

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2017**

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

**Attendance**

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

**The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:37 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street stated that he was concerned about tenants parking on the street during a snow emergency.

**Council Comment**

- Robin Davis asked whether Police would be scheduled to work during the Borough yard sale. Officer Schwab stated that there would be a Police presence.
- Joe Gosnell asked whether parking would be permitted on Main Street during the yard sale. Officer Schwab informed him that the No Parking rule would be in effect and those who violated the law would be ticketed.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2017 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 1, 2017. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis informed Council that people were putting recycling items into the Borough's garbage bins. He suggested that a sign be put on the bin informing residents that it was a bin strictly for "Public Works Refuse" "Not for Public Use".

## Police

- Officer in Charge, Eric Schwab, read the Call for Service Report from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30, 2017. He stated that there were 2 narcotic arrests, 10 Assists of other agencies, 2 Ordinance violations, 1 motor vehicle accident, 103 Traffic Summonses, 22 Traffic Warnings, plus miscellaneous calls for a total of 209 calls for the month of April.
- Officer Schwab informed Council that he is now certified for Weights and Measures to check overweight vehicles traveling through the Borough. He will be working with Einfalt Recycling & Salvage who has agreed to allow the Borough to use their truck scale at a cost of \$1.00 per year.

## Zoning

- Council was advised that Plainfield Township would be holding a Zoning Hearing regarding the Sawmill Golf Club's proposed renovations for a Banquet and Social Hall. John Soloe will be attending the meeting to inform them that since the Golf Course is connected to Stockertown's sewer plant, Stockertown would not approve of this renovation. Stockertown has a moratorium on any additional EDU's and this proposal would exceed the EDU's currently allowed.

## Public Works

- Branch Pick-Up has been scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017. The rain date will be May 23<sup>rd</sup>. All branches must be neatly stacked by the curb in manageable lengths of 3 feet or less.
- Amy Richard informed Council that she is in the process of obtaining a quote from Ryan Fry to maintain the areas along the trail. The Borough is short one public work's employee and she is looking for other alternatives in the event a new employee is not hired.
- Amy Richard requested a Motion to sign the Municipal Resolution for the Highway Transfer Program by PennDot to transfer Bushkill Street to the Borough of Stockertown.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to sign the Municipal Resolution to transfer Bushkill Street to the Borough of Stockertown as stated below. Motion carried unopposed.

### Highway Transfer Program Municipal Resolution

Whereas, the Department of Transportation and this Municipality have agreed to transfer from state to municipal control the part of: State Route #2017 from Segment/Offset 110 to Segment/Offset 0997, from Station 110 to Station 2906, A distance of 0.36155 miles in accordance with 75 Pa C.S., Chapter 92.

Actual field measured footage: 1,909 feet

Actual field measured in mileage: 0.36155 miles

## Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak informed Council of the lawsuit currently filed by Zachary Handley against a former officer, Joseph Straka, and the Borough of Stockertown. The Borough has not yet been served with a Complaint.

## Agenda

- Amy Richard updated Council with regard to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. She stated that in order for the Borough to be eligible for a grant from PennVest to connect to the Easton or Nazareth sewer system a census, from an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party, providing the median household income within the Borough must be obtained. Ms. Richard contacted two companies who would not be able to assist the Borough until the end of the year. Ms. Richard has been in contact with a 3<sup>rd</sup> company, Enconsult Solutions, who claims to be able to provide this information in a timely manner. In order for Enconsult Solutions to proceed, they require an initial deposit of \$1,000 to ascertain whether PennVest will accept their methods. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to approve the initial \$1,000 fee.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve the \$1,000 fee to Enconsult Solutions to meet with PennVest to determine whether PennVest will accept their method for the income analysis. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed Council that the Road Bids for Commerce Way, Lefevre Road and Center Street will be advertised on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Sealed bids will due on Monday, May 22 by 1:00 P.M. The bids will be publically opened on that date at 2:00 p.m. The bids will be awarded at a special meeting to be held on May 25, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. This will give Council sufficient time to review the bids and make a decision.
- Amy Richard discussed the options of black top opposed to tar & chip of several additional roads in Stockertown. After discussion as to the benefits of each, Council all agreed to a more permanent solution to road repair and decided to have some or all of the following additional roads paved with black top. In addition to paving, 4 ADA Ramps required by PennDot will need to be installed. The roads to be under construction are as follows:

Bushkill Street	State Street
Dogwood Lane	Station Avenue
Grant Street	Werkheiser Street
Lincoln Avenue	Winona Street
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to proceed with the bidding process for the remaining streets to be paved. The streets to be paved will be Bushkill Street, Dogwood Lane, Grant Street, Lincoln Avenue, State Street, Station Avenue, Werkheiser Street and Winona Street. Motion carried unopposed.

## Old, New or Unfinished Business

- Amy Richard stated that she was working on a Grease Trap Ordinance with Zoning Office, John Soloe. They expect to have the Ordinance completed by the next meeting.

- Solicitor Asteak stated that he would prepare a contract between the Borough and Einfalt Salvage with the terms agreed upon for the use of their scale for DOT Inspections.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on May 15, 2017.

The foregoing was approved the 15<sup>th</sup> day of **May, 2016**.

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President of Council

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