

## **STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2019**

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

### **Attendance**

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

### **Public Comment**

- Morgan Schafer of Old Easton Road expressed his concerns regarding the excess water which has accumulated along the new Bridge on Lefever Road. He stated that the water did not lay there prior to the new Bridge being installed. He was advised that the Borough is aware of the issue and that it has been addressed with the County and their construction company.

### **Council Comment**

- Joe Gosnell stated that he would like it put into the Minutes that he was unable to attend the last meeting due to work obligations.

### **Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through March 4, 2019. Motion carried unopposed.
- A copy of a letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission dated February 22, 2019 was distributed to Council regarding a new Land Development Plan in Lower Nazareth which consists of a new Hospital and Medical Center. This letter was for informational purposes only.
- A letter from the PA Department of Transportation was distributed to Council. The letter informed the Borough that it would receive \$31,169.02 in Liquid Fuels Fund and \$400.00 for Road Turnback Annual Maintenance.

### **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Zemencsik had nothing to report.

## Police

- Assistant Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service Report. He stated that there were 7 Criminal Arrests; 2 Township Ordinances; 1 Accident; 7 Assist other Agencies; 44 Traffic Summonses; 22 Traffic Warnings, along with Miscellaneous Calls for a total of 161 Calls for the month of February.
- Chief John Soloe introduced a new Police Officer whom he was interested in offering a part time position. He stated that Officer Xavier Einhorn works part time in Blakley but that he is flexible with his hours. Council welcomed him and asked him several questions regarding his flexibility and experience.

## Zoning

- John Soloe informed Council that the Homoki property is once again up for sale. He stated that he has received several phone calls regarding the use of the property.

## Public Works

- A worklist prepared by Alex Hennings, Director of Public Works was distributed to Council.
- Alex Hennings obtained 3 quotes for the demolition of the current Borough garage. The quotes were as follows:

Beatty Contractors & Wreckers, Ltd	\$ 9,750.00
Penmar Services, Inc.	\$14,800.00
MJK Construction (They did not send an updated quote to include shed & steel beams)	\$ 9,500.00

After discussion, Amy Richard asked for a Motion to approve Beatty Construction for the demolition job.

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Beatty Construction & Wreckers, Ltd for the demolition of the Borough Garage at a cost of \$9,750.00 Motion carried unopposed.

## Solicitor

- Solicitor Gary Asteak presented three Ordinances to approve the intermunicipal Agreements between Forks Township and the Easton Sewer Authority. He stated that they were duly advertised and posted for public inspection. Amy Richard asked for Motions to adopt these Ordinances in order to approve and sign the agreements.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to adopt **Ordinance 2019-1 Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement between Stockertown and Forks Township.** Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adopt **Ordinance 2019-2 Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement between Stockertown and Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority.** Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adopt **Ordinance 2019-3 Approving the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority's Pretreatment Program Policy, Rules and Regulations.** Solicitor Asteak stated that this requires the Borough to comply with their rules. Motion carried unopposed.

**Executive Session**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Pam Davis to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 8:12 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit executive session and enter back into regular session as 8:30 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to hire Officer Xavier Einhold for a 90-day probationary period. Motion carried unopposed.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded Carl Zito by to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

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

The foregoing was approved the **1st** day of **April, 2019**.

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President of Council

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