

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2013**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger, and Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski.
- Borough Solicitor Gary Asteak and Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe were present.
- Secretary Chris Burmood was in attendance.
- Patrolman Brown arrived at 7:35 pm to preserve the meeting.
- Mayor Metzgar and Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr. were absent.

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, inquired about the pile of wood chips that had been next to the municipal garage, but had disappeared. Ms. Richard advised that a contractor had done some tree work and asked to leave the chips at the garage for use by residents.
- Ms. Richard indicated she had been advised by former Council member Jack Fatzinger that the Chrin organization was holding a groundbreaking for the new interchange on the 31st of January, with construction expected to commence this spring.

Council Comments

- Mrs. Wenzelberger read a prepared letter regarding her Aflac coverage. She provided a copy of her Dental coverage cancellation request. Ms. Richard responded that there had been an internal clerical error regarding one month's payment. Additionally, Ms. Richard stated her understanding was that since all monies received had been paid through to Aflac, any refunds owed to the Wenzelbergers would be payable by Aflac directly to them.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2012 meeting, with correction as noted below. Motion carried 5-1, with Mrs. Wenzelberger casting the lone dissent.
 - Top of page 3, under New, Old, or Unfinished Business, 3rd bullet point, change "eh" to "the".
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the payables. Motion carried unopposed.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe read through the statistical report of police responses, including all dispatched calls and traffic stops. Ms. Zdonowski mentioned to the chief that youths, suspected from outside the Borough, coming into Long's Development and ringing doorbells in the late night/early morning hours, waking the residents. The Chief advised he was aware of the issue and would investigate further.

Zoning Report

- Zoning Officer Soloe advised that the abandoned house by Hercules is no longer standing.

Public Works Report

- Rich Wagner advised that they had installed the pad and posts for the Borough Hall backup generator housing, and were catching up on other jobs.
- Ms. Richard indicated the forecast of snow for Friday and asked Mr. Wagner about his availability for plowing.
- Chief Soloe inquired about replacing the EMA Building floor tiles in all common areas.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Asteak advised that he has a telephone conference call scheduled with the Labor Relations Board regarding the Borough Police Application to form a collective bargaining unit.
- Mr. Asteak also advised that PennDOT had authorized the installation of Engine Brake signs throughout the Borough.

Agenda Items

- Mr. Burmood presented a comparison chart between several emergency dialer companies. There was discussion over the merits of such a system, and in particular the pros and cons between the various companies. Officer Brown advised that she is subscribed to similar alerts through local companies and receives notifications of school closings, accidents and construction delays, and inclement weather. Mrs. Wenzelberger asked about TTY access for the handicapped residents. Others wanted firm pricing and others asked about the whether the database would be sold for commercial purposes. Those in favor of contracting for such a system indicated their preference for Code Red. The matter was tabled for the next meeting, pending answers to the questions posed. Mr. Asteak requested a copy of the Code Red contract to review in advance. Mr. Wenzelberger asked if this service would be in addition to or instead of an electronic marquee sign in front of Borough Hall. Ms. Richard advised we are actively fundraising to purchase the sign, so we may end up with both.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- None.

Executive Session – Personnel matters

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion Carried unopposed.
- **Motion** at 9:40 pm Carl Zito, seconded by Cindy Hower, to exit Executive Session and return to regular session. Motion Carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30 pm. The foregoing were approved the 4th day of February, 2013.

President of Council

Attest: _____