

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Pamela Davis, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Joe Gosnell was absent.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy and Mayor Ken Zemencsik were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak and Asst. Chief Eric Schwab were present.

**The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:30 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Speaker**

- Jeffrey Morgan from S C Engineers, Inc. attended the Council Meeting to explain and provide full disclosure to Council and Borough Residents of the procedures to connect to the Easton Sewer Authority through Forks Township. Mr. Morgan distributed an informational summary of past and future procedures which must be followed. He also distributed a cost estimate breakdown and funding analysis for this project. Mr. Morgan explained everything that was outlined in the handout and answered questions from Council.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak expressed the importance of meeting with Jeff Morgan to be fully transparent and have all questions answered. He explained that DEP is forcing the Borough's hand with the constant changing of their regulations. Mr. Asteak provided copies of three Ordinances for the sewer connection which will be available for public review at the Borough office. He asked for motions to approve these Ordinances for advertising.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower authorizing Solicitor Asteak to advertise the Ordinance approving the Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement between Stockertown and Forks Township. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to advertise the Ordinance approving Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement between Stockertown and Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Carl Zito to advertise the Ordinance adopting and approving the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority's Pretreatment Program Policy, Rules and Regulations. Motion carried unopposed.

### **Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2019 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- Upon reviewing the account payables, Kathleen Zdonowski questioned whether it was advantageous to continue paying for the Code Red service since very few residents have registered. Amy Richard explained her views for continuing the service in light of child abductions and other emergencies which the service may prove to be helpful. There were no other questions with regard to the payables.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through February 4, 2019. Motion carried unopposed.

### **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Ken Zemencsik informed Council that he attended the Nazareth COG Meeting and was advised that Pebbles and Paws are looking into accepting cats as part of their program.

### **Police**

- Asst. Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service Report from January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. He stated that there were 11 Arrests in the Borough and that 8 of the arrests were for narcotics; 12 Ordinance citations for snow removal; 55 Traffic Summonses; 25 Traffic Warnings; 33 Building checks for vacations and/or vacant properties, along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 179 Calls for the month of January.

### **Public Works**

- Public Work's Director, Alex Hennings, requested approval for rental of the following items for construction of the new Borough garage concrete pad.
  1. JD450 Dozer – Cost \$580 per day  
\$1,540 per week \*\*
  2. Roller BW145 – Cost \$300 per day  
\$900 Per Week \*\*
  3. 120(+/-) Tons of 2A Stone @ \$7.50 a ton (Approx. \$900)
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Pam Davis to approve rental of the JD450 Dozer and Roller BW145 for the construction of the concrete pad for the new Borough Garage along with approval for the purchase of 2A Stone @ \$7.50 per ton. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed Council that PA American Water will be installing new pipes along Center, Winona and Bushkill Streets. PA American Water has asked Council to waive the permit fees in exchange for them repaving these roads when finished. Public Work's Director Alex Hennings informed PA American Water that he requires that prior to repaving Center Street they must replace the concrete base which

currently exists. Guy Findon of PA American Water agreed to these terms. Ms. Richard asked for a Motion to waive the permit fees.

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to waive the permit fees for PA American Water to install new water pipes along Center, Winona and Bushkill Streets in exchange for them repaving the roads as specified. Motion carried unopposed.

#### **Solicitor**

- Solicitor Asteak asked for a Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-2 which is to adopt the Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Asteak stated that the Plan was prepared by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. It is a plan for the entire Lehigh Valley with each municipality's own components set forth separately. The complete original plan is on line with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to adopt the Plan.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to Adopt Resolution **2019-2 - Lehigh Valley 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan Municipal Adoption Resolution.** Motion carried unopposed.

#### **Agenda**

- Amy Richard asked Council to consider a bench or placard for the memory of Mayor Paul Zaboy. She expressed her gratitude for his time and dedication to completing the Rails to Trails project during his time on Council.

#### **Executive Session**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit regular session at 8:45 P.M and enter into Executive Session for a personnel issue. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit Executive Session at 9:05 P.M. and enter into regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to offer Officer Gilbert Diaz a full-time position with the Borough as of February 4, 2019. Motion carried unopposed.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:08 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on February 18, 2019  
The February 18, 2019 meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

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President of Council

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