

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2017**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

- Neil Schurgot, President of the Forks Township Volunteer Fire Department attended the meeting and requested suggestions from Council to improve the return on their yearly letter drive to Stockertown residents. The letter drive funds go directly to the fire company which is 100 percent volunteer. Out of 434 letters mailed out, only 50 were returned. The letter drive pays for training and protection equipment for the firemen. Ms. Richard stated that she would speak with the Stockertown Rod & Gun Club to see if the Fire Company could participate in the Community Youth Day and/or any other events that may be scheduled. This would enable the Fire Company to meet the public and explain their services. Ms. Richard also suggested that Mr. Schurgot review the Borough Newsletter and Website and provide her with any suggestions to be added to the Fire Company's section.

**Council Comment**

- No Comments

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2017 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through March 6, 2017. Motion carried unopposed.

## **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis commented on the additional soil added to the flower box on the Veterans Memorial. He stated that it will help with the planting this year.

## **Police**

- OIC Eric Schwab read out the Call for Services Report from February 1, 2017 to February 28, 2017. He stated that there were 4 Drug Arrests; 2 Thefts; 2 Criminal Warrants; 100 Traffic Summonses; 35 Traffic Warnings, plus miscellaneous calls for a total of 175 for the month of February.
- Officer Schwab reported that a search warrant was issued which resulted in 2 arrests for methamphetamine and heroine in the Borough. The Borough Officers are working with the Drug Task Force and the matter is pending further investigation.

## **Zoning**

- Council was provided with a letter from Richard Rutt, an Engineer hired by the Saw Mill Golf Course to renovate the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the clubhouse and convert the snack bar into and Dining Facility. Zoning Office, John Soloe, was not present at the meeting. Council tabled the issue.

## **Public Works**

- Amy Richard advised Council that emergency electrical maintenance was needed at the waste water treatment plant. She informed Council that the wiring is the original installation. The estimate for the electrical work is between \$4,000 and \$7,000 and will include new wiring in conduit to the wet well pumps, replace circuit breakers in multiple control panels and rewire alarms and call box.
- Amy Richard stated that she has asked Public Works to look into replacing the railings by the Post Office and behind the Borough building because the old railings are rusting and lose.
- It has come to the Borough's attention that someone is placing furniture; rugs; a toilet and other non-recycling items into the recycling bins.

## **Solicitor**

- Solicitor Asteak had nothing new to report.

## **Agenda**

- Amy Richard updated Council on the DEP issue with the sewer plant. She informed them that the court has granted an additional 90 day continuance for the Borough to explore other options before making any commitment. PennVest is working with DCED to obtain a current census for the medium income in Stockertown in hopes of obtaining at least a partial Grant. The Borough is looking into connecting the sewer lines with either Easton or Nazareth for a more permanent solution to the DEP violations.

**Executive Session:**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:55 PM for a personnel issue. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Robin Davis to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 8:06 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:06 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on March 20, 2017. Council Meeting of March 20, 2017 was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **3rd** day of **April, 2016**.

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President of Council

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