

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2014**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Joe Gosnell, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Chief John Soloe and Officer Eric Schwab
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street commented that we did a good job with the Budget. Everything was nice and in order.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito suggested that the two torn flags flying above the memorial be taken down and eventually replaced by new flags.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger had a concern about water freezing at Hillside and Main Street. Kathleen Zdonowski stated that she had mentioned this issue before and was advised that it must be addressed by PennDot.
- A concern was also mentioned regarding the trench along Birch Street which was dug up by the gas company. It was suggested that the gas company be called and requested to fix the street properly.
- Amy Richard advised of the sewer blockage Friday night at Main Street and Old Easton Road. It was caused by either a diaper or white towel clogging the sewer pipes. ServePro was called to clean up one resident's property. Clean up bills will be forthcoming. A notice will be put in the next Newsletter regarding this problem.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Robin Davis to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through December 15, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that he observed a public work's employee standing in the bucket of the backhoe while he was putting up lights on the Christmas tree. He stated that this is against the law. It was stated that there is no other way to put up the lights and that next year we will have to get prices for a tree service to put up the lights.

Police Report

- Chief John Soloe read out the Calls for Service report. There were a total of 116 calls for the month of November. There were 59 for traffic summonses and 40 for traffic warnings.

Zoning Report

- John Soloe advised that all was quiet. He was advised by Council that the Ferraro trailer is now gone.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Gary Asteak requested approval for Ordinance No. 2014-3.
 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN FOR THE YEAR 2015.
 Tax Rate for 2015 will be 13.5 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-3 fixing the tax rate for the year 2015 at 13.5 mills. 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"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Agenda

- A Proposal for a Feasibility Study by Hazen and Sawyer, who are environmental engineers and scientists, was distributed to Council for their review regarding the sewer plant. Amy Richard advised that they were recommended by the Borough Engineer, and that this was the first step of 5 steps required by the DEP. The proposal states the study will be completed on time and not to exceed \$15,000. Amy Richard stated that the DEP has not given the Borough any choice with this matter.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to accept the proposal by Hazen and Sawyer for the Feasibility study for the sewer plant. Motion carried unopposed.
- A Motion was requested to accept the General and Sewer Fund Budgets for 2015.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Robin Davis to accept the Sewer Fund Budget of \$210,150.00. Motion carried unopposed.

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to accept the General Fund Budget of \$536,506.85. Voice vote was 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"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

- The proposed Calendar for Council, Budget and Planning Board Meetings for 2015 was distributed to Council. The dates were discussed for the upcoming meetings. Amy Richard asked if everyone was agreeable to the dates presented.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to accept the 2015 Calendar, as is. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to exit for executive session for personnel issue at 8:07 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting for the year 2014 at 8:08 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the 5th day of January, 2015.

President of Council

Attest: _____