annual report: 1,412 incidents, 474 citations, 27 parking notices, 40 ordinance violations, 90 criminal arrests, 17 juvenile criminal arrests, 28,558 miles logged on the cars and \$26,972.73 collected in fines and reports. Mayor Dobies also commended the Borough Employees on the snow removal.

POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mrs. Iezzi said during the recent snow storm that a generator wasn't working and only one person knows how to operate it. Mr. Yarnell said he would take care of that with the Street Foreman.

Mr. Furin presented his Emergency Management report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Mrs. Hixson reported that the new windows are all in. She also

said that Hempfield VFD No. 2 has a ladder truck to get to the fire whistle at the Maintenance Building.

Dr. Zalakar said he thinks the firemen don't want that whistle.

Mr. Miller stated that the Borough owns the whistle and has jurisdiction over it.

Mrs. Hixson said she will be getting an estimate to repair the kitchen in Hirst Hall.

Mr. Miller said the second police car should not be parked off of the alley behind the Municipal Building. He said those spaces should be available for residents and the police car should be parked in the lot on the side of the building. Mrs. Hixson said she would take care of that.

STREETS & SANITATION: Mr. Yarnell presented the Foreman's report for December and January. He also said that the Fire Department is digging out the fire hydrants from the snow and that there is a problem with the fire trucks not being able to get through the alleys.

FIRE & WATER: Dr. Zalakar presented the Fire Chief's report for January: 31 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 76 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 152 miles on the 2008 engine and 34 miles on the squad truck. Total man hours: 8.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Hixson reported that a Night at the Races fundraiser will be held on April 24 at St. Bruno's Church hall.

PLANNING, ZONING & SHADE TREES: Mr. Martin reported there was no activity for January. He also said that Dave Jobe, UCC Code Officer, inspected 1907 Highland Avenue and that the required permits are being obtained.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Fedele reported on a request to transfer a liquor license into the Borough. He said Council must hold a public hearing within 45 days of the request before considering it for approval.

Mr. Fedele also said that Marcellus shale drilling usually creates huge wastewater problems.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Regola said he spoke with Mr. Dalicandro about the dumping problem on Skidmore Drive. He said Mr. Dalicandro told him that he wasn't going to do anything.

Mr. Regola also reported that there is no single solution for the water runoff problem in the alley at 1631 Poplar Street. He said a permit from the State would be needed to put another storm sewer in on Reamer Avenue.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. PROPOSED PARK ORDINANCE: A motion was made by S. Hixson/Iezzi to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed Park Ordinance. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **HIRE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER:** Mrs. Iezzi said action on this will be taken care of at the March regular meeting.

B. **COMP TIME PROPOSAL FROM PART-TIME POLICE:** Mrs. Iezzi said she would like to consider, on a 6 month trial basis, comp time for the part-time police officers.

Mr. Fedele advised that a grievance is possible from the full-time police officers over health benefits.

Mr. Miller said one part-time officer has been working 40 hours per week consistently for the last 6 months.

Mr. Yarnell said he was advised by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor that the Federal government does not distinguish between what is full-time and what isn't, but problems with union contracts could arise. He also said that comp time could cause scheduling problems with the part-time police

Mr. Martin cautioned that this issue could create problems in negotiations with the Teamsters.

A motion was made by Iezzi to allow part-time police officers to use comp time for any hours worked above 40 hours per week (while the Police Chief is off). Motion died for lack of a second.

C. **REQUEST TO USE HIRST HALL FROM CENSUS BUREAU:** A motion was made by M. Hixson/Iezzi to authorize the U.S. Census Bureau to use Hirst Hall for information purposes, 3 days per week, from March 1 through the completion of the census. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

D. **ELIMINATION OF CALL BOX ALARM SYSTEM:** Dr. Zalakar said the electrician told him that it would cost approximately \$1,000 to disconnect the call boxes.

A motion was made by Zalakar/M. Hixson to notify all businesses currently using the call box alarm system, by certified mail with return receipt, that they have 90 days from the date of receipt of the letter to connect to an electronic alarm system (which is their responsibility) before their call boxes will be disconnected. Also, a notice will be mailed to all residents and businesses in the Borough notifying them that the call box alarm system will be disconnected and to call 911 in case of an emergency (notice will also be posted on the Borough's website). VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

Mr. Martin said there is only one person who has shown any interest in the Solicitor's position and that it is time to act.

A motion was made by Martin/Yarnell to appoint Timothy A. Fedele as the permanent Solicitor. 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/Yarnell to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.
Borough Secretary