

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH BUDGET
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A BUDGET MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street suggested that cones be put up next year for Halloween at Main Street and Center Street.

Council Comment

- No Comments

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2016 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through November 16, 2016. Motion carried unopposed.
- Borough Secretary, Anita Caughy, stated that Tatamy Borough is beginning to plan another electronics collection for Borough's who are interested. She asked Council if they would like to participate again next year. Council members all agreed to participate in order to give residents the opportunity to dispose of their electronics. Eric Wenzelberger stated that Einfalt will take certain electronics anytime.
- The proposed 2017 Calendar was distributed to Council for their review. Mayor Davis will try to obtain the schedule for the Council of Governments (COG) Meetings to be added to the calendar.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that he received a letter from someone complaining about one of the Borough Officers. He stated that he was not pursuing the matter since the Officer was doing his job based on the violation.

Agenda

- A letter was received from the Environmental Protection Agency advising that the EPA intends to conduct a census of all publicly owned treatment plants in the U.S. Amy Richard stated that this is another federal agency which could impose more regulations for the Borough to deal with at the sewer plant.
- Amy Richard informed Council and residents that after speaking with the Borough Engineer, a study is being conducted to ascertain the cost of all sewer residents hooking up to Nazareth's sewer plant. The bottom line with the DEP is that they want the sewer plant gone. There is nothing stating that after we put in the Sager System, which we need a Grant to do so, that DEP would not impose additional limits on the sewer plant.
- The Proposed General Budget was distributed to each Council Member to review each line item. The total assessed value for 2017 for tax purposes for Stockertown is \$26,047,800. This gives the Borough \$351,645.30 to budget for the 2017 calendar year which is only \$121.50 more than 2016. It was stated that income from EIT Collection was higher than budgeted last year. Council discussed increasing certain accounts. It was also agreed upon to eliminate the Emergency Management portion of the budget and combine it with the Police Budget. The changes will be made and reviewed again at the next meeting.
- The Sewer Budget was reviewed. Attorney and Engineering fees are significantly over budget due to the problems at the sewer plant with the DEP.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on November 21, 2016 .

The foregoing was approved the **21st** day of **November, 2016**.

President of Council

Attest: _____