

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2014**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2014, 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, Police Chief/Zoning Office John Soloe and Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Anita Caughy were in attendance.
- Solicitor Steven Mills from Asteak Law Office was present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger advised that someone called him regarding a new tenant of the old Fireplace Store were possibly putting in a glass blowing company and wanted to know what permits were required. Zoning Office John Soloe advised that he would look into the matter.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito advised that he spoke with Alex Hennings, Public Works Foreman, concerning the following items: the tree scraps at the Sewer Plant; that the Winona St. and Station St. sign needs adjusting; and, he questioned when the cinders on the roads will be cleaned up. He was advised by Alex Hennings that as soon as he is sure there will be no additional snow storms. Amy Richard advised that the Borough maybe renting a sweeper to clean up the cinders, which will be a one-time sweep.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked that the park be cleaned up for the April 12th egg hunt.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2014 with correction. Motion carried unopposed.
 1. Under Secretary/Treasurer Report, 2nd bullet change “ask” to “asked”.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund through March 17, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that he will need 35 chairs set up in the Borough Hall along with the projector and screen for the March 25th COG Meeting.
- He also advised that the pot holes have been patched on Lefevre Road.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe had nothing to report.
- Amy Richard asked whether the new officer had all of his Certifications and whether he was working on the clock at this time. Chief Soloe advised that he is certified and working.

Zoning Report

- Nothing to Report

Public Works

- Alex Hennings submitted a 2014 Future Work itinerary.
- Robin Davis asked where the Merry-Go-Round was from the Park. Amy Richard informed her that it was in the Borough Garage and was being repaired and painted.
- Amy Richard advised that she is trying to obtain a Grant for a new backstop for the baseball field.

Solicitor Report

- Nothing to Report

Agenda Items

- Council discussed reducing the price for the remainder of the Centennial Books from \$20.00 to \$10.00. Everyone on Council agreed.
- Eric Wenzelberger asked whether the Borough would like to donate a Centennial book to the Tatamy Historical Society. Council agreed.

Old, New or Unfinished Business

- Paul Zaboy commented on the article in the Express Times regarding Commerce Way. He advised that there were pictures of the road.
- Joe Gosnell informed Council that the Planning Commission discussed passing an Urban Farming Ordinance permitting residence to raise certain animals on their property. Kathleen Zdonowski advised that the current Borough Law makes it illegal to raise these animals. After discussion between Council and residents present, it was voted unanimously against the Ordinance. Joe Gosnell advised that the Planning Commission will abide by Council's decision.
- Amy Richard asked Joe Gosnell where we were with the pedestrian access and bicycling plan. Joe Gosnell advised that the Planning Commission has not discussed the matter lately. That issue has been tabled until the Rails to Trails project is finished.
- Discussion among Council regarding PPL filling in the holes in the sidewalk where poles were replaced. Anita Caughy advised that she had spoken with PPL regarding one of the holes and they advised they would take care of it. She will contact them regarding any other holes they are responsible for.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito and seconded by Joe Gosnell to go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM for a personnel issue. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito and seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to exit Executive Session at 8:16 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

- **Motion** by Carl Zito and seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to conduct a Real Estate Tax Audit for the last three (3) years. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Rosemarie Wenzelberger seconded by Carl Zito to appoint the Borough's current Auditor, Jane Bachman, to conduct the Real Estate Tax Audit. Motion carried unopposed.

Old, New or Unfinished Business Continued

- Paul Zaboy mentioned that the trash pick-up through the winter has been horrible. Waste Management was just partially picking up garbage and in some cases not picking up at all. They seem to be caught up at this time.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito seconded by Joe Gosnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 8:31 PM.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 7th day of April, 2014.

President of Council

Attest: _____