

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Solicitor Gary Asteak.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street asks the date of the AFLAC enrollment period.

Council Comments

- Carl Zito commented on the snow plowing done by PW and the sidewalks around town that were not cleared in a timely manner
- Jack Fatzinger reported that he is still speaking with Mr. Karch regarding a donation of property on Industrial Drive.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- Approval of Minutes-Minutes from December 1, 2010, December 6, 2010, and December 20, 2010.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the minutes of December 1, 2010 with corrections. Motion carried unanimously. (correction on page one under Mayoral Report, forth line, remove "the" following for, and add "Rails to Trails" before the word grant. Under Police Report after was, add "t" to no.)
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to approve the minutes of December 6, 2010 with a punctuation correction. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the minutes of December 20, 2010 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayoral Report

- The Mayor had nothing to report.

Public Works Report

- Supervisor Charles Davis was not in attendance and there was no report. Amy Richard reported that the Pilot Project is now operational.

Police Report

- Police Chief John Soloe reported that the garage door in the Emergency Services building was not functional during a recent power outage preventing the police cars from responding to calls. He asked for a solution sighting a similar situation with another power outage in the Borough.
Amy Richard to contact Henderson Door Systems.
- Robert Fools, of 603 Main Street reported that he and his family have experienced stray gun shots in and around his home. He provided photographs of a bullet lodged in a wall and spent bullets and casings found on his property. He said other neighbors in the 600 block of Main Street have complained about the same thing. He asked Council to do something. The Borough police were notified and will continue to investigate, possibly engaging the State Police in the matter.

Solicitor's Report

- Gary Asteak prepared resolutions supporting the City of Pittsburg in their effort to adopt ordinances to assert local control to ban corporate gas drilling.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to adopt **Resolution 2011-1** supporting the City of Pittsburg's adoption of its Community Protection from Natural Gas Extraction Ordinance which bans corporate gas drilling while challenging the authority of corporations to override Pittsburg's assertion of local self-governing powers. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Joe Gosnell to support the City of Pittsburg by pledging the Borough's support in the event of a legal challenge brought by the corporations by offering to file a Friend of the court in support of the City of Pittsburg protection from gas drilling Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items

- Revision to the Personnel/Employee Policy regarding PTO for police officers.
- The proposed change on page 5 under IX JOB DESCRIPTIONS, to add Police Department under number 5.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to add #5, Police Department under IX JOB DESCRIPTIONS. Motion carried unanimously.
- Proposed change on page 10 under XVII VACATION AND HOLIDAYS, second sentence, after Employees, add "excluding Police Department Personnel."
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to add "excluding Police Department Personnel." Motion carried unanimously.
- The proposed change on page 10 under XVII VACATION AND HOLIDAYS, under Holidays after holiday listing, add the sentence "Holidays will be paid to Police Department Personal only if the employee works on a particular Borough recognized holiday."
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy to add the sentence, "Holidays will be paid to Police Department Personal only if the employee works on a particular Borough recognized holiday" under Holidays after holiday listing. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Junkyard Ordinance. Discussion was held on the revision of the current Junkyard Ordinance with suggestions to include recycling facilities. The matter was tabled pending further research.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Jack Fatzinger, seconded by Paul Zaboy to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, February 7, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard
Acting Secretary