

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Joe Gosnell, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Chief John Soloe.
- Attorney Steven Mills was present on behalf of Asteak Law Office.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street resubmitted his application for a handicap parking sign. He was advised that it has been denied.
- James Smith of 102 Main Street asked who he could speak with regarding the Property Maintenance Code. He believes there are electrical violations in his building as well as lead violations from the installation of replacement windows. He was advised that we would find out who he could speak with and let him know.
- Elizabeth Rossi of 102 Main Street stated that there has been excessive drug use in her building. Chief Soloe stated that there has recently been an arrest and that the police are monitoring the building.
- Mr. Kocher of Old Easton Road read aloud the letter he received from Amy Richard regarding the debris around his property. The letter stated that if he rakes the debris to the curb, the Borough will clean it up when a street cleaner is rented.

Council Comment

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger inquired as to whether public works started cleaning the streets. She was advised that they have not.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2015 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through April 8, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard advised Council that the 2014 Annual Audit has been completed. Jane Bachman's Opinion Letter was distributed.

- Council was advised that the Borough applied for mail delivery and was denied, therefore the Borough will no longer be charged for the post office box.
- Anita Caughy stated that the hazardous waste collection will be May 30, 2015 at the Northampton Community College. She distributed a list identifying the hazardous waste which will be accepted.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis advised that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will be attending the COG Meeting on April 28th at Borough Hall to go over the new Municipal Plan.
- Mayor Davis stated that there is a disturbing amount of feces from dogs and deer on the trail by Dogwood Lane.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe read the Call Service Report from March 1st to March 31st, 2015. There were 43 traffic summonses and 23 traffic warnings along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 96 for the month.
- Chief Soloe informed the public that Pennsylvania traffic deaths hit a new record low in 2014. This information was released from PennDOT on April 8, 2015.
- Robin Davis asked Chief Soloe when the Rt. 33 Bridge would be completed. Chief Soloe stated it should be open by the end of May.

Public Works

- Amy Richard stated that the handicap ramp on Center Street was being redone for the third time. The Borough's public works crew prepared the area for the concrete to be poured to be sure the work was done correctly this time. Ms. Richard advised that purchasing benches and installing signs would be the final stage for the trail.
- Amy Richard requested approval from Council to purchase new bases for the ball field. Robin Davis asked if the Stockertown Youth Association would donate the bases for the ball field since it is used by the children and the SYA was originally formed for baseball teams. Rosemarie and Eric Wenzelberger stated that because they gave a donation to the Rod and Gun Club, they would not donate the bases. They also commented that the ball field is used by other children not just Stockertown's and, therefore, does not fit their Charter.

Solicitor Report

- Attorney Steven Mills presented the Agreement between RC Lonestar (Hercules) and the Borough regarding the tax appeal. The Agreement stated that the Borough would not have to pay back Lonestar the difference from the new tax assessment for 2013 and 2014. The taxes for 2015 have been paid; therefore, the Borough will pay back the difference between the old assessment and new assessment by 2016. Council and residents all thanked Amy Richard for a great job negotiating this agreement with Lonestar. Attorney Mills asked for approval to sign the Agreement
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the signing of the agreement between the Borough and RC Lonestar as written. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda

- Amy Richard stated she had a meeting with PennDOT representatives regarding the turnback of Bushkill Street. She was advised that the Borough would not receive any turnback money unless a cul-de-sac was constructed at the end of the street which would be very costly. Council was not in favor of this endeavor. A maintenance agreement with PennDOT regarding Borough employees plowing and mowing Bushkill Street was also discussed. PennDOT will get back to the Borough with their figures.
- Minnie Betz of Center Street requested that her handicap sign be reinstalled in front of her house. Amy Richard advised her that the handicap sign has to be assigned to a vehicle and she does not own a vehicle. Additionally, she has off street parking.

Old, New or Unfinished Business

- Amy Richard asked if anyone had any suggestions for dates for the Borough yard sale. No one had any suggestions so the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Council Meeting for April 20, 2015 was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **4th** day of **May, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____