

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL/BUDGET MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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.
- Attorney Steve Mills of Asteak Law Office, 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

Public Comment

- No Comments

Council Comment

- Carl Zito stated that Public Works did a good job with the first snow fall of the season. He also stated that the Center Street Christmas tree looks very nice.

Solicitor

- Attorney Steve Mills stated that Ordinance No. 2016-1 Fixing the 2017 Tax Rate for the Borough of Stockertown for the Year 2017 at 13.75 mills is now ready for approval by Council. Amy Richard asked for a Motion and voice vote by each council member.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Ordinance 2016-1 fixing tax rate for 2017 at 13.75 mills. Motion carried with a 5 to 2 vote. The voice vote went as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemary Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Attorney Steve Mills stated that the 2017 General Budget and Sewer Budget were duly advertised and ready for discussion and/or approval. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to adopt the General Budget for 2017.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adopt the 2017 General Budget as advertised. Amy Richard asked for a voice vote. Voice vote went as follows: Motion carried unopposed.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemary Wenzelberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to accept the 2017 Sewer Budget.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to accept the 2017 Sewer Budget as advertised. Voice vote was taken. Motion carried unopposed.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemary Wenzelberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- The 2017 calendar was reviewed by Council. Amy Richard asked for approval of the calendar.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the 2017 Calendar for the Borough of Stockertown as written. Motion carried unopposed. Dates will be advertised.
- Council of Governments requested an updated list of the Borough's Delegate and Alternate for 2017. Mayor Charlie Davis stated that he would continue to be the Delegate for 2017 and Joe Gosnell volunteered to be the Alternate.

Police

- Chief John Soloe read out the Calls for Service report from 11-1-16 to 11-30-16. He stated that there were 3 Arrests; 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents which was rare for Stockertown; 3 Domestic; 91 Traffic Summonses; 31 Traffic Warnings, plus miscellaneous calls for a total of 161 calls for the month of November.

Zoning

- Mr. Kocher of Old Easton Road complained about the owner of 75 Main Street having equipment and debris in front of his house. John Soloe stated that he would look into it.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through December 14, 2016. After discussion between Council, the Motion was carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard read out the Borough's Bank Account balances as of December 14, 2016. The balances are as follows:

General Fund Savings	\$222,004.14
General Fund Checking	\$ 18,483.52
Sewer Fund Savings	\$101,506.03
Sewer Fund Checking	\$ 28,375.29
Real Estate Tax Fund	\$ 50,935.39
Centennial Fund	\$ 893.90
Recreation Fund	\$ 100.62
Highway Aid Checking	\$168,524.01
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 3,544.33
Escrow Account	\$ 100.00
Debit Card Account	\$ 1,021.82
Money Market Account	\$439,022.68

Eric Wenzelberger asked for a breakdown of the investments. Amy Richard stated that there are two (2) CD's held with Merchant's Bank which are divided into four different accounts. The breakdowns of the two CD's are as follows:

General Fund	\$282,205.40
Sewer Fund	\$268,095.13
Fire Prevention Fund	\$ 8,466.16
Centennial Fund	<u>\$ 5,644.12</u>
TOTAL CDs	\$564,410.81

- Amy Richard asked if there were any additional questions or issues with regard to the Borough. She then asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit regular session and enter into Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to exit Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session at 8:00 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve changes to Borough Handbook concerning the Stockertown Police Department. The Police will now be able to carry over a maximum of 3 unused PTO days to the following year.

- Amy Richard informed Council that when Public Works recently cut the grass along the trail, a walnut was thrown from the lawnmower and put a hole in the siding at 106 Ariel Court. An estimate was submitted from Alan Kunsman Roofing & Siding to Mr. Warner in the amount of \$250.00 which he submitted to the Borough. Ms. Richard asked for Council approval to pay the \$250.00 to have the siding repaired. Council all approved.
- Amy Richard informed Council that there was recently a clog at the sewer plant caused by extensive grease. This is the third clog this year caused by grease. This matter is being investigated and someone will have to pay for the expenses.
- Amy Richard officially cancelled the Budget Meeting for December 28, 2016.
- John Soloe informed Council that Tatamy Borough held a meeting concerning the extension of the trail between Stockertown and Tatamy. He was not present at the meeting but was advised that the County has committed to put a walk bridge in but there are no details how it would be completed. The County is committed to getting the last stretch of this trail done. It is their main priority.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on December 19, 2016. Council Meeting for December 19, 2016 was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **9th** day of **January, 2017**.

President of Council

Attest:_____