

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger, and Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski. Council Vice President Paul Zaboy arrived at 7:48 pm.
- Borough Solicitor Gary Asteak, Esq. was present.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe and Secretary Chris Burmood were in attendance.
- Ptl. Vrabel was present to preserve the meeting.

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, expressed his ongoing concerns about the deteriorating condition of Station Avenue, and asked if anything could be done about it. Ms. Richard advised that she will look into it.
- Mr. Wenzelberger then announced the SYA Christmas party will be held on December 2, 2012 between 3 and 6 pm at the Rod & Gun Club.
- Mr. Wenzelberger requested clarification on branches for pick up, and whether they should have leaves or not. Ms. Richard stated manageable lengths, no longer than 6 feet nor greater than 6 inches in diameter, and that leaves are not an issue.
- Morgan Schafer, of 304 Old Easton Road, stated that he had his new driveway installed today. He asked again if the Borough planned to “fix their mess” in front of his driveway. Ms. Richard stated “no”.

Council Comments

- Mr. Zito requested Council approval for the purchase of new American and POW flags for the memorial. **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve of Mr. Zito purchasing both an American flag and a POW flag for the memorial. Motion carried unopposed, 6-0. Mr. Zaboy was absent for the vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting, with corrections, as noted below. Motion carried unopposed, 6-0. Mr. Zaboy was absent for the vote.
 - On page 2, under Zoning Report, second bullet point, fifth line; change “witness” to “witnessed”.
 - Page 3, under Agenda Items, second bullet point, fifth line; change “MR.” to “Mr.”.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 budget meeting, as written. Motion carried unopposed, 6-0. Mr. Zaboy was absent for the vote.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the General Fund and Sewer Fund payables through November 12, 2012. Motion carried unopposed, 6-0. Mr. Zaboy was absent for the vote.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe presented the mid-monthly police report. He asked for clarification of use on the vacant space in the EMA building garage. Ms. Richard stated that the Police Department could use the bay. Chief Soloe then asked if a limiter could be put on that bay door.
- Mr. Zito asked about the camper with expired inspection sticker parked on Winona Street, which had previously been parked on Center. Chief Soloe advised that he can't do anything until the camper is actually on the road. He could ticket it presently, but it is minor.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe advised that there has been (potential sale) activity on the Homoki property.

Public Works Report

- Rich Wagner indicated on behalf of Public Works that we need to rent a chipper soon. He also thanked Earl Kocher for piling up branches correctly.
- Mr. Zito stated that PPC will have their branches by the road on or before Friday.
- Earl Kocher thanked Public Works for doing a good job cleaning up his branches and yard. He stated that he doesn't think it is their responsibility to rake his yard; that he can do so.

Solicitor Report

- Ms. Richard read a Hold Harmless/Indemnity agreement prepared by Mr. Asteak, for the purpose of limiting the liability of Joshua Tree for any injuries or damages sustained by Borough personnel while dumping mulch and tree trunk parts on the Joshua Tree property. **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to accept the indemnification agreement between the Borough and Joshua Tree. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda Items

- Ms. Richard advised that on Saturday, the fire truck was sold for \$30,000.00 to a volunteer company from Clay, WV. Evidently, their mechanic found a few issues, including a hanger bearing on the driveshaft into the pump, which provided room for further negotiation. Prior to the sale, Alex Soloe took the truck to Forks Fire for a final cleanup and prep. They ran the pump, cleared out the tank, and washed the truck. Ms. Richard thanked Forks Fire, and asked Council for approval for a modest donation of \$100.00 for pizza and sodas for their efforts. **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to donate \$100.00 for pizza and sodas to Forks Fire Company to thank them for efforts towards preparing the truck for sale. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard read an email letter from Sean Dooley advising that he felled the first of the three trees along the joint property line. In the email, he also specified the dates he plans to remove the remaining trees.
- An article regarding local hurricane relief was provided for Council to read at their leisure.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Mr. Zaboy stated that we are awaiting redrafted plans regarding the property issue at the north end of the trail. We are also awaiting the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT for both the Route 191 crossing and the north end trailhead. The trail will be regraded for the manhole replacement project.
- Eric Wenzelberger asked about the status of the 2010 audit. He was advised it is not yet complete.

Executive Session – Personnel, Budget for Wages, and other legal issues

- **Motion** at 8:06 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel matters. Motion Carried unopposed.

- **Motion** at 9:33 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to exit Executive Session and return to regular session. Motion Carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Cindy Hower, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

A Budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

The foregoing were approved the 28th day of November, 2012.

President of Council

Attest: _____