

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Amy J. Richard, Vice President Paul Zaboy Sr., Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Mayor Sherman Metzgar attended, but left during budget discussions.
- Additionally present were Paul Zaboy, Jr. from Public Works, Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Secretary Chris Burmood. Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak attended the meeting, but left at 8:35 pm.
- Patrolman Vrabel was present to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Council President Amy J. Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- David Danner, of 216 Patriot Lane, asked if Council had taken any action regarding the potholes on Commerce Way. Ms. Richard responded that no action has been taken yet. She advised that discussion of all Borough paving projects will be conducted as part of the budget process for 2012.

Council Comments

- Mr. Fatzinger stated that he received a call from Chrin at around 5:00 pm, and was advised that they would be starting either the signalization or crosswalks project on Monday.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting with correction of the word "there" to "where" on page 2 under Council Comments as discussed by Mr. Gosnell. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 budget meeting with correction of the word "AS" to "As" on page 2 as discussed by Mr. Gosnell. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzgar had nothing to report.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. asked if Council would consider a private sale of the bucket truck, as opposed to turning it over for salvage. He advised that the vehicle is no longer certifiable for commercial use. He indicated a private buyer might be interested. He also asked if there would be similar consideration regarding the chipper. Per Ms. Richard, after consultation with Mr. Asteak, the vehicle would have to be put up publicly for bid, due to expected sale price.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe submitted a tabular breakdown of police responses..

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

- Mr. Asteak had nothing to report.

Agenda Items

- Ms. Richard asked Council for permission to give a sum of money (\$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00) to the Forks Township Fire Department out of the Fire Truck Fund. Mrs. Wenzelberger asked why. Ms. Richard responded that the fund was initiated for capital purchases for the borough fire department. With the dissolution of Liberty Hose Company, Forks Township Fire Department is the de facto firefighting agency for the Borough. Mr. Zaboy stated that it should go for major equipment purchases. Mr. Gosnell agreed that any money given should have a specified purpose. Council deliberated on an amount. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to contribute \$7,000.00 from the Fire Truck Fund to the Forks Township Fire Department for major equipment expenditures. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard asked that business transactions be conducted during Borough office hours, and not during meetings.
- Ms. Richard advised that she had hoped to receive two more quotes for cleaning the chlorination/dechlorination tanks. Council agreed to table the matter until more quotes come in.
- Ms. Richard discussed the sewer blockage in the 400-500 blocks of Main Street in early November. The bill from JMT Environmental was over \$11,500.00. Mr. Zaboy advised that the blockage cause end cap of an unused lateral to dislodge, causing seepage.
- Ms. Richard announced that Council was going to discuss the budget, specifically general government expenses under the General Fund. Mr. Zaboy requested that he discuss several recreational trail items under New, Old, and Unfinished Business first.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Mr. Zaboy provided a copy of the PennDOT Shared Use Path Agreement to Mr. Asteak for review.
- Mr. Zaboy had contacted Len from URDC. They agreed to set up a meeting with the surveyor.
- Mr. Zaboy discussed that he would work with Mr. Burmood to formulate the letter to PennDOT requesting the reduction of the speed limit on Industrial Boulevard.
- Mr. Zaboy advised that he had been spec'-ing out computers, components and software for the police department, in order to utilize the grant money. He stated he could get 2 each at \$1,600.00 for the police department, however, with the need for three other computers for zoning and the Borough Office, he indicated that he may be able to obtain a volume discount for the software packages with the purchase of five machines. **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Cindy Hower, to purchase five computers and associated software through the Costars program. Motion carried unopposed.

Motion at 8:20 pm by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn to executive session for a personnel matter. Motion carried unopposed. Paul Zaboy, Sr. did not participate in the Executive Session and abstained from the vote.

Motion at 8:32 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Cindy Hower, to return from executive session and discuss the budget. Motion carried unopposed.

Budget

- Prior to discussing the budget, Mr. Zaboy announced that he would no longer be producing the budget workbook. Ms. Richard advised that during the executive session, Council determined to offer Mr. Zaboy \$500.00 to cover the cost of updating his budget workbook. Mr. Zaboy indicated that he would have to consider the offer.
- Council discussed the General Government expenses portion of the General Fund budget for 2012.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 9:27 pm.

There is a Budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 30, 2011 at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 30th day of November, 2011.

President of Council

Attest: _____