

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2013**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council members present were: Council President, Amy Richard, Council Vice President, Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger, Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski, and Mr. Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis, Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak, Chief of Police John Soloe, and Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy and Chris Burmood were in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, advised he attended Stockertown Youth Association Christmas Party. It was well attended. Santa came and everyone had a good time, but Mayor Metzgar was missed.
- Gloria Sauers thanked council on behalf of her father for the fruit basket.
- Rich Wagner stated that the delineators near his house were knocked down by the plow.
- Zoning Officer was asked about sending out notices to residents who did not clear their sidewalks and those who pushed the snow in the streets. Amy Richard advised that the matter is on the agenda.

Council Comments

- Amy Richard thanked Paul Zaboy for everything he has done for the town and she is sorry to see him leave.
- Paul Zaboy stated that it has been a pleasure being on Council and that he enjoyed working with everyone. He wished everyone luck and success with future projects.
- Kathleen Zdonowski thanked the road crew for doing an excellent plowing job. She advised that there is a puddle at Hillside & Sullivan Trail which is growing and becoming an ice slick.
- Carl Zito stated that John Soloe needs to issue letters regarding snow removal on sidewalks & streets. He also mentioned that he does not feel that the signs at Metzgar Park look professional.
- Paul Zaboy advised that the signs were approved by Trailway Association.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger stated that she pictured something different. She questioned the bill for the signs. Paul advised that the bill was for lettering, paint and materials and that Paul Zaboy, Jr made the signs according specification which were approved by Council.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger submitted a thank you card from Lois and Keith Plows for the fruit basket.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Paul Zaboy to approve Minutes of December 2, 2013 meeting as corrected. Motion carried unopposed.
 1. Under Council Comments with regard to fruit baskets, change "order" to "ordered".
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through December 16, 2013. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor's Report

- No Report

Police Report -

- John Soloe presented the Call Service Report for the Police.
- Amy Richard asked John Soloe if there were any issues due to the snow storm and John replied that there were none. John asked if a snow emergency was declared. Mayor Davis stated there was and that he called 911 and the radio stations. Code Red was also released to notify residents to remove their cars from the streets.
- Amy Richard requested that Chief Soloe send letters out to various residents regarding parking and snow removal.

Zoning Report – No Report

Public Works Report

- Alex submitted a work performed report for the weeks of 12/2/13 thru 12/15/13.
- Joe Gosnell advised that he was impressed with the snow plowing job by Public Works. He then advised that he had numerous neighbors coming to his door complaining that the Memorial Hall lot had not been plowed. Carl advised that the roads were the first priority and that he would make the road crew aware that after the roads they then need to plow the North end of Memorial Hall.
- Carl Zito stated that he spoke with Alex from Public Works about using brine on the streets. Alex will obtain prices for the equipment and brine solution.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Asteak wished everyone Happy Holidays. He stated he was sad for the loss of Mayor Metzgar. He also thanked Paul Zaboy for his contributions to the Borough and that his efforts were appreciated.
- Ordinance 2013-3 was advertised on December 5, 2013 and posted for public review which was the Annual Ordinance Fixing Tax Rate for 2014 at 11.5 mills.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy to adopt Ordinance 2013-3 Fixing Tax Rate for 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mr. Asteak read Ordinance #232 which was adopted on December 16, 1996 regarding street parking and snow removal during a snow emergency.

Agenda Items

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve the proposed Calendar for 2014 for advertising. Motion carried unopposed.
- Council did not agree to sign the Waiver from American Water regarding shut off notices during the winter months.
- Paul Zaboy recommended investigating whether Quick Books 2014 includes Fund Acct. If not, we should not order an upgrade.
- Greenways Grant Commitment letter was received regarding Rails to Trails and reviewed by the Solicitor.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, and seconded by Carl Zito to accept the Commitment Letter for the Greenways Trails & Recreation Program Grant. Motion carried unopposed.
- Paul advised that they are waiting for a determination on one other Rails to Trails Grant, a Mini Grant, which will be determined sometime in January.
- Eric Wenzelberger acknowledged that the road crew did a good job plowing. He also suggested that Council consider attending the Harrisburg Farm Show.
- Eric Wenzelberger requested a copy of the Capital Expenses/Expenditures Report from the Budget.
- Paul Zaboy advised that the COG dues have not changed. He stated that someone needs to be designated to open the building for the meetings and wanted to know if anyone advised Brian Harris.

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy to exit Executive Session. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** at 9:30 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on January 6, 2014 at 7:30 pm. The foregoing were approved the 6th day of January, 2014.

President of Council

Attest: _____