

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2014**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014, 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 Police Chief/Zoning Officer, John Soloe.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of 111 Center Street wanted to know when the leaf pickup would begin. Amy Richard advised him that it would be sometime in November and that all leaves must be brought out to the street in the front of your homes. It will be on the sign when it will start.
- Eric Wenzelberger asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the Trail when it's complete. He was advised by Amy Richard that Public Work personnel would maintain the trail and be paid their hourly wage for doing so.
- Gloria Ann Suranofsky of 108 Winona Street stated that trucks go flying down her street. Amy Richard stated that they were considering making that street one way but there are too many complications for that to be done.
- Mr. Kocher of 300 Old Easton Road stated that there is the same problem on his street.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito stated that the Borough trucks should not be coming up and down Winona Street
- Carl Zito also stated that there is a skunk and opossum problem in the Borough.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2014 and the Budget Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General, Sewer and Rails to Trails Funds through October 6, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis advised that the Bushkill Stream Conservancy is looking for donation. He asked whether the Borough would consider a donation of \$250.00. He stated that the Conservancy does water sampling throughout the Borough. They have an education program on plants growing in the streams. Council decided to table this for the next meeting.
- On Saturday October 11, 2014 the Conservancy is having a Monitoring Challenge. Stations will be set up in various areas to educate people as to what is in our streams.
- Mayor Davis advised that a Municipal Retirement Plan was distributed at the last COG Meeting. It is a non-matching plan but monies put into the plan will be before taxes. Booklets are available if anyone is interested.
- Gary Asteak mentioned as a follow-up to COG that they purchased an annual subscription to Weather Trends, Inc. They are a weather prediction company. Their prediction rate is remarkable. The Borough will have access to that information.

Police Report

- The police call report from September 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 was read. There were a total of 108 calls. There were 56 Traffic Enforcement Summonses and 36 Traffic Enforcement Warnings.
- Chief Soloe advised that the Police Department should have their new car in about two weeks.
- Chief Soloe wanted to push Halloween to November 1st because of traffic problems. It was stated that Halloween will have to be October 31, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM because it has already been advertised. We will need to have Borough police patrolling the area that night.

Zoning Report

- Amy Richard read out the Forks Township fire report. It showed 7 calls for the month of August.
- John Soloe had nothing to report.
- Amy Richard mentioned several areas with waist high grass issues for John Soloe to look into.
- Robin Davis asked whether a Cease & Desist Notice was sent to Ferraro regarding the trailer. John Soloe advised that it was sent but he expect that Solicitor Asteak will need to get involved.

Public Works

- Alex Hennings, Public Works Supervisor, provided a work performed outline as of October 6, 2014.
- Amy Richard stated that she walked up and down the trail which is coming along very nice. She spoke with several residents and they stated that they do not want a fence put up along the trail by their properties. There are 2 or 3 places where we might want to put up a fence.
- Amy Richard asked Council their opinion on giving back the Greenways Mini Grant. The Grant requires excessive plantings, picnic tables and benches be purchased. It was discussed that a few benches would be purchased and some prices were presented to Council. The Grant needs matching funds, therefore, it would be less expensive for the

Borough to give back the Grant. Amy Richard stated that letters would be going out to several residents on the trail to clean up their properties. She asked for Council's approval to offer the services of Public Works to dispose of residents' item if they need help.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Asteak stated that House Bill 1671 is a proposal to require recording of executive sessions. It is tabled in the House at this moment. He stated that we need to contact our State Representative and Senator to oppose this Bill.

Agenda

- Amy Richard discussed the purchase of a new dump truck for Public Works. She stated that the new truck would cost approximately \$74,000 from Fred Beam. She requested permission from council to send the letter of acceptance to order the new truck. She asked for a Motion for Approval to send the letter.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito to send the letter of authorization to purchase a 2015 Ford F-550 dump truck for Public Works. Seconded by Joe Gosnell. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell seconded by Cindy Hower, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the 20th day of October, 2014.

President of Council

Attest:_____