

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Council President Amy J. Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, advised that he and Councilwoman Wenzelberger had been driving down Sullivan Trail earlier and observed Public Works staff raking leaves along the roadside. He expressed concern for their well-being, due to their proximity to traffic. Paul Zaboy, Jr. asked if the Public Works staff had been wearing safety vests and/or hard hats. Mr. Wenzelberger advised that they were not.
- Mr. Wenzelberger also asked about the status of the Accounts Payable. Ms. Richard stated they would be provided at the next meeting.

Council Comments

- Ms. Richard requested that a thank you note be prepared for Aerni & Hitzel Fuel, Inc. for the 2012 desk calendars they provided.
- Mr. Zito advised that he had talked to Paul Zaboy, Jr. regarding Commerce Way. He understood there is no viable permanent solution at present to repair the potholes, but offered a temporary solution to get through the winter. He suggested that we ask Hercules for approximately ten (10) bags of concrete, and using a very dry mix, temporarily fill the existing potholes with unreinforced concrete. Ms. Richard stated that council will discuss in further detail at Wednesday's budget meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2011 budget meeting as written. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzgar advised that thirty-one (31) residents are eligible for the annual gift baskets. He expressed his concern that the price of fruits and vegetables has increased, to the point that the cost to prepare the baskets would exceed the budgeted amount. He stated he will be preparing the baskets the following weekend. Ms. Richard asked if he required assistance with delivery. Mayor Metzgar advised that he did not.
- Additionally, the mayor had received a letter from RCN advising of rate increases for 2012. Ms. Richard read excerpts from the letter.

Public Works Report

- Mr. Zaboy advised that Officer Correll offered, on his own time, to use his personally owned bucket truck to string Christmas lights in the Borough. Mr. Zaboy asked if there were any liability and/or insurance issues. Per Mr. Asteak, there aren't. Council agreed that Officer Correll may decorate as suggested.
- Mr. Zaboy then inquired as to the boundaries of the alley west of Main Street. The Borough had received a complaint from the resident at 324 Main Street who had damaged her vehicle in a pothole in the alley. Mr. Zaboy wanted to know if the Borough had the responsibility to repair the road surface. Mr. Asteak stated his belief that the alley is private, but that the Borough has accepted limited responsibility for maintenance. Mr. Zaboy then asked what Council's pleasure was regarding the filling of the pothole. Mr. Zaboy was directed to effect the repairs.
- Mr. Zaboy requested that Council consider the purchase of a 30'x12' addition to the south side of the LeFevre Road garage. The addition would include a restroom, a break room, and an office. He submitted a computer draft of the proposed addition. He indicated that the purpose would be to get Public Works out of the EMA building. He did not have cost figures, but would research them if Council approved. Council tabled discussion of the addition until the budget is finalized.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger asked about the last day of leaf pickup. Mr. Zaboy advised that Public Works had extended it until today (Monday), as the end of the month was mid-week, and they realized that homeowners and residents would be more likely to do the requisite yard work on the weekend.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe had nothing to report, and advised he would submit a written report at the next meeting.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

- Mr. Asteak had nothing to report.

Agenda Items

- Ms. Richard advised that the issue regarding the Centennial Fund inventory had been resolved prior to the meeting.
- Vondercrone & Behrens submitted a disclaimer letter for Borough Council to approve regarding the 2009 Audit. The letter requested that Council approve the omission of key financial data. Mr. Asteak indicated his preference for a disclaimer stating the audit is prepared from information provided, rather than omitting pertinent financial data. Mr. Asteak advised he would prepare and send Mr. Behrens a note to that effect.
- Council discussed the proposed meeting calendar for 2012. **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the 2012 meeting calendar.
- Council discussed the General Fund Budget. **Motion** at 8:00 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to adjourn into executive session after a short break, in order to discuss payroll for budget purposes. **Motion** at 9:01 pm by Cindy Hower, seconded by Carl Zito, to exit executive session and return to regular session.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Prior to executive session, Earl Kocher had requested a copy of the minutes approved at the meeting.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Jack Fatzinger, seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 9:02 pm.

There is a Budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 7th day of December, 2011.

President of Council

Attest: _____