

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice- President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also in attendance were Mayor Sherman Metzger, Police Chief and Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Steven Mills of Asteak Law Offices.
- Patrol officer Joseph Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

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

Public Comment

- Earl Kocher-302 Old Easton Road commented on the accuracy of the minutes of November 11, 2010 adding that Council went into executive session before the meeting ended and remained there for two and one half hours. He feels the public has the right to know what transpires after the executive session. Regarding the minutes of November 15, 2010, he finds confusion between Paul Zaboy and Paul Zaboy Jr. as to who made the statement.
- Mark Tichy-MT Performance, 5673 Sullivan Trail questioned the property line between this property and the proposed Rails to Trails project. Paul Zaboy said the Borough would mark the property lines when the survey is done for Rails to Trails construction and that Mr. Tichy should have a deed defining his boundaries.

Mayoral Report – Sherman Metzger

- Mayor Metzger reported there were 31 residents eligible for fruit baskets thus far.

Police Report – John Soloe

- A November police report was presented. Chief Soloe said the Buckle-Up Program was a success and there will be another similar event in early April of 2011
- Chief Soloe introduced Mr. William Cope Jr. to Council as a prospective new patrolman. Mr. Cope works full time in Upper Nazareth and hopes to work part time in Stockertown. Mr. Cope's training is current. Council welcomed Mr. Cope.

Public Works – Charles Davis

- The Christmas tree on Bushkill Street is decorated as well as the Borough Hall.
- The generator at the WWTP is not working and parts are not available. Mr. Davis and Paul Zaboy hope to make the trip to Harrisburg on December 8, 2010 to purchase two generators from Federal Surplus.

Zoning – John Soloe

- There was no report

Solicitor's Report – Gary Asteak

- There was no report

New Business

- Council received a letter from Darlene M. Harris of the City of Pittsburg regarding the process of fracking, (horizontal drilling under the earth's surface and hydro flushing to extract natural gas for production. She is requesting all municipalities in Pennsylvania to adopt an ordinance or resolution banning the practice of fracking in Pennsylvania. Council agreed and a resolution will be drafted.

Old Business

- Fee Schedule changes.
- Section 100.12 – Junkyard or Recycling Facility. The permit fee was \$500; proposed change reduces the fee to \$250.00
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Joe Gosnell to change the yearly permit fee for Junkyards and Recycling Facilities from \$500 to \$250. Motion carried unanimously.
- Section 100.15 – Deposit for Park Rental, Resident and Non-resident. The rental fee was \$50 for non-resident only; the proposed new fee is \$50 for non-residents and \$25 for residents. The change and additional charge for residents covers the cost of opening and closing the park and the clean up by Public Works. Additional both residents and non-residents should pay a deposit which will be refunded assuming there is no damage to the park facilities.
- **Motion** by Amy Richard, seconded by Carl Zito to require a \$25 resident rental fee and a \$50 non-resident fee with a refundable \$50 deposit for all park and pavilion rentals. Motion carried unanimously.
- Section 100.16.3 – Multiple game/Tournament use. The fee was \$250. The proposed fee would be reduced to \$150 for all gaming fields in the Borough.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to change the Multiple Game/Tournament fee from \$250 to \$150 for all gaming fields in the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger commented on the security, security cameras, and keys to the office. Per the Records and Access Policy, only the Secretary, President, and Vice President have access to the Borough Office.
- Budget discussion continued.

Adjournment

- Motion by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on December 15, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard
Acting Secretary