

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2013

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski was absent.
- Attorney Steven Mills attended on behalf of Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak.
- Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) and Secretary Chris Burmood were present.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe arrived at 7:36 pm.
- Mayor Metzgar passed away on April 14, 2013.

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

Ms. Richard called for a moment of silence in memory of the late Mayor, Sherman Metzgar.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, expressed his appreciation for the quick patching of holes in Center Street.
- Earl Kocher, of 300 Old Easton Road, stated that the cinders on Old Easton Road had been cleaned up, but asked why they had not been cleared between Hillside Avenue and Old Easton Road. PJ advised that the stretch of road in question is a PennDOT right-of-way along a state highway. It is therefore PennDOT's responsibility, not the Borough's. The Borough does not have enough Public Works personnel to conduct operations requiring flagging along a high traffic roadway. Mr. Zaboy stated that the Borough would have had to obtain permission from PennDOT.

Council Comments

- Mr. Gosnell asked if PennDOT contacts the Borough regarding road closures on state roads within the Borough. He mentioned the dip in the concrete at the intersection of Main Street and Route 191, and asked if it was possibly a sinkhole underneath. According to Mr. Zaboy, PennDOT is aware of the problem.
- Ms. Richard advised that the electronic marquee sign was on order and due to be delivered the first week of May.

Agenda

- Due to the daylight present, Ms. Richard invited Council to step outside to evaluate the shrubbery in front of Borough Hall for possible removal, in conjunction with the installation of the marquee sign.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- Council reviewed the General Fund and Sewer Fund Payables. Mr. Zaboy asked if the Reliable Sign invoice included posts and mounting hardware. According to PJ, those were included in the bill.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the payables through April 16, 2013. Motion carried unopposed.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe provided the statistical report of police responses between mid-March and mid-April. Mr. Zaboy inquired about the traffic citation success rate in court. Per Chief Soloe, the success rate is good.
- Chief Soloe recommended Eric Schwab for the position of police officer for the Borough. Council asked Mr. Schwab several questions regarding his background and experience.

Public Works Report

- The YMCA has requested use of the ball field for a week or two in July to run a soccer camp during the daytime. Council had no objection.
- The infield mix for the baseball diamond is due in Thursday, April 18. Field rehab should be completed within a couple days.
- New lighting and electric are being installed at the Quonset hut. It is 90% complete. Lines have been pulled to the control building, lights and outlets have been installed, and the temporary light up worked well and was very bright. According to PJ, Rick Wagner led the project. Ms. Richard gave kudos to Mr. Wagner.
- A new stormwater sewer drain catch basin will be installed behind A&H, as a preliminary requirement for trail construction. The project is to begin next week. It will prevent runoff and ponding along the trail, and will force stormwater north to the collector at Route 191.
- Letters to UFP and Buzzi Unicem regarding trail project donations are to be sent out on April 18, 2013.
- PJ requested permission to stockpile the stone for the trail at the Memorial Hall lot, using silt fence. According to Mr. Zaboy, it will greatly assist with delivery of materials, and not hamper the project.

Zoning

- Mr. Burmood discussed the sidewalk closure issue alongside the Dooley residence, due to the rehabilitative reconstruction project on Mr. Dooley's home. For most of May, the contractor will be out of town working on other projects. We've arranged for the scaffolding to be cleared and a walkthrough done underneath, until the contractor's return. The sidewalk will then close again for the project towards the end of May. Upon further determination by the contractor, they may be able to switch to a narrower scaffolding later, with less sidewalk infringement.
- Mr. Soloe attempted to contact Joshua Malek regarding removal of the mulch stockpiled at his place of business.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger asked Chief Soloe about the lot on Crown View with the weed problem. The lot is owned by a construction company based in Nazareth, and they've stored equipment there. Chief Soloe sent a letter regarding the removal of the equipment and cutting of the grass and weeds. There is a party interested in building a house on the lot.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Mills reviewed the language in the Peddler's Ordinance under the Stockertown Borough Code, and indicated that electric suppliers could be deemed as providing goods.

Agenda Items

- Council reviewed the sample Peddler's License provided by Chief Soloe from Tatamy Borough. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate fees and their inclusion in the Fee Schedule. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to amend the Fee Schedule with a \$10 daily Peddler's License Fee and a \$25 weekly Peddler's License Fee. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Burmood was tasked with updating the Fee Schedule and modifying the sample License Form for Stockertown's use.
- Mr. Burmood obtained quotes from ServePro and ActionPro for duct cleaning. The counts by both companies did not match. Mr. Burmood was tasked with obtaining the correct count, and obtaining a quote from Brian's Professional as well. Council authorized Mr. Burmood to proceed with the lowest quote and schedule the building for duct cleaning, coordinating with the post office.
- Ms. Richard read an email regarding PA House Bills that would modify prevailing wage law and increase the bottom threshold for Prevailing Wage projects.
- Ryan Fry, of Fry's Four Seasons, submitted a proposal for shrub removal/trimming for Borough Hall, to include edging the beds and stump grinding as necessary for \$450.00. For an additional \$250.00, Mr. Fry would re-mulch the beds.
- Council discussed obtaining a scanner. Mr. Zaboy recommended 11x17 capable flatbed. Mr. Burmood and Mr. Zaboy are tasked with researching available products.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Mr. Zaboy is scheduled to meet with Gary, the trail designer – Len Policelli, and the surveyor – Rollie Rhodomoyer, to review the north end property surveys. Gary is to address the property owner, for the north end of the trail. We will be seeking expedited approval for the trail from Plainfield Township, for the north end portion that lies in their jurisdiction. PJ and Mr. Zaboy met with a Met-Ed official regarding the relocation of an anchor pole to the opposite side of Route 191 – which may be a PennDOT right-of-way issue. Mr. Zaboy met with Mr. Tichy, owner of M&T Automotive, and will provide copies of the survey drawings to him as well. According to Mr. Zaboy, approval by PennDOT for the Route 191 crossing appears likely, without any official word to date.
- The cleanout behind Charlie Davis' home is to be repaired as part of trail construction.
- Ms. Richard advised that there are a few larger Post Office boxes available. She would speak to the postmaster about upgrading to one for the Borough.
- Ms. Richard also read a letter regarding the Memorial Day Parade in Nazareth.
- **Motion** at 9:01 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel and sewer billing matters following a 5 minute break. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** at 9:37 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to exit **Executive Session** and return to regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to hire Eric Schwab as a police officer for the Borough on a probationary basis. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mayor Metzgar's funeral is scheduled for Friday, April 19, 2013 at 11:00 am at the Forks UCC Church. Public Works and the Borough Office are to close down operations so that staff may attend the services.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm. The foregoing were approved the 6th day of May, 2013.

President of Council

Attest: _____