

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Mayor Metzgar was absent.
- Also present was Attorney Steven Mills on behalf of Borough Solicitor Gary Asteak, Esq.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr., and Secretary Chris Burmood were in attendance.
- Ptl. Vrabel was present to preserve the meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.**

**Public Comment**

- None.

**Council Comments**

- Ms. Richard announced that the mayor had been taken to the hospital earlier in the day, unexpectedly, and would not be in attendance.
- Ms. Richard also advised that the minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting did not accurately reflect the attendance of Council member Joe Gosnell, and wanted it on record that he was in attendance that evening.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting, with corrections, as noted below. Motion carried unopposed.
  - On page 1, under Attendance, add Joe Gosnell to list of Council members present.
  - Page 1, under Public Comments, first bullet point, first line; change “form” to “from”.
  - Page 1, under Council Comments, second bullet point, first line; change “form” to “from”.
  - Page 2, under Solicitor Report, third line of third bullet point; change “11 Center Street” to “111 Center Street”.
  - Page 4, under Agenda Items, cont’d, second to last line prior to Adjournment; change “thanks” to “thanked”.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the payables through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unopposed.

**Police Report**

- Chief Soloe provided the mid-monthly number and type of police calls made and miles logged.

## Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had nothing of consequence to report. Mr. Zito complained about the resident at 105 Bushkill Street leaving his garbage can curbside all the time. Mr. Soloe to follow up.

## Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) stated that they were in the process of determining what was necessary, including costs, to get the green dump truck back into working condition. Ms. Richard suggested taking it to SMF for an estimate.
- PJ also advised that the new bleachers at the ball field have been completed, and mentioned evaluating at least a temporary repair of the backstop.
- The wastewater treatment plant is in good working condition. The sand filter is being tilled on a weekly basis, and double-tilled monthly. The sump pump that runs the sprinklers broke earlier today, and was replaced with a lower pressure pump that is not providing enough pressure to turn the sprinkler heads. The cost of replacing the broken pump with a new one of equal capability would cost approximately \$350.00. PJ was tasked with getting pricing.
- With respect to the new radios, they were a great idea, but only work well in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Borough. They will not reach from Forks Church to M & T Automotive. But they will be useful for directing traffic and other events involving shorter distances.
- PJ provided prices for three different salt spreaders, all stainless. A Henderson model at \$3,400.00 with a 4 week lead time and \$250.00 in shipping, a Flink model at \$3,340.00 in stock with delivery included, and a Salt Dog model in stock at \$2,500.00. Per PJ, we presently have two Flink models, and it would be ideal to have the same brand, so that if necessary, we could cannibalize parts. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to acquire the Flink VCT 12 stainless steel salt spreader for the white dump truck for \$3,340.00. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard asked if the backstop at the ball field was at least temporarily patchable, to tide us over until we can apply for the recreation grant next spring. PJ was tasked with determining availability and cost of temporary repairs.
- Ms. Richard advised Council that she still did not have a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote for the roof replacement projects. Council agreed to wait for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote.

## Solicitor Report

- Mr. Mills advised that the Garbage Collection Contract had been prepared and sent to Waste Management. Asteak Law Office is awaiting its return.
- Mr. Zaboy asked Mr. Mills to have Mr. Asteak contact him regarding the north trailhead property boundary issue, and asked if there had been any results provided by Midtown Abstract.

## Agenda Items

- Originally slated for the Agenda items, the salt spreader was discussed during the Public Works Report.
- The PA Unemployment issue was held in abeyance for discussion at Executive Session.
- Ms. Richard asked if the shed at the Memorial Hall lot is empty or has items remaining in storage. Per PJ, it is empty. Ms. Richard then asked about removing the shed, so that it can be taken off of the insurance. Council agreed that it can be demolished by our Public Works department.
- Due to the unforeseen language in the Gaming Grant Agreement, the project cannot be performed without going through the bidding process, which Mr. Zaboy stated will significantly increase the cost of the project. Only once we have prices in hand, could we go to the Gaming Grant Authority and ask for permission to scale the project back to a smaller scale without penalty. Council was in accord with thanking the Gaming Grant Authority for their generous award, but declining acceptance of any funds at present.

**New, Old, or Unfinished Business**

- Mr. Zaboy stated that the trail designers have compiled several maps regarding the north trailhead property issues. He stated that if we install the trail as originally planned and designed, it would cause problems for the business owner at M & T Automotive. An added logistical problem is that the owner of the property is an estate trust located in California.
- Mr. Zaboy also advised there has been no response from PennDOT with regard to the Highway Occupancy Permit or the Maintenance Permit for the proposed Route 191 crossing.
- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, stated that his neighbor had rehabbed a fence using a spray of some sort, and asked if that could be done for the ball field backstop. Mr. Zito advised that the neighbor had actually replaced portions of the fence.

**Executive Session - Personnel**

- **Motion** at 8:27 pm by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel matters after a five minute break. Motion Carried unopposed.
- **Motion** at 8:57 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to exit Executive Session and return to regular session. Motion Carried unopposed.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

A Budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_