

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 14, 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: Fajt, Hixson, Iezzi, Martin, Putt, Thomas, Yarnell

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

ABSENT: None

BIDS:

A. 2014 PAVING PROGRAM: Bids for the 2014 Paving Program were received as follows:

El Grande Industries Inc. \$62,410.50

Donegal Construction Corp. \$84,833.50

A motion was made by Yarnell/Putt to award the contract for the 2014 Paving Program to El Grande Industries Inc. in the amount of \$62,410.50.

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

Mr. Martin announced that an executive session was held at 5:30 P.M. for legal matters.

A motion was made by Thomas/Putt to repay Mountain View Lumber \$10,000.00 based on the assumption that the timber contract will be null and void and create a Park Advisory Committee consisting of three Council Members and three residents to advise Council on matters related to the Park.

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

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

Deb Musa, 1231 Spruce Street

Ms. Musa applauded Council for their openness. She asked what happens with the cleanup of the park.

Mr. Thomas said that is something the Park Advisory Committee will work on.

Emily Collins, attorney for Save South Greensburg Park

Ms. Collins commended Council for their motion and said she thinks the contract is already null and void. She urged Council to carefully consider what's done to public lands in the future.

Frank Massari, 2009 Highland Avenue

Mr. Massari said the park was put in with Project 70 Grant funds and Council should consider the requirements of that law. He said South Greensburg was the first community to have sewage in their park.

Mayor Dobies stated that while Mr. Massari was on Council he favored trimming some trees.

Mr. Massari said no, never.

William Costelnock, 1141 Acorn Drive

Mr. Costelnock said there are trees from the park hanging over onto his property and he gets hit in the head with acorns.

Mr. Martin told Mr. Costelnock that he has the right to cut anything hanging over his property.

James Bold, 1914 Western Avenue

Mr. Bold asked for equal representation on the Park Advisory Committee between those who want to cut trees and those who don't. He said there should be more sunlight in the park.

John Katchmar, 1523 Elm Street

Mr. Katchmar thanked Council for putting the committee together. He said the problem trees in the park need addressed too.

Bob Shrader, 1532 Ashland Street

Mr. Shrader asked Mr. Costelnock if the trees were there when he built his house.

Mr. Costelnock said yes.

Mr. Shrader told Mr. Costelnock that he has no complaint then.

Mike Rosensteel, 1323 Ashland Street

Mr. Rosensteel asked how you get on the new committee.

Mr. Thomas said by submitting a letter of interest.

John Lewis, 1619 Elm Street

Mr. Lewis asked if you get bids for paving, then why not for cutting trees. He suggested that a committee should have been established before cutting the trees.

Joanne Caffrey, 1631 Poplar Street

Mrs. Caffrey said the idea of cutting trees should have been more publicized. She suggested the park should be a nature preserve.

Nancy Rosensteel, 1301 Ashland Street

Mrs. Rosensteel said her oldest daughter said the park was her first adventure and now that privilege has been squashed.

Harriett Fennell, 1237 Elm Street

Mrs. Fennell asked who will clean up the park.

Mr. Martin said the committee will work on that.

Josh Cole, 1339 Ashland Street

Mr. Cole asked Council to keep conservation in mind.

Rose Foschia, 1519 Ashland Street

Mrs. Foschia said people dump things in the park. She said the trash and dumped items need picked up.

Mr. Yarnell said people dump things there when no one's around.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: A motion was made by Thomas/Fajt to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 9, 2014 and the public hearing held on July 7, 2014.

VOTE: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Not Present, 1 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 June: 107 incidents, 47 citations, 3 parking notices, 14 arrests, 802 plus miles (odometer on 2008 Ford not functioning) logged on the cars and \$1,438.41 collected in fines and reports. Permit Report: 1 garage sale permit, 4 live entertainment permits, 2 peddler's permits, 1 solid waste disposal permit and 1 special event permit for a total of \$335.00.

POLICE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

STREETS & SANITATION: Mr. Yarnell said Terry Pegg is still off.

FIRE & WATER: Mr. Fajt presented the Fire Chief's report for June: 24 alarms and drills. Truck mileage: 95 miles on the 1994 rescue truck, 127 miles on the 2008 engine, 57 miles on the 2004 squad truck and 561 miles on the chief's vehicle.

PARKS & RECREATION: No report.

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mrs. Putt presented the Zoning Officer's report for June: 1 building permit, 1 occupancy permit, 1 sign permit, 1 pool permit and 1 zoning certification for a total of \$115.00. UCC Report for June: 1 permit for a total of \$60.90.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Regola said he has reviewed the street paving bids and they are in order.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY REPORT: Jim Roman said the Authority Board discussed the issue of the sewer lines and the property owner is responsible from the main line back to their property.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Kunkle presented the following financial reports: Balance Sheet as of July 14, 2014, Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for June, Budget Report for June, Bank Statement Reconciliation as of July 14, 2014, Report of Taxes Collected for June and Report of Garbage Fees Collected for June. A motion was made by Yarnell/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. 2014-06: A motion was made by Hixson/Thomas to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise Ordinance No. 2014-06, changing the designation of property adjacent to 20 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. FIELD COORDINATOR: A motion was made by Fajt/Thomas to hire Wayne Piscar as Field Coordinator (to line and drag fields) at \$20.00 per drag.

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

C. PARKING LOT PAVING BILL: A motion was made by Yarnell/Thomas to authorize payment of \$8,220.00 to Cooper Paving for paving the Municipal Building parking lot.

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

D. ZONING MAP BILL: A motion was made by Thomas/Yarnell to authorize payment of \$3,395.00 to Victor P. Regola & Associates for preparing a new Zoning Map.

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

E. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR POLICE SERVICES: A motion was made by Putt/Hixson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Greensburg Salem School District for police services.

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

F. ACCIDENT REPORTS: A motion was made by Fajt/Thomas to require an Accident Report be filled out for all Borough vehicle and workers compensation claims and/or accidents.

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

G. DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS: A motion was made by Yarnell/Putt to begin accepting debit/credit cards for payment with a transaction fee of 2.75% (to be paid by the person making a payment) and authorize the purchase of a machine for card processing at a cost of \$349.99.

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

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

| <u>Vendor Name</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Keslar Lumber Co. | Wood Chips for Playground | \$ 1,000.00 |

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A motion was made by Yarnell/Putt 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 | \$ 60,641.53 |
| Sanitation Fund | 13,801.56 |
| Park Fund | <u>8.40</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ 74,451.49 |

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Kunkle, M.P.A.
Borough Secretary