

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Amy J. Richard, Council Vice-President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak attended.
- Additionally present were Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr. and Secretary Chris Burmood.
- Patrolman Soloe was on hand to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Amy J. Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- None

Council Comments

- Ms. Hower stated that the SYA held the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Newhart Park on Sunday, April 1st. It took them approximately half an hour to clean up the tree limbs and branches that had fallen. She expressed her displeasure that the Borough Public Works staff had not cleaned the park. She also said a bench was broken and that there was graffiti on the climbing wall. Mr. Zito stated he would take responsibility for not advising Public Works to clean the park. Paul Zaboy, Jr. stated he was aware of the bench issue, and would check into the graffiti problem.
- Mr. Zito inquired if there was any news on potential buyers for the fire truck. Ms. Richard advised she had nothing new to report.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger asked when discussions would start regarding future use of the Memorial Hall site. She suggested the idea of a community center.
- Mr. Zaboy discussed the NAZCOG meeting from Tuesday, March 27th.
 - State Senator Pat Browne was supposed to be at the meeting to discuss the NIZ and the lawsuit regarding the EIT use for debt payments for the hockey arena, but he failed to show. The COG is in favor of joining the lawsuit.
 - FEMA is updating local floodplain mapping, and the COG has decided to advertise as a group rather than by individual municipalities.
 - Free training, funded by grants, is available for Northampton County residents as part of the Community Emergency Response Team. The program is designed to outline the role of the municipal authorities and residents in the event of an emergency.
 - Also discussed at the COG were dates and locations for several county recycling events.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting with corrections as noted. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Under New, Old or Unfinished Business, first paragraph, note that Sherry Acevedo is with the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&LNHC), not DCNR.
 - Also under the New, Old, or Unfinished Business, in the first subparagraph, insert the word “be” between the words “will” and “associated”.
 - In the second paragraph of New, Old, or Unfinished Business, change the word “form” to “from”.
 - In the last paragraph of Agenda items regarding the mowing proposals, change the word “form” to “from” in the 7th line down.
 - Change the next meeting date from “March 19” to “April 2”.

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzgar did not attend the meeting.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) had nothing new to report.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe was not present for the meeting.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Richard Fields, owner of Sawmill Golf Course, requested permission from Council to add ADA-compliant restrooms in his facility, knowing that his system is connected to the Stockertown Wastewater system. Ms. Richard indicated that improving access without increasing waste flow should be fine.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Asteak advised that two sewer liens had been filed since the previous meeting.

Agenda Items

- Mr. Zaboy stated his belief that the vehicle restoration permit fee of \$10 is too low given the amount of man-hours of administrative and police time it would cost. He recommended that the fee charge be increased to \$50. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to increase the Vehicle Restoration Permit Fee to \$50. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard advised that during the reorganization meeting at the beginning of the year, Council had failed to appoint an Open Records Officer. Additionally, she discussed utilizing the state standard Right-to-Know records request form, as the Borough had previously adopted by resolution, the state Right-to-Know law as its records policy. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to utilize the Office of Open Records form as the standard for all records requests. Motion carried unopposed. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to require all records request be submitted in written format, and to require deposits for extensive records research. Motion carried unopposed. **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to appoint Secretary Christopher Burmood as the Open Records Officer for the Borough. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda Items, cont'd.

- Council was presented with a resolution, promulgated by PSAB, to support PA House Bill 1329, which would, if enacted, increase the prevailing wage threshold from \$25,000 to \$185,000 and adjust this amount annually based on the Consumer Price Index. The resolution also supported PA House Bill 1685, which would, if enacted, require the Secretary of Labor and Industry to develop a uniform and complete list of worker classifications and place it on a publically accessible website. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to pass **Resolution 2012-1** in support of the Prevailing Wage reform legislation. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard advised that due to a number of recurring incidents causing distress to administrative staff, Council and the public needed to be reminded of the Borough Building Access Policy passed in 2008. She advised that Council members, Public Works, and Police Officers have keys to Council Chambers, and can only access it during working hours. Everyone else is prohibited from Council Chambers. All personal business is to be conducted at the office window in the building vestibule. Ms. Richard stressed that this included members of Council. Mr. Zaboy stated that only official Borough business shall be conducted by Council officials or employees in Council Chambers during working hours. After-hours access is also limited to official Borough business as well. Mr. Zito inquired about the availability of the half-door for the Borough Office. Royce Getz advised that it might be in storage at the Slaughterhouse.
- On March 30th, while installing new utility poles, PPL hit a sewer line at the corner of Winona, Center, and Main Streets. Without correct "as-builts", the markings for pipe locations were incorrect. The sewer line breach occurred at approximately 11:30 am, and the line was back in full service by 6 pm. Mr. Zaboy stated that we need to locate the sewer lines for the Rails-to-Trails project, as well as for other potential projects. He suggested the purchase of a pipe finder, capable of finding both metal and plastic piping, with a demo to prove its abilities. One hand-held model costs \$5,500. Currently, a contractor is locating the sewer lines along Old Easton Road, and the project is halfway done. It is not an inexpensive venture. PPL is waiting to replace the poles along Old Easton Road until this project has been completed.
- The Borough has received a résumé from Alex Soloe for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to appoint Alex Soloe as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried unopposed.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Royce Getz, of 121 Main Street, advised that once winds get above 35 mph, there would be branches coming down. He also stated that the park had been cleaned by Public Works prior to the weekend. Mrs. Sharon Zito, of 121 Center Street, said she observed the Sparks family cleaning up branches in the park on Friday evening.
- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, asked if the Emergency Management Coordinator is a paid position. Ms. Richard advised that it isn't. Mr. Wenzelberger then asked if Mr. Soloe responded to an incident as a police officer and took over as EMC, would he in effect be paid to do the EMC job. Ms. Richard stated Mr. Soloe would be paid for police duties while conducting police work.
- Mr. Wenzelberger asked about the deposit required for a records request. Ms. Richard advised it would be based upon the amount of records and extent of the jobs. Mr. Asteak advised we cannot charge for the time used to copy all the records.
- Earl Kocher requested copies of approved minutes.

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

- Mr. Wenzelberger asked about copies of items filed for proof of filing and costs assessed. Ms. Richard and Mr. Asteak clarified that if Mr. Wenzelberger wanted a copy for proof of filing, he would be assessed the per page cost for photocopies, unless he provided his own copy to be stamped as "filed."
- Ms. Hower questioned the next meeting date, referencing an older, calendar. There was some discussion regarding the correct date and the dates advertised. Mr. Burmood obtained a copy of the approved calendar, indicating the advertised meeting is on April 16th, and provided a copy to Ms. Hower.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 8:29 pm.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 16th day of April, 2012.

President of Council

Attest:_____