

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 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:** Solicitor Timothy Fedele, Engineer Douglas Regola

**CITIZEN'S REMARKS:**

Clarence Shrader, 809 Coulter Avenue

Mr. Shrader said his garbage hasn't been picked up for 3 weeks. He said it is time to bid it out.

Mr. Miller said that was because of the heavy snow and the truck being down.

Mr. Shrader said taxes were raised by 1 mill for streets and alleys. He asked how much paving has been done?

Mr. Regola said it now takes approximately \$20,000.00 to pave one block of a street or alley.

Mr. Miller said a \$200,000.00 loan was obtained 3 years ago for a big paving project, including streets and alleys. He said that 2 mills in tax money each year is used to pay that loan off.

Mr. Fedele said that was okay, according to the ordinance.

Mr. Shrader then asked if the police met the budget for fines?

Mr. Kunkle said the amount collected in fines has been under budget for the past several years.

Mr. Shrader asked if the building at 1300 Broad Street got all their permits?

Mr. Miller said yes, through UCC Code Officer David Jobe.

Mr. Shrader asked if they have enough parking spaces at 1300 Broad Street?

Mrs. Iezzi said that would be in the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Shrader said the stop sign at Cedar and Bridge needs enforced.

Mr. Miller said that intersection is in Hempfield Township.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:** The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 2009 and the reorganization meeting held on January 4, 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:** Acting Mayor Miller reported 87 incidents, 25 citations, 1 parking notice, 1,913 miles logged on the cars and \$2,718.43 collected in fines and reports for December.

**POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** Mrs. Iezzi reported that the Police Chief is off on medical leave for 6 months.

Mr. Furin presented his Emergency Management report.

Mrs. Iezzi asked Mr. Fedele to send a letter to PennDOT asking them to remove the pipes left on

Route 819.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Mrs. Hixson said the new windows should be ready for installation by the second week of February.

**STREETS & SANITATION:** Mr. Yarnell said that garbage collection was back on schedule this week.

**FIRE & WATER:** Dr. Zalakar presented the Fire Chief's report for December: 42 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 76 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 83 miles on the 2008 engine and 100 miles on the squad truck. Total man hours: 17. 2009 annual report: 426 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 1,299 miles on the 1994 rescue, 1,353 miles on the 2008 engine and 866 miles on the squad. Total man hours: 198.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Mr. Hixson reported someone was seen riding a quad in the park and up over the hill to the Recreation Building.

**PLANNING, ZONING & SHADE TREES:** Mr. Martin presented the Zoning Officer's report for December: 4 sign permits and 1 fence permit for a total of \$180.00. UCC Report for December: no activity.

An executive session for legal and personnel matters was held at 7:27 P.M.  
The meeting resumed at 7:33 P.M.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Fedele presented several dates in February and March for the arbitration hearing for a past employee. All Council members agreed that the March dates would be better.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mr. Regola said he met with the Conservation District on Skidmore Drive. He said there is to be no more dumping. He also said that the scrap items need taken out of the fill and a permanent barrier needs to be installed to prevent future dumping. Mr. Regola said he looked at the water runoff problem in the 1600 block alley between Elm and Poplar Streets. He said it is a typical alley with numerous ruts in it and that he would look at it again when there is no snow.

Mrs. Iezzi said more storm sewers are needed on Reamer Avenue.

Mr. Fedele said that is a state road and they would be bound by DEP regulations.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The financial report for December 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.

Mr. Kunkle reported that approximately \$19,000.00 has been spent to date out of a budget of \$22,000.00 for salt.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PERMANENT SOLICITOR: Mrs. Iezzi said Council should wait and see how things work out with Mr. Fedele.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. PROPOSAL FOR TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE: A motion was made by Martin/Yarnell accept the proposal from First National Bank of PA for a Tax Anticipation Note for 2010 in the amount of \$75,000.00. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

B. POLICY FOR INSURANCE CLAIMS: A motion was made by M. Hixson/S. Hixson to require a police report for all accident claims involving the Borough's insurance policy or the Borough's vehicles. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

C. RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER: A motion was made by Iezzi/M. Hixson to accept the resignation of Christopher Thompson as a part-time police officer. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

A motion was made by Iezzi/S. Hixson to advertise for applications for part-time police officer. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

D. CONTRACT EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS: A motion was made by Iezzi/M. Hixson to approve an agreement to extend the Teamsters Contract to March 31, 2010. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

E. BILLING FOR TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS: A motion was made by Martin/Yarnell to authorize payment of \$383.33 to Greensburg Salem School District for costs associated with tax assessment appeals. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

Mr. Miller asked Dr. Zalakar and his committee to look into the request from the Fire Department to eliminate the call box alarm system.

Mr. Martin asked if Cline's Auto Body is allowed to operate beneath the daycare center at 1300 Broad Street?

Mr. Kunkle reported that UCC Code Officer David Jobe said yes if the codes were complied with and all of the required permits were obtained.

A motion was made by Iezzi/M. Hixson to have the sign at Broad Street and Huff Avenue taken down by the borough employees. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** A motion was made by M. Hixson/Martin to authorize payment of the list of bills as presented by the Borough Secretary, plus additional bills from Victor P. Regola & Associates in the amount of \$3,794.10 (engineering fees) and Cohen Law Group in the amount of \$1,186.67 (cable negotiation fees). VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Yarnell/Zalakar to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: 7 Yes, 0 No - Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.  
Borough Secretary