

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Pamela Davis, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito
- Attorney Steve Mills and Chief John Soloe were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Louise Dachille of Center Street inquired as to the information on the sewer connection in the Newsletter pertaining to the medium household income amount being skewed due to the two zip codes in the Borough. She asked if there was anything else that could be done to apply for the Grant. Amy Richard informed her that the Borough was applying for a Grant and that the census was only to apply for a Penvest Grant. Ms. Richard also stated that the Borough was looking into a Bond to cover what the Grant would not cover. The Bond would allow the Borough to wrap the current sewer loan into the Bond and extend the payments out further.
- Louise Dachille also asked who would be responsible for repairing the curbs which were damaged while digging up the street. Amy Richard informed her that American Water was responsible for the repairs but they would not be fixing anything until the road work is done. She stated that they are aware of the repairs which need to be addressed.
- Rick Dailey of Patriot Lane addressed Council regarding a note that was attached to his door which referenced disbanding the police force. Amy Richard informed him that it is strictly a rumor and she has no idea where it came from. She stated that the Borough's police force is not going anywhere. Joe Gosnell stated that he addressed the issue on his door hanger because he had heard the rumor around town and wanted residents to know that it was not true. He stated that the Borough is very proud of their police force for their work and professionalism. Mr. Dailey questioned as to how many police officers are currently on the police force. He specifically asked if Officer Sam is still with the Borough. Amy Richard informed him that she has moved on. Ms. Richard stated that the Borough is a part time police force and cannot offer the benefits and retirement packages of other forces, therefore, the Borough trains these officers and then they move on to full time positions with other towns. Mr. Dailey also commented on the professionalism of Officer Eric Schwab and asked if he was still on the force. Ms. Richard informed him that he is and will continue to be on the force. Mr. Dailey requested that the record

reflect that, as a resident, he feels that Officer Sam and Officer Schwab have done an exemplary job.

- John Seibert of Patriot Lane questioned why the Borough wide yard sale was not advertised this year. Amy Richard informed him that due to the heavy traffic on Main Street, Council decided not to hold a Borough wide sale and that each resident could hold their own yard sale whenever they wanted.
- Gina Talijan of Jubilee Drive asked if anyone was having problems with packages missing from the Post Office. Several Council members informed her that they have put mail boxes in front of their houses to avoid that problem and they are very happy with the delivery. Council stated that any complaints about the mail should be addressed to the post office.
- Blair Talijan of Jubilee Drive stated that he is a retired State Trooper who worked out of Belfast and he was also concerned about the rumors of disbanding the police force. He wanted to caution Council of ever considering that action. He emphasized the lack of crime in the Borough is due to the presence of the police in town.

Council Comment

- No Council Comments

Agenda

- Amy Richard explained to Council that she received an accurate solid number for the Funding Commitment Letter that was approved at the last Council Meeting. She would like to reapprove the letter. The actual amount of the Grant the Borough is seeking is One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight (\$1,282,178.00) Dollars. The Grant needs a 50/50 match from the Borough. The number on the original letter and Resolution was not an accurate number. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to approve Resolution 2019-7 with the correct amount.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis to approve Resolution 2019-7 to apply for a Grant for the Sewer Interceptor Project in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight (\$1,282,178.00) Dollars. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to approve the Commitment Letter with the correct amount to be sent to PA Department of Community & Economic Development for the Sewer Interceptor Project.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Commitment letter stating that Stockertown will commit general funds for the local share of the Sewer Interceptor Project in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Eight (\$1,282,178.00) Dollars which is a 50/50 match of the overall project estimate of \$2,564,355.00. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard explained the update of the Sewer Interceptor project outlined in her Newsletter and asked if anyone had any questions. She stated that she would be happy to speak to anyone with questions and that they should call the Borough Secretary and she would get in touch with her.
- Joe Gosnell expressed his gratitude to Amy Richard for all her long hours spent coordinating the Borough's projects.

Police

- Chief John Soloe read out the Calls for Service from October 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019. He stated that there were 2 Narcotic arrest; 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents; Traffic Summonses; 21 Traffic Warnings along with Miscellaneous calls for a total of 78 for the month.
- Chief Soloe stated that Halloween went smoothly. The weather did hold out and he was happy that Stockertown as well as Tatamy stuck to the original date. He did mention that he would love to have trick or treating done on a Sunday afternoon when there is daylight, but he has been out numbered every year.

Solicitor

- Attorney Steve Mills presented Resolution No. 2019-8 for Council approval. This Resolution adopts the Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough of Stockertown.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Resolution 2019-8 to adopt Emergency Operations Plan for the Borough of Stockertown. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on November 18, 2019

The foregoing was approved the **18th** day of **November, 2019** .

President of Council

Attest: _____