

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Comment**

- Carl Zito stated that the Borough needs to schedule a meeting with the garbage company. He complained about the garbage truck leaving the empty trash cans down the road from his house because of cars parked on the street. He also suggested using the parking lot by the old school to park cars when it snows to keep them off of Center Street during plowing. Joe Gosnell agreed with his suggestion.
- Joe Gosnell questioned as to how to stop solicitations such as Avon Books from being left on his property.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018 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 April 2, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

**Police**

- Assistant Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service report from March 1 to March 31, 2018. He stated that there were 3 Narcotics arrests; 5 Suspicious Persons reports; 53 Traffic Summons; 25 Traffic Warnings; 16 other traffic related calls; 12 Assist other Agencies plus additional miscellaneous calls for a total of 152 calls for the month of March.
- Assistant Chief Schwab informed Council that he sent Officer Sam to attend Narcotics and Traffic Stop Advanced training and that he attended Penn State for Supervisory Training.

## Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak stated that Resolution 2018-1 which is Adopting the Official Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update has been advertised and is ready for adoption. He informed Council that once the Plan is submitted to The Department of Environmental Protection Agency (DEP), that they have a timeline to approve the plan and present their conditions to enter into an Agreement. Solicitor Asteak stated that he has reviewed the Agreements and that they are consistent with other similar Agreements.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to Adopt Resolution 2018-1 Adopting the Official Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01 ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL ACT 537 SEWAGE FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities", as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the **Pennsylvania Code**, requires the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the municipality, and

WHEREAS, Stockertown Borough finds that the Plan described above conforms to applicable zoning, subdivision, other municipal ordinances and plans, and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management.

The Selected Alternative is **Alternative 1 – Forks Township Interconnect**. This alternative will phase out of the Borough's existing WWTP & discharge, to be replaced by construction of new sanitary sewer line extension with interconnect to existing Forks Township, sewage collection system for ultimate treatment at Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority's WWTP.

## Agenda

- Council discussed whether the SYA should continue to use Newhart Park for their Easter Egg Hunt without paying the required fee. It was decided that since they are using the park for the benefit of the Borough children the fee would be waived.
- Council discussed the safety risk of the dead tree located on the property at 119 Main Street. The Borough office received a complaint regarding the danger of the tree falling on someone. John Soloe informed Council that a letter was sent to the homeowner who is aware of the issue. Solicitor Asteak stated that the danger is speculative at this time. He stated that unless there is clear and present danger to the public that the Borough cannot force the homeowner to comply with the Borough's suggestions and that the Borough cannot remove the tree from private property.
- Amy Richard stated that a meeting will be set up with County Waste to discuss the complaints and issues regarding garbage pickup.

**New, Old or Unfinished Business**

- John Soloe informed Council that the paving and turn back of Bushkill Street has made the papers.
- John Soloe stated that the replacement of the LeFevre Road Bridge will take place sometime after Youth Day. The bridge is expected to be out for approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for April 16, 2018.  
The April 16, 2018 meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **7<sup>th</sup>** day of **May, 2018**.

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President of Council

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