

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Joe Gosnell, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Chief John Soloe.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker

- Attorney Abe Kassis addressed Council and present Borough residents. He stated that he is running for the position of Northampton County Common Pleas Judge. He has served for 15 years as Assistant District Attorney under DA John Morganelli. Mr. Kassis informed those in attendance of his credentials and experience during his 20 years in private practice and as a prosecutor for the District Attorney's Office.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street questioned why the handicap signs were removed from his street. He stated that there were 12 of his wife's customers who used the handicap parking in front of his mother-in-laws house. He was advised that the handicap signs are assigned to a specific car and she does not own a car. It was not put there for customers use. Mr. Wenzelberger stated that he was assigned that spot and proceeded to read the Minutes where he claimed it was stated. The Minutes did not confirm what Mr. Wenzelberger claimed. Amy Richard tabled this matter in order to resume order at the meeting.
- John Kocher of Old Easton Road claimed that there were large chunks of black top in front of his house which he wants the Borough to clean up. Amy Richard volunteered to come to his house for him to show her what he feels the Borough is responsible to clean up.
- Mr. Kocher also stated that the cars in Longs Development are disturbing him with their loud mufflers and he wants something to be done about the noise. Amy Richard apprised Mr. Kocher that his complaint should be filed with Chief Soloe.
- Morgan Schafer of Old Easton Road made a suggestion that when the public works crew plows the snow to the left that they turn off the spinner.

Council Comment

- There were no Council comments

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015 with one correction. Motion carried unopposed.
 - Correction on Page Two, Second Bullet, after Amy Richard remove “advised”.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through March 16, 2015. Carl Zito questioned the payment to Mycalyn Florals. He was advised that flowers were sent to the funeral for a Borough Police Officer’s wife. Motion carried unopposed.
- Anita Caughy advised she received a letter from PennDot stating that a paving project for SR 191 has been awarded to Asphalt Paving Systems. A Preconstruction Conference was held on March 16, 2015. A representative from Keystone Engineering would attend the Conference on behalf of the Borough.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

Police Report

- A description prepared by Chief John Soloe for the new position of Officer in Charge was reviewed by Council. Attorney Asteak stated that Chief Soloe did a very good job on the description. Chief Soloe asked if anyone on Council had any questions concerning the new position. There were no questions.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the new position of “Officer in Charge” (OIC). Motion carried unopposed.
- Chief Soloe advised Council that Officer Miroslav Djindjiev has taken a position with the Pennsylvania State Police and stated his desire to fill his position. Chief Soloe explained that he wanted to hire someone with truck inspection experience which is needed in the Borough and to possibly fill some open shifts. Council had no objections to hiring a new Police Officer to fill this vacancy.
- Joe Gosnell stated that he spoke with three neighbors who have commented on the fact that there is a substantial decrease in engine braking in the Borough since the no breaking signs have been implemented.
- Chief John Soloe thanked Katie Santiago, a Borough resident, for her public support with apprehending the individuals responsible for the multiple car break-ins in the Borough. Ms. Santiago stated she now feels safe walking her dog at night.

Public Works

- Amy Richard stated that Public Works has been filling pot holes daily throughout the Borough. She advised that she is still waiting to hear about the grant process.
- Mayor Davis suggested purchasing an air compressor to blow the water and loose stones out of the pot holes in order for the cold patch to adhere to the road.
- Amy Richard stated that the Borough received a fecal violation at the WWTP. Ice buildup on the ultra-violet bulbs caused them not to perform properly.
- Amy Richard discussed the possibility of running a camera through the sewer lines to check for possible cracks in the pipes to avoid future issues and to preserve the pipes throughout the Borough. A price list was distributed to council members from All State Septic to perform this task. Mayor Davis expressed his opinion that All State Septic does a very good job. Amy Richard asked Council if they agree with pursuing this project. Everyone agreed.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Asteak was given a police report prepared by Officer Schwab concerning the Borough's broken fence by M & T Performance. Solicitor Asteak stated that he would send a letter to Mr. Tichy immediately advising that the Borough would perform the repairs and for him to report the incident to his insurance carrier.

Agenda

- Amy Richard reminded Council that last year it was discussed having a Spring and Fall Yard Sale. Ms. Richard suggested that Council recommend some dates to be decided on at the next meeting. The possibility of a May and September Yard Sale was suggested.
- The handicap parking sign for Mrs. Todora of Center Street was discussed.
- Amy Richard expressed her opinion that she does not feel that a handicap sign is warranted for Mrs. Todora to park for the sole purpose of unloading groceries and then proceed to park her car in her garage. Ms. Richard does not feel it is a feasible idea to tie up a spot day and night for periodic unloading when there are so many other cars which need to park.
- Carl Zito stated that although he would like to see Mrs. Todora awarded a parking spot, at the same token he agrees with Ms. Richard's objection.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger feels that not having a handicap sign would be catering to the renters on the street.
- Cindy Hower feels that one space should be available.
- Joe Gosnell feels that Mrs. Todora has a garage and is capable of walking her dog, therefore, does not need a handicap parking spot.
- The question was asked why Center Street only allows parking on one side of the street. Amy Richard explained that Center Street is designated as an emergency access road through the Borough.
- Kathleen Zdonowski and Robin Davis both stated they feel there should be no handicap parking at all.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the 8th day of **April, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____