

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Amy J. Richard, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Council Vice-President Paul Zaboy arrived at 8:05 pm.
- Mayor Sherman Metzgar was present.
- Attorney Steven Mills, representing Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak, also attended.
- Additionally present were Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr., and Secretary Chris Burmood.

Meeting called to order at 7:27 PM by Council President Amy J. Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- No public comments were presented.

Council Comments

- No Council comments were presented.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting with correction as mentioned by Mr. Gosnell. Motion carried unopposed. (Paul Zaboy, Sr. was not present for the vote).

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzgar advised of the invitation to the commencement of "Passport to History" as part of Northampton County History Day, to be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012 between 2 and 4 pm at the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society's Sigal Museum. The day commemorates the 260th Anniversary of the founding of the county. He distributed copies of the invitation letter.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. advised that Hercules donated 88 tons each of two types of stone, which is being used to make repairs to Werkheiser Avenue and to the ball field road at the gun club. Ruggerio Trucking donated their time and vehicles to deliver the donated stones in 8 truckloads. Mr. Zaboy stated that a third type of stone would be required for use as a sub-base during the LeFevre Road repair project. When that stone type becomes available, Hercules has indicated they will donate that as well.
- Mr. Fatzinger advised that Hercules has considered avoiding a realignment of Route 191 by possibly tunneling under and quarrying on the other side.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe submitted a report of police responses for January through mid-February 2012.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had no Zoning issues to report.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Mills had nothing to report on behalf of Borough Solicitor Gary Asteak.

Agenda Items

- A revision of the Fee Schedule was submitted with the addition of a charge and conditions for the Vehicle Restoration Permit, as provided for in the Abandoned/Junked Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Zito proposed increasing the charge from the proposed \$10 to \$50. Richard Wagner, of 100 Winona, advised that his own vehicle restoration took nearly ten years, but was conducted inside of his garage. He also stated his belief that \$10 should be sufficient as a fee, if improvements and/or repairs are being made. Council discussed the fee to be charged and the number of permit renewals allowable, finally settling on the \$10 fee, with a maximum of one (1) renewal allowed. **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to accept Revision 26 of the Fee Schedule with the noted change to number of renewals. Motion passed unopposed. (Paul Zaboy, Sr. was not present for the vote).
- Ms. Richard announced that Mr. Barbieri from Aflac was present and available at the back table if interested parties wish to update their coverage or join the plan.
- Easton YMCA submitted a request to rent the ball field for soccer practice between April 2nd and June 2nd. Council discussed and offered no objection. Mr. Burmood advised that another party has indicated interest in renting the field as well, but had not submitted a written request.
- The Agreement submission due date for participation in the CoStars Salt Contract is March 15, 2012. Paul Zaboy, Jr. and Morgan Schafer recommended that the agreement be submitted at the very least, so as not to lose future participation in the salt contract.

Agenda Items, cont'd.

- Ms. Richard asked Council for permission to obtain prices for contracted mowing of Borough properties. She advised that she has one interested party coming in Thursday, February 23rd to discuss scope of job and prices. Ms. Hower suggested Ryan Frey as a possible contractor. Mr. Gosnell recommended Mario Capriotti of CapCo.
- Ms. Richard suggested that one of the deteriorating sheds contains an antique fire hose carrier. She recommended donating it to a fire company with an interest in historical preservation, and mentioned Forks Township Fire Co. Mrs. Wenzelberger voiced her objection, expressing her interest in keeping the equipment in the Borough. Mr. Zito, Ms. Hower, and Mr. Fatzinger agreed with Mrs. Wenzelberger. Mr. Gosnell suggested keeping and preserving the apparatus for a possible future Municipal Building. Council agreed to keep the hose carrier. Paul Zaboy, Jr. suggested asking the model train company if they had the availability to store the apparatus until such a time as the Borough had a safe place to store it. Several persons advised that the model train company has no room in their facility.
- Ms. Richard reported receipt of a letter from Dave Derstine at Polymer Products granting the Borough permission to clean up along the right-of-way and the path to the creek.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Paul Zaboy, Sr. had discussions with the trail design firm regarding the potential crossing of Industrial Boulevard.
- Additionally, DCNR sent him an email regarding the Explore PA Local Parks Project, which involves a GIS layer for local parks with mobile and web-based apps. There is an informational meeting on March 19, 2012 between 1 and 4 pm in Harrisburg. Mr. Zaboy requested Council's permission to attend the meeting. He then stressed the importance of a GIS system, and how it could benefit the Borough. He indicated that he had previously made proposals to Council from both an internal and external perspective with respect to pricing out the set up of a GIS layer. He stated that the Borough's engineering company would enjoy the opportunity to provide this service, as it would be lucrative.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger inquired about the safety island possibility as mentioned by Len Policelli during the recent Rails-to-Trails meeting. Mr. Zaboy advised that there is conflicting information coming from different PennDOT departments.
- Mr. Wenzelberger indicated that he is concerned with the newly constructed residence at 75 Main Street. According to him, it appears to be a mobile home, which does not comport with the zoning rules, and should have required a zoning hearing. Mr. Wenzelberger stated that he has received several complaints from residents because he used to be president of the zoning hearing board. He inquired as to what the procedure was if someone wanted to protest the building. Mr. Mills suggested initially addressing the issue in writing to the Zoning Officer. He then indicated that the complaints should be made to Council in person or in writing, not anonymously.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger requested an updated contact list. Mr. Burmood advised he is in the process of compiling one.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business, cont'd.

- Richard Wagner asked where the recreational trail is going to end. Mr. Zaboy stated that the trail would run from the Plainfield Township line down to the north side of Center Street. The next phase will require coordination with Tatamy and other towns. Eric Wenzelberger asked if it would be better to put the trail down Winona Street. Per Mr. Zaboy, that would require the trail to cross multiple active railroad lines, plus crossing a floodplain.
- Mr. Kocher requested a copy of the meeting minutes that were approved.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 8:32 pm.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 5th day of March, 2012.

President of Council

Attest:_____