

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A BUDGET MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Carl Zito and Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Robin Davis and Joe Gosnell were absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Attorney Steven Mills, Chief John Soloe and OIC Eric Schwab were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Comment

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked when the Christmas tree lights would be turned on. Amy Richard advised them that they would be turned on December 15th. She also asked if the Director of Public Works could provide Council with a work status report for the meetings.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2017 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the payables for the General Fund and Sewer Fund as of December 13, 2017. Motion carried unopposed.
- Notice was provided to each Council member regarding a compliance audit of the Forks Township Firemen's Relief Association for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. The findings are available for public review.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

Police

- Chief John Soloe read the Calls for Service report from November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017. He stated that there was 1 Sexual Assault, 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 5 Suspicious Persons, 19 Traffic Related School Bus Incidents, 77 Traffic Summonses, 14 Traffic Warning along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 167 for the month of November.

Public Works

- Amy Richard informed Council that the lowest quote for the speed humps for Old Easton Road was from Grainger in the amount of \$2,047.90 which is well within the amount that Council approved. Ms. Richard stated that the humps will not be installed until sometime in the spring which will provide additional time for the possibility of other options.

Solicitor

- Attorney Steven Mills asked for Council to authorize the amended Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance for advertising. The Ordinance will be adopted at the January 15, 2018 meeting.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to authorize the advertising of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance to be adopted at the January 15, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried unopposed.
- Attorney Steven Mills asked for a Motion to adopt the Tax Ordinance for 2018 at the current tax rate of 13.75 mills.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to adopt Tax Ordinance 2017-2 fixing the tax rate at 13.75 mills for the year 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-2

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN FOR THE YEAR 2018.

- Attorney Mills informed Council that Solicitor Asteak has provided a letter to the Borough informing them that his hourly rates for 2018 will be as follows:
 \$160.00 per hours for municipal work
 \$190.00 per hour for litigation.
He stated that the last rate change was in 2006.

Agenda

- Amy Richard advised Council that the Borough's General Fund and Sewer Fund budgets were advertised for public inspection on December 2, 2017. The budgets can now be adopted by Council.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adopt the General Fund Budget for 2018 in the amount of \$558,558.37. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adopt the Sewer Fund Budget for 2018 in the amount of \$210,175.00. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried unopposed

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on December 18, 2017. Council Meeting for December 18, 2017 was cancelled.

The Budget Meeting scheduled for December 27, 2017 was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **2nd** day of **January, 2018**.

President of Council

Attest: _____