

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Joe Gosnell, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Chief John Soloe and Officer Eric Schwab.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:45 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger questioned the statement of advertising in the Borough's Newsletter. Amy Richard advised him that the newsletter was only for Borough information not private advertising.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito asked about the markings on Winona Street. He was informed that they were in response to a PA One Call for a gas line which will be put in from Long's development to Polymer. The markings show where not to dig.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger questioned the fruit basket list.
- Joe Gosnell questioned what could be done regarding the overflow of recycling at the Borough garage. Council does not want to discourage any residents from recycling but non-residents are not allowed to use that facility.
- Amy Richard updated Council on the DEP Meeting regarding the sewer plant. She stated that the DEP was stern on their opinion based on the permit writer's instructions as opposed to the Law. The Borough's attorney feels we have a solid case based on the Law but the DEP might still drag on the lawsuit. Borough's attorney asked the Judge for a Stay so the Borough will not have to go any further then the feasibility study. A decision will be made within the next few months.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2015 with one correction. Motion carried unopposed.
 - Bottom of page three, regarding next council meeting, change "Monday" to "Wednesday".
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through January 21, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that the salt spreader on the new dump truck needs to be adjusted.

Police Report

- Chief John Soloe read out the Call Service Report for 12/1/14 through 12/31/14. He stated that there were a total of 89 calls, 40 of them were for traffic summonses and 25 were for traffic warnings. There were 4 motor vehicle accidents and 9 assists.
- Chief Soloe read out the call report for the entire 2014 year which totaled 1,214.
- Chief Soloe stated that his officers have done an outstanding job this year and that they appreciate the support they have received from council and the community. He stated that their job is to keep the community happy.
- Amy Richard asked if there was a false fire alarm provision in the Borough's Ordinances. Chief Sole stated that after 3 false alarms in a month, the individual or company can be fined. Ms. Richard stated that there has been a problem with People's Coal's alarm and Fork's Fire Department has been out many times for false alarms.

Zoning Report

- John Soloe stated that all was quiet on the home front.

Public Works

- Amy Richard gave an update as to the trail project. She stated that the contractors are waiting for warmer weather to tear out the ramp on Center Street to repour the concrete which is not up to code and to complete the project. We are still waiting for the HOP at Rt. 191. Full payment will not be issued until everything is completed to code.
- Solicitor Asteak asked if we were having a grand opening for the trail. Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked whether there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Metzger Park when all is completed. A decision will be made when completed. Amy Richard asked if anyone had objections to returning the final grant because it was not necessary. There were no objections.
- Eric Wenzelberger asked whether there will be a trail from here to Jacobsburg Park. Amy Richard stated yes, but the Borough has nothing to do with it financially.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Asteak stated that an Ordinance must be prepared and advertised repealing the possession and use of firearms in the Borough's Parks and Recreation Code. He stated that the Borough may not regulate the possession of firearms. He asked for a Motion to repeal that portion of the Code.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito for Solicitor Asteak to prepare and advertise an Ordinance repealing firearms possession or discharge in the Borough's Parks and Recreation Code in accordance with Act 80. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda

- Amy Richard read to council Connie Marakovits' letter of resignation dated January 11, 2015. Council needs to fill the vacancy within 30 days. If the vacancy is not filled within that time, council may appoint the Borough Secretary/Treasurer as interim tax collector until the next election. The new tax collector must be qualified. Keystone Collection and Berkheimer have submitted Proposals to the Borough to be considered as the Borough's Tax Collector. Terms for the new Tax Collector must be approved prior to the next election. We need a motion to accept Connie's resignation.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to accept the resignation of Connie Marakovits as the Borough's Tax Collector. Motion carried unopposed.
- Robin Abbate has completed putting the Borough Code on the Borough website.
- Amy Richard addressed Eric Wenzelberger's request for a handicap parking spot in front of his house. She advised him that since there are already 2 handicap parking spots on his street, one for his mother-in-law right next door, who does not own a car, no additional handicap spots will be approved. She stated that he can use the spots that are there now. Carl Zito stated that he could use his designated handicap spot because he doesn't use it or he will take it down.
- End of the year bank balances will be presented at the next meeting.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:42 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the **2nd** day of **February, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____