

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, Paul Zaboy, Jr. from Public Works, Secretary Chris Burmood, and Michael Vargo, Esq. of Asteak Law Offices.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Earl Kocher, 300 Old Easton Road, requested that the minutes from April 4th to be updated to reflect that the Downs Transportation truck that struck the street sign and pole was 6 feet off the roadway on the East side. He further indicated that he did not contact the police due to prior return response from the department. Mr. Kocher also stated that public works reoriented the signs, but that the post was still crooked.
- Morgan Schafer, 304 Old Easton Road, asked about the cost of the bike trail. Paul Zaboy responded that preliminary estimates were approximately \$200,000.00 for one mile of trail, but final design consultants have not been chosen. Mr. Schaefer stated that the Easton project for 1 ¾ mile was \$1.8 Million.
- Eric Wenzelberger, 111 Center Street, inquired about where emergency staging would take place instead of Memorial Hall. Mrs. Richard responded either the Borough Hall or the EMA building. Mr. Zaboy stated possibly outside the Borough, depending on the nature and scope of the emergency.

Council Comments

- None

Secretary/Treasurer report

- Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2011
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2011 with corrections to council comments regarding Tatamy Interchange project design being nearly 70% complete with Chrin to invest further to expedite.

Mayoral Report

- Mr. Metzgar advised of the Bushkill Stream Conservancy meeting on May 17, 2011. Per Eric Wenzelberger, the Bushkill was labeled "impaired" in Plainfield Township for fecal coliform bacteria. Per Amy Richard, the Stockertown section is also considered impaired.
- The Mayor also requested that people stay after the meeting to help set up the room for the Primary elections on May 17.

Public Works Report

- Someone from Roto Rooter made an unscheduled call to Public Works for approval to perform services. Approval must come from the council after an estimate has been submitted. Ms. Richard is awaiting three estimates for jetting the sewers and two more estimates for sand removal. Paul Zaboy recommended that the Borough purchase a camera and/or jetter. Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) stated that a jetter is an absolute necessity, but cameras can be affordably rented as needed.
- The \$25,000.00 estimate for repair of the yellow dump truck is not final. Paul Zaboy recommended replacing the truck. Joe Gosnell asked if repair of the truck would impact purchase of multi-use (switch & go) truck. Discussion followed regarding the sale of the yellow dump truck and use of the proceeds towards the switch & go.
- Workers at PPC cleaning out a trench hit an unmarked sewer cleanout. The cleanout was reset by Charles Davis and Jeff Forrer. It had not been affixed with adhesive.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. advised he has been fixing a soft spot in the road at PPC.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. and Jeff Forrer are to attend the Confined Space Training in Montgomery County on September 8, 2011.

Police Report

- PennDOT held a major meeting in Tatamy regarding the impending bridge closure and replacement. The bridge is now closed and the 18 month replacement project will start in July or August. Traffic will be redirected through the Borough.
- Chief John Soloe provided the Council with the Police reports.
- Letters regarding dead cars were sent last week.
- Grass was blown onto roadways and sidewalks by a mowing contractor, at Ruland Apartments on Center Street.
- There have been no complaints about weeds, yet.
- Mr. Kocher said residents should have access to police reports to know what the police are addressing. Per Mr. Vargo, certain records can be requested through an open records request. Chief Soloe indicated that detailed information would have to be redacted. The Chief also agreed to provide a quarterly breakdown of incidents and responses.

Zoning Report

- The zoning approval for Joshua Tree limited storage of mulch and other waste material. They have large piles of mulch and other debris at back of property. John Soloe to address the issue.

Engineer's Report

- Memorial Hall bid specs have been advertised. Bids will be due June 6, 2011 by 7 pm. A pre-construction meeting will address run-off mitigation and other concerns.

Solicitor's Report

- Per Michael Vargo, no action is to be taken by Gary Asteak with regard to delinquent sewer accounts, until his office has received and updated list.
- Mr. Asteak reviewed the Patriot Energy contract and found it to be to the Borough's advantage. Paul Zaboy suggested that the Borough move forward and include the street lights. **MOTION** by Paul Zaboy to initiate contract with Patriot Energy to include the street lights. Seconded by Joe Gosnell. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

- Amy Richard recommended appointing Kathleen Zdonowski to the Planning Commission. **MOTION** by Joe Gosnell to nominate Ms. Zdonowski to the Planning Commission. Paul Zaboy seconded. Motion carried.
- Amy Richard indicated that she received a cleaning service estimate for Borough offices. Currently cleaning is done by Public Works. Mr. Zaboy advised that the budget contained one hour biweekly for a cleaning service, but no money was in the allocation.
- Mrs. Richard recommended putting \$50 to \$100 in petty cash in the office for use. She also suggested setting up a limited debit only account for small Borough office purchases. A debit account would have malfeasance protection.
- Amy Richard provided quotes of CD rates from National Penn and Merchants Bank, as an 18 month CD with a current balance of \$254,133.70 comes due in June. Paul Zaboy recommended we go with the best rate in town. Amy Richard indicated there was no difference in the penalty for early withdrawal, so we should go with the longest term with the highest rate. She also advised that Merchants Bank might be lenient on any penalty. Mrs. Hower asked if the National Penn rates were the general rates or special for the Borough. Amy Richard advised they were the standard rates, but she would check for better rates with National Penn.
- Paul Zaboy provided a ballpark quote of \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for him to complete the GIS. He indicated this would include data collection, software, and input only. New computer hardware, which he recommended be updated, was not included in the quote. He advised that currently the Borough has a single user license with an annual maintenance contract of \$400.00. Mr. Zaboy described in detail what the GIS would entail. He discussed the pros and cons of setting up a computer server and network system for GIS sharing.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Earl Kocher asked for details about the settlement between the Borough and the Waste Management employee. Details were not available.

Adjournment

- **MOTION** by Jack Fatzinger, seconded by Paul Zaboy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. Motion carried.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 6th day of June, 2011.

President of Council

Attest: _____