

## STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2013

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

### Attendance

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger, and Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski.
- Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak, Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr., and Secretary Chris Burmood were in attendance.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe arrived at 7:57 pm.
- Mayor Metzgar was absent.

**Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.**

### Public Comment

- Morgan Schafer, of 304 Old Easton Road, asked about the loose stones on Commerce Way, specifically if they would be picked up. Ms. Richard stated that we are investigating ways to resurface the road.
- Mr. Schafer then asked about the money spent towards the recreational trail. Mr. Zaboy stated that we are in good shape.
- Earl Kocher, of 300 Old Easton Road, asked when the cinders on Old Easton Road would be cleaned up, stating that it was supposed to be done after the last meeting.
- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, advised that there are holes in Center Street, and asked when Public Works could patch them. Ms. Richard said they are on the list and will be done.

### Council Comments

- Ms. Zdonowski thanked the Borough for cleaning up the cinders in Long's Development.
- Ms. Richard advised that the universal fleet gas cards had been received and that all personnel had been given individual passcodes.

### Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting, with corrections as noted below. Motion carried unopposed.
  - Page 2, under Public Works, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point; change "WWT" to "WWTP".
  - Page 2, under Agenda Items, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point, 2<sup>nd</sup> line; change "filed" to "field".
  - Page 3, under New, Old or Unfinished Business, cont'd., 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point, 5<sup>th</sup> line; place "the" between "throughout" and "year".
  - Page 3, under New, Old or Unfinished Business, cont'd., 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point, 3<sup>rd</sup> line; place "was" between "Burmood" and "tasked".
- Ms. Zdonowski was approached by a resident of Long's Development and asked if a 4-way stop could be created at the corner of Jubilee Drive and Faith Avenue to address the danger posed to kids and pedestrians. Mr. Zaboy stated there has been discussion in the past, but believed there was a restriction due to the slope of the road.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the payables through March 15, 2013. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the payables through March 29, 2013. Motion carried unopposed.

### Police Report

- Chief Soloe provided the statistical report of police responses between mid-February and mid-March.

### **Zoning**

- Mr. Zito asked Mr. Soloe to investigate the container on the roof across the street from Mr. Zito's home. The container appears to be nearly ready to fall off the roof.

### **Public Works Report**

- The Borough is presently seeking information with respect to repairs necessary on both Commerce Way and LeFevre Road. The Borough is in contact with contractors, PennDOT, and State Representative Emrick's office to investigate methods and funding possibilities.
- The baseball field is in need of repair. We can do most of the work in house, by tilling the entire field, and leveling and compacting the existing topsoil. We may need some added material, a clay infield mix? The geese issue was mentioned, and PJ asked for approval to order the 3D coyote silhouettes for the sewer and add a couple for the ball field.
- New lighting and electric are being installed at the Quonset hut. It is to be done as a rainy day project.
- PJ recommended crack sealing the roads not yet deteriorated. He has no pricing yet, but we can rent a machine, and purchase the materials, with training on the equipment available. Mr. Zaboy recommended pursuing this. PJ was tasked with obtaining quotes for equipment training and rental.
- Ms. Zdonowski advised of a sinkhole on Birch Street.

### **Solicitor Report**

- Mr. Asteak reviewed the mowing proposals from Fry's Four Seasons and Capriotti, Co., LLC. Fry's Four Seasons submitted a proposal of \$500.00 per weekly cut for a single year, and for a three year period. They also submitted a Certificate of Insurance. Capriotti Co., LLC submitted a proposal of \$455.04 per weekly cut for 2013, \$555.03 per weekly cut for 2014, and \$666.00 per weekly cut for 2015. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to accept the proposal from Fry's Four Seasons for \$500.00 per weekly cut for 2013, 2014, and 2015. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Asteak to prepare the contract.

### **New, Old, or Unfinished Business**

- Per Mr. Zaboy, we received the certified survey of the north end of the trail property, which has been passed on to Mr. Asteak, and will be forwarded to URDC. There will be a meeting to determine how to approach the owner of the property at M&T automotive. Also, we'll need to obtain permission from Plainfield Township for the trail design. And applying for HOP from PennDOT for the north end trail. The Industrial Boulevard crossing is coming along, despite many changes pursuant to PennDOT's request. Mr. Zaboy found original letters from Buzzi and Universal Forest Products pledging donation of materials for trail construction. We will follow up with letters requesting the quantities of materials we need, now that we know the amounts. We can claim the retail price of any donation as a monetary amount towards the cost of trail construction.

### **Agenda Items**

- We've received \$2,200.00 in donations towards the marquee sign. Jack Fatzinger is still persistent in seeking donations. Ms. Richard advised she would like to proceed with the purchase. Mr. Zaboy inquired about whether the bushes out front would interfere with sign visibility. Mr. Zaboy recommended proceeding since the value of providing immediate emergency notifications and community messages would be beneficial. Mr. Wenzelberger inquired as to whether the sign would be allowable under zoning regulations. Mr. Soloe advised he would review it. Mr. Asteak stated the municipality might be exempt from zoning requirements. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to purchase the 3'x6' sign from JM Stewart Company in Florida for \$9,693.00. Motion carried 5-2, with Mrs. Wenzelberger and Mr. Zito voting against.
- Mr. Burmood briefly discussed the scheduling of the ball field for use by various groups. We were advised we can fill the septic tank near the stand and cap it. Additionally, Dan Kenny from the Gun Club stated that the various groups can use the concession stand.
- Ms. Richard discussed refurbishing the trail from Newhart Park to the Gun Club as well.

### **New, Old, or Unfinished Business cont'd.**

- The newly reformatted and reorganized Fee Schedule was shown on the projector screen, with minor changes to several fees, and all the previously discussed additional or altered verbiage. **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to accept the Fee Schedule as posted. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mrs. Fry asked about the storage of mulch and tree debris behind Joshua Tree. Mr. Soloe advised that Mr. Malik is bringing in a whole bunch of pine trees to provide a privacy barrier.
- Mr. Wenzelberger asked about possible use of a contractor's magnet for use to collect nails and other metallic debris from streets to protect vehicle tires. Mr. Zito will discuss the possibility of borrowing such a unit from Einfalt's.
- **Motion** at 8:51 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel matters following a 5 minute break. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** at 9:55 pm by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to exit **Executive Session** and return to regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard discussed the use of real eggs for future egg hunts in the Borough. She requested a cease and desist for use of real eggs in all future events held on Borough or Gun Club property, due to liability issues. **Motion** by Amy Richard, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to cease and desist use of real eggs in all future egg hunts on Borough or Borough-leased properties. Motion carried unopposed.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm. The foregoing were approved the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

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President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_