

# STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

### Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Carl Zito, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Mr. Jack Fatzinger was absent.
- Also present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Steve Mills of the Asteak Law Offices.
- Patrolman 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, 300 Old Easton Road, commented about a truck that apparently came into the grassy area of his yard and broke another branch from his tree. He provided pictures of the tire marks but did not see the vehicle so he could not identify the company. He reiterated his stance on erecting a “no left turn” sign east bound on Old Easton Road. He spoke of his willingness to install curbing to eliminate the vehicles entering his yard. Council to look into the curb issue. Zoning Officer John Soloe reminded Mr. Kocher of the right-of-way on OLD Easton Road and how far onto the property it might go.

### Council Comments

- Amy Richard reported the Borough received a check from Traveler’s Insurance in the amount of \$6,148.80 representing the lost or misappropriated funds by Mrs. Donna Frey.
- The Borough also received a check from Pennsylvania Department of Revenue in the amount of \$1,901.00 for refunded sales tax from 2010.

### Secretary/Treasurer report

- Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2011.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

### Mayoral Report

- The Mayor had nothing to report.

### Public Works Report

- Supervisor Charles Davis was not in attendance. Paul Zaboy reported that PW has installed an “active ventilation system” in the chemical storage shed.
- DEP to meet with Kevin Franks, Jeff Morgan and Borough personnel at the WWTP on Thursday February 24, 2011 to inspect the progress of the pilot project.

### Police Report

- Chief Soloe reported the taser gun has been put in use by the department.

### **Forks Fire Report**

- A report was provided. It was noted that there have only been 4 calls to Stockertown this year; two alarm calls, one electrical line down and one accident assist on route 33.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- Steve Mills of Asteak Law Offices presented The Holding Tank Ordinance for adoption.
- Motion by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy to adopt the Holding Tank Ordinance as written. Motion carried unanimously.
- Council was provided with a letter detailing the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor regarding a snow emergency situation.

### **Agenda Items**

- **Signal Services:** The yearly contract for maintenance on the traffic signals at Industrial Boulevard and Main Street is \$525, which covers a yearly inspection, preventative maintenance and a report of condition. Currently Signal Services has replaced a faulty controller with their spare unit. They are willing to wait to change out their controller for a new controller if the Chrin project is still on track, because the change out will be paid for by the Chrin project. Their cost to replace the controller is \$2,450. Paul Zaboy to follow up with Keystone Engineers on the Chrin project status. They have submitted an estimate to repair the traffic loops for \$2,784 which would also be included in the Chrin project. Their report advised that the Borough get the appropriate lines painted at the intersection to comply with Penn Dot's permit.
- **TCC Ethics.** There have been several complaints regarding the TCC meeting scheduling. Since they moved the meetings to mornings at 9:00 AM many smaller community delegates can not attend because of their work schedule.
- Mr. John Buck requested a \$30 library reimbursement from 2009 along with the current year reimbursement. Council denied payment of the 2009 fee based on the lapsed time.

### **Old Business**

- **Paul Zaboy reported on the COG meeting** on February 22, 2011, stating that a representative from the Veteran's Administration was at the meeting and provided information packets. The representative did say that the Administration is severally understaffed.
- It was noted that the COG dues have not been received from the Borough. Amy Richard to look into the matter.
- John Soloe noted that the gaming grants are to be awarded on February 28, 2011.

### **New Business**

- None

### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, March 07, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard  
Acting Secretary