

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Mayor Charlie Davis was in attendance.
- Council Members present were: Council President, Amy Richard, Vice-President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Additionally present were Borough Solicitor Steven Mills of Asteak Law Office, and Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy.

**The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:33 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Comments**

- Let the record state that Council Meetings for January 20, 2014 and February 3, 2014 were cancelled due to weather conditions.
- Cindy Hower asked whether an updated contact list would be available and was advised that the list was in the process of being updated and would be distributed upon completion. She also advised that the Youth Association telephone number in the recent Borough Newsletter was incorrect. The correct number is 610-759-4067.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger questioned why her votes were redacted on the January 6, 2014 nominations and appointments. She was advised by Amy Richard that it was because of her paperwork not being in order at that meeting.
- Council reviewed accounts payables. Robin Davis questioned what we were paying Suburban Propane for. Amy Richard advised her that it was for fuel oil for the Emergency Building and Garage.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked if the salt purchased from International Salt was our first purchase under the contract. Anita Caughy advised her that this was the third order placed for Salt for the roads because of the amount of snow and ice this year.
- Robin Davis asked what the \$50.71 being paid to Amy Richard was for. She was advised that it was for a new vacuum cleaner purchased by Ms. Richard for the Borough.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund through February 19, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- It was stated that the Tax Collector's Report would be discussed in Executive Session.

**Agenda Items**

- Additional Appointments were voted on which were not covered at the re-organizational meeting on January 6, 2014. Appointments were as follows:

- **Motion** by Carl Zito to appoint **Alex Soloe as Emergency Management Coordinator**. Cindy Hower made a second to the Motion.

Voting results were 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cindy Hower            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Gosnell            | <input 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"/> |

- **Motion** by Robin Davis to re-appoint **Kathleen Zdonowski as Secretary for the Planning Commission**. Karl Zito made a second to the Motion.

Voting results were 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cindy Hower            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Gosnell            | <input 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"/> |

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower to appoint **Rosemarie Wenzelberger as Alternate Delegate to the Bushkill Conservancy**. Carl Zito made a second to the Motion.

Voting results were 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cindy Hower            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Gosnell            | <input 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"/> |

- **Motion** by Carl Zito to appoint **Sean Dooley as Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation Local Government Representative**. Kathleen Zdonowski made a second to the Motion. Voting results were 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cindy Hower            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Gosnell            | <input 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"/> |

- **Motion** by Carl Zito to appoint **Anita Caughy as Open Records Officer**. Cindy Hower made a second to the Motion. Voting results were as follows:

|                        | <b>Yea</b>                          | <b>Nay</b>               | <b>Abstain</b>           |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cindy Hower            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Gosnell            | <input 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"/> |

## **Appointments Concluded**

### **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis advised that the Bushkill Conservatory met at the Palmer Mall and that it went well.
- The Mayor advised that Richard Zimmel is no longer the contact person at Hercules. Ken Smith is now our contact person.
- At the Nazareth COG meeting, John Brown from Northampton County spoke and advised that they are trying to have conversations between the Boroughs and Townships and Northampton County.
- The Northampton County Gaming Commission is accepting Municipal Grant applications at this time.
- Mayor Davis advised that there would be a Hazardous Waste drop-off event scheduled for May 31, 2014 and October 11, 2014 between 9:30 AM and 2:00 PM at the Northampton County College, Main Campus. No televisions would be accepted.
- Eric Wenzelberger advised that he did some research and that Waste Management would take televisions for disposal and that you had to call them before disposing of them.
- The next COG meeting would be March 25, 2014 and there would be a speaker from Weather Trends International.

### **Police Report**

- A police call report was read by Amy Richard from December 15, 2013 through January 15, 2014.
- Police Chief Soloe advised that there was nothing further to report.
- Amy Richard asked Chief Soloe if he tracks the mileage for each officer's shift. He advised that he does not. She requested that he start tracking mileage and he agreed to do so.

### **Zoning Report**

- John Soloe advised that the billboard at the end of Bushkill Street will now have a LED display.

### **Public Works**

- Alex Hennings, Public Works Foreman, submitted a work performed report from December 16, 2013 through January 17, 2014.
- Council commented that the road crew was doing a great job with the snow removal.
- Robin Davis questioned why Alex Hennings was not attending the meeting. Amy Richard advised that he lives quite a distance and he submits a detailed report of all the work being done by public works.
- Amy Richard informed everyone that the sewer plant has been working beautifully with the sand issue. There has been no blockage. There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss the State permit demanding the Borough fix the ammonia problem within 5 years.

### **Solicitor Report**

- There was nothing to report.

### **Agenda Items Continued**

- Codification estimates were presented to Council for their review. They will be discussed at a later date.
- Estimates for a new heating unit for the Borough Hall and the Post Office were distributed to Council for their review to be discussed at a later date.
- Council had a discussion regarding maintenance for the alleyway located between 102-104 Main Street. Mayor Davis advised that it is not the Borough's responsibility. Zoning Officer John Soloe also advised that the Borough is not responsible for maintenance of the alleyway. Companies who benefit and use the alleyway can maintain the alley for their use if they desire.
- Amy Richard advised that she is having someone give her an estimate for foam spray insulation to the Emergency Building and the Public Works Garage because of the great loss of heat and cost involved.
- Commerce Way is still being looked into for maintenance. Traffic Study is being considered.

### **Public Comment**

- Morgan Schafer of 304 Old Easton Road advised that the snow has not been pushed back above his property and is creating a water problem on Hillside Avenue. There is also a large hole there.
- Amy Richard advised that she will have Public Works address the issue.
- Eric Wenzelberger also commented on the amount of water on Hillside Avenue. He also stated that the road crew was doing a good job with the snow removal.
- There was a discussion between Council and residents regarding the drains located on Main Street. It was stated by Mr. Schafer that since Main Street is a State Road that the Borough is not allowed to do any work on the road or the Borough would be responsible for any problems.

**Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski at 8:10 PM to enter into Executive Session for personnel and financial issues. Seconded by Carl Zito.

**Motion** by Carl Zito at 8:30 PM to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski.

**Old, New or Unfinished Business**

- A vote was taken to hire an additional part-time police officer. Voting results were as follows:

|                        | Yea                                 | Nay                                 | Abstain                  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Amy Richard            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Robin Davis            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rosemarie Wenzelberger | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cindy Hower            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joe Gosnell            | <input 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"/> |

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 8:40 pm.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2014.

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President of Council

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_