

Summit Hill Borough Council
August 25, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Borough Hall

The regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with Vice President Michael Kokinda presiding.

Roll Call – Vice President Michael Kokinda, Michael Alabovitz, Greg Kosciolek, John O’Gurek, Bill Chapman and William O’Gurek were all in attendance. Mayor Paul McArdle arrived at 7:06 p.m., Solicitor Michael Greek arrived at 7:15 p.m. and President Jesse Walck arrived at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes – **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Greg Kosciolek to approve the July 28, and August 12, 2014 meeting minutes.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Floor Session

6. Joanne Recla, 2 West Lehigh Street - Addressing the Quality of Life Ordinance. Was told by a police officer that they need to receive two phone calls before a bar can be cited for noise. She has called four times in the last 5 weeks. When an officer would show up, a half hour later the music would go back up. She asked where her quality of life is. Chief Fittos corrected Recla stating that the ordinance she is referring to is a specific noise ordinance. Chief Fittos stated that normally a verbal warning is given at first and then if they are called back, a citation is filed. Joanne asked why a citation has not been filed since there has been four complaints called in. As soon as the police pull in, the music gets turned down. About a half hour later, the music gets turned back up again. Chief Fittos asked if she called the police back once the music was turned back up. She said no she did not. Chief Fittos explained that she must call again once the music is turned up again for the police to cite the establishment.
7. Karen Ruzicka, East Fell Street - Asked if there is an ordinance or any zoning laws that state how many people can live in an apartment or how many people are allowed per household. Kira Steber explained that it falls under the UCC and it has to be so many square feet per person living in the household. Karen also asked how many apartments a person can put into a half double property. Mike Alabovitz briefly explained the rules.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Paul McArdle reported the magistrate income for July 2014 is \$832.59 **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by John O’Gurek to accept the Mayor’s report for the month of July 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Police Report – Chief Fittos read the police report for the month of July 2014. Chief Fittos stated that the Civil Service exam was conducted and the oral exam and physical fitness tests were administered. He read a letter from the Civil Service Commission stating the tests were given and that Brian Horos would be the candidate recommended for the full-time police position. He was the top scorer with his veteran’s points and has proceeded to the end of the testing process. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by William O’Gurek to hire Officer Brian Horos as the new full-time police officer, as per the Civil Service Commission’s recommendation.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Michael Alabovitz recommended hiring Shawn Nunemacher for the position of part-time police officer for the Summit Hill Police Department. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by Bill Chapman to hire Shawn Nunemacher as a part-time police officer with the Summit Hill Police Department.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Chief Fittos stated that the PA State Police are holding a conference September 9-11, 2014 in Harrisburg and asked permission to send Officer Ohl. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz**

and second by Bill Chapman to send Officer Ohl to the PA State Police Conference September 9-11, 2014. Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to accept the Police Report for July 2014. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Planning and Zoning Report – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, commented that the Zoning Officer could not attend the meeting but everyone has a copy of his report. Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by John O'Gurek to approve the Planning and Zoning Report for the month of July 2014. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Work Leader Report - Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolk to accept the Work Leader Report for the month of July 2104. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Tax Collector Report – Tax Collector, Alice Kane, submitted a total of \$49,714.82 with a commission of \$2,485.75 for the month of July 2014. Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O'Gurek to accept the Tax Collector Report for the month of July 2014. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Wage Tax Report – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the Wage Tax Report for the month of July 2014. Berkheimer submitted a total EIT of \$14,681.57 with a commission of \$256.65 and postage charges of \$10.80. Total LST submitted was \$103.17 with a commission of \$2.11 and no postage charges. Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by John O'Gurek to accept the Wage Tax Report for the month of July 2014. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Receipts – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the receipts for the month of July 2014. General Fund receipts were \$55,395.22, Sanitation Account receipts were \$17,333.02 and the Community Center receipts were \$525.00. Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by William O'Gurek to accept the receipts for the month of July 2014. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Committee Reports

Streets - John O'Gurek stated that we will be helping pave in Lansford this week and when they come back, they will be patching some areas in town that need to be addressed. Nothing else to report at this time.

Buildings – Michael Alabovitz said there is work being done over at the Community Center. Andy McFadden is doing work to the drywall to add expanders so the roof can expand and contract with the weather. Since there was no gap left between the roof and the drywall, pressure is being put on the walls causing it to crack.

Fire and Emergency Services – Nothing to report at this time.

Vice President Michael Kokinda turned the meeting over to President Jesse Walck at 7:18 p.m.

Recreation – Jodi McAndrew, President of the Recreation Commission, said that in July the DCED grant was submitted and she would like to thank Kira for her help. Two diggers were ordered for Bill Black Park. A Back to Scholl picnic was held on Saturday, but the weather was horrible. Some kids showed up and had a good time but they did have prizes left over. Those prizes are being donated to the Panther Valley School District for kids who may need the items. She asked what the update is on the mulch for Bill Black Park. Kira said she will remind the workers again. Jodi expressed her concern about the vandalism that is taking place at the Ginder Field. She said that a bench that was chained to a tree was taken, three swings were stolen, a grill

that was alongside the garage was thrown in the tress and wires under the pavilion that comes off of the garage were ripped down. Chief Fittos said it was already reported to his department. Michael Alabovitz asked if we can please get some security cameras now. This is two years of vandalism taking place. Jodi added that the commission is applying for grants to get everything upgraded and if there is no security what is the point. Alabovitz said he already submitted a quote for cameras a while back but will get more information for the next meeting. He said it will cost \$4,500 for the complete system. **Motion was made by Michael Kokinda and second by Bill Chapman to purchase security cameras for the Ginder Filed.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolk to accept the Committee Reports for the month of July 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council

Communications –

Communications for the month of August 2014

1. Notice of Refund of 2013 Real Estate Tax for a reduction in assessment from the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes.
2. Notice of Assessment from the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes.

Motion made by Bill Chapman and second by Michael Kokinda to approve the Communications for the month of July 2014. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Bills – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, reported total expenses for the month of August 2014. General Fund bills were \$71,683.40, Sanitation Account bills were \$24,182.76, Community Center Account bills were \$203.59 and Street Account bills were \$48,776.27. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Michael Kokinda to approve the bills for the month of August 2014.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Mike Alabovitz asked why we were still paying Carl Wolfe for services. Bill Chapman explained that he was the person originally involved.

Old Business –

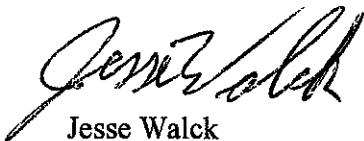
1. Ordinance No. 6 of 2014- No Parking Zone in West White Bear Drive. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Michael Kokinda to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2014 creating a no parking zone in West White Bear Drive.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

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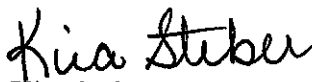
1. Handicap Parking - Kira stated that there are two handicap parking applications for renewal. Renewals are for 354 West Iron Street and 106 East Hazard Street. John O'Gurek questioned the application for 354 West Iron Street. He said he has a driveway and a garage and are they usable. Chief Fittos said he looked into this and the garage and driveway are on White Street, which is a far walk to the home. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by William O'Gurek to approve the handicap renewals.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
2. Plain English Statement - Jesse Walck asked if all of Council had a chance to look at the information in regards to placing a question to asses a sewer transmission fee on the ballot. Michael Alabovitz said he wouldn't recommend doing this. No one will vote for this. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Michael Kokinda to table this until the next meeting.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

3. Ron Gower addressed the Council about the item on the agenda in regards to the Water Authority. He said that Councilman Chapman stated it was discussed earlier tonight, where would this have been discussed. Bill Chapman explained that he stated that he asked to have it put on the agenda but he told Council beforehand that he didn't want to discuss it tonight.

Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Michael Kokinda to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting on September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.



Jesse Walck
Council President



Kira Steber
Secretary/Treasurer