

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2011**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Amy J. Richard, Council Vice-President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Mayor Sherman Metzgar was also in attendance.
- Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak also attended the meeting.
- Additionally present were Paul Zaboy, Jr., from Public Works, Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Secretary Chris Burmood.

Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM by Council President Amy J. Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- None.

Council Comments

- Mr. Zito remarked that Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) and Jeff Forrer from Public Works filled in the potholes on Commerce Way with concrete. He stated that they did a good job, and he had received several positive comments from Borough residents. He indicated that he hopes the patch jobs lasts through Winter.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 Budget meeting with one correction, specifically changing "Friday" to "Wednesday" with respect to the schedule for the next Budget meeting. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzgar advised that he had received on this date a package from FEMA regarding the Floodplain Ordinance and Review. Zoning Officer Soloe also received an identical package. Discussion ensued on providing the Planning Commission with a copy.
- According to the Mayor, the thirty-three (33) fruit baskets were delivered to residents. The recipients were grateful. The total cost was \$660.00, which also included a \$66.00 discount. (The Mayor submitted receipts prior to the meeting.)
- Mayor Metzgar inquired if he could bring his wife to the holiday open house on Friday afternoon. He was advised he could.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. stated that Officer Nate Correll, on his own time and using his own personal equipment, assisted Public Works staff with placing lights on the Christmas tree.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. also asked, since the bucket truck is completely out of commission, is it eligible for removal from the insurance policy. He also advised that the green dump truck, which is only used for one purpose - namely leaf collection, is leaking fuel oil while running. Since leaf collection season is over, and we aren't using the truck, he also wanted to know if it could be removed from the policy. Ms. Richard advised that the price for scrap metal is up. Council agreed to scrap both the bucket truck and the chipper.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. spoke with Chief Soloe regarding the Post Office door lock. Mr. Zaboy fixed the door hinges and tested the panic bar release for the magnetic door lock. A sign advising how to use the panic bar if locked in has been posted on the door.
- Paul Zaboy, Sr. stated that the Borough Hall requires new ADA compliant doors be installed at the vestibule entrance to both the Post Office and Council Chambers.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe submitted a written report outlining police responses to incidents between November 1 and December 15, 2011.
- He advised that the Buckle-Up program resulted in 15 seat belt citations over Thanksgiving weekend.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe expected 75 Main Street to be occupied by the end of the week. He stated that the Certificate of Occupancy was pending, with Dave Shields from Keystone scheduled to inspect the property on December 20.
- Ms. Hower asked about the sinkhole in the Lincoln Street Park area. Ms. Richard advised that Keystone Engineers was supposed to come evaluate the sinkhole last Friday, but to date, we have not received any word. Meanwhile, Public Works had erected orange plastic fencing to keep people away.

Solicitor's Report

- Mr. Asteak prepared a resolution approving the PennDOT Shared Use Path Agreement. Per Mr. Zaboy, this one time agreement would cover the Borough in perpetuity with respect to any future crossings of state roads.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito, to sign Resolution 2011-5, accepting the PennDOT Shared Use Path Agreement. Motion passed unopposed.
- Mr. Asteak advised he will not be at the December 28th meeting, and extended Holiday wishes to all present.

Agenda Items

- With respect to the electrical rate reduction obtained by InSource Power, Hudson Power withdrew the contract proposal prior to the budget meeting on December 14, unbeknownst to Council.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to rescind the Motion to Approve the Hudson Power Proposal due to the retracted offer. Motion passed unopposed.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Dave Danner, of 216 Patriot Lane, asked if there had been any response to the letter to Vondercrone & Behrens from Mr. Asteak. He was advised that there has been no response to date.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. advised, after consulting with Joe Lerch, that the chipper that council decided to scrap, is the same model as the chipper owned by Plainfield Township. Mr. Lerch wanted to know if Plainfield Township could purchase the chipper for the same price as scrap, so that they could use the chipper for replacement parts for their own. Mr. Asteak advised he would have to see if that was permissible.
- Mayor Metzgar inquired if there had been any news regarding the letter to DEP in reference to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He was advised there has been no response.
- Earl Kocher requested a copy of the approved minutes.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 8:06 pm.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 28th day of December, 2011.

President of Council

Attest: _____