

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011, 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 present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, Solicitor Gary Asteak and Public Works Supervisor Charles Davis.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

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

Public Comment

- None

Council Comments

- Amy Richard reported that the Aflac Representative would be available February 23rd, at 6:30 for any one to make changes to their Aflac plan.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- Approval of Minutes-Minutes from January 5, 2011 and January 17, 2011.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the minutes of January 5, 2011 with corrections. Motion carried unanimously. (Correction on page two, line ten add Zito after Carl.)
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to approve the minutes of January 17, 2011 with corrections. Motion carried unanimously. (Correction on page two, line six, Fools changed to Fuls.)

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzger reported that both the Bushkill Conservancy and the Nazareth COG meetings were canceled this month because of snow.

Public Works Report

- Supervisor Charles Davis reported on the pilot project and the continuing work on the chemical building. He reported that the ammonia level during the present week was at 3 and there was no trace of chlorine.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe provided a police report. There was discussion on "Snow Emergencies" and the power of a mayor. Solicitor Asteak will provide guidance.
- Amy Richard was asked to follow up on the status of the Taser Policy that was submitted to the Borough's Insurance Company, Brown and Brown for their review.

Solicitor's Report

- There was discussion on the possibility of the Borough levying liens on property owners who have outstanding sewer bills. Council is unanimously in favor of having Solicitor Asteak send notice to those property owners whose sewer bills are delinquent more than three quarters. The lien process will follow if no payment or payment arrangements are attempted after 30 days.
- Solicitor Asteak provided a final copy of the Holding Tank Ordinance for Council's review and adoption at the next council meeting on February 23, 2011.
- Travelers Insurance, the Borough's bonding company, has agreed to pay the full amount of \$6,148.80, representing the verified unauthorized expenditures made by Mrs. Donna Frey from 2008 through 2009. There are several questionable charges from 2006-2007 which could be very difficult to substantiate. Council was advised to accept the Traveler's settlement.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to accept the amount of \$6,148.80 from Traveler's Insurance as settlement for the Frey case. Motion carried unanimously.
- There was discussion of the quotation from Signal Service, Inc, the provider of maintenance and repairs at the intersection of Industrial Boulevard and Main Street. Mr. Asteak expressed concern over the items in violation of the Penn Dot permit regarding that intersection. He will research the issue.

New Business

- Supervisor Charles Davis expressed the need to access private properties to check on and provide maintenance to sewer lines and clean-outs. He questioned his right to enter the properties. Mr. Asteak suggested he call the property owner and ask permission as a first step. If permission is denied by the owner, Mr. Asteak will then examine the Ordinance for authorization via the Ordinance.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to adjourn to executive session for a personnel issue at 8:37 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to enter regular session at 8:48 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.
- Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard
Acting Secretary