

# STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MAY 2, 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, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, Public Works Supervisor Charles Davis, Solicitor Gary Asteak, and Secretary Chris Burmood.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the pledge of allegiance.**

### Public Comment

- Earl Kocher, 300 Old Easton Road, reported that the orientation of the street sign at Main Street was unclear, and that the pole was crooked. Mr. Davis agreed to investigate and correct. Mr. Kocher also mentioned that the State wants to install a new traffic light at the intersection of Routes 115 and 191.
- Morgan Schafer, 304 Old Easton Road, advised he had to stand in the rear bed of his pickup truck to load the recycling bin. He requested that the bin's input be monitored to assure that only residents use the facility.
- Eric Wenzelberger, 111 Center Street, reported 2 motor vehicle accidents on southbound Main Street during the week, and asked if traffic could be slowed to minimize incidents.

### Council Comments

- Amy Richard welcomed new Borough Secretary Chris Burmood to the board.
- Amy Richard reported that she, Paul Zaboy and Chris Burmood attended the Northampton County Tax Collection Commission (TCC) meeting on April 28. A copy of the 1966 Borough EIT ordinance was given to Gary Asteak for perusal and updating. Paul Zaboy questioned actual percentages for residents versus non-residents, as well as to confirm the percentage that Nazareth School District is to receive. Amy Richard indicated the need to discuss if a raise in EIT percentage should be considered at this time.
- Jack Fatzinger discussed the Tatamy Interchange and questioned the costs associated with lights and maintenance. Jack advised that the design was approximately 70% complete, and once completed, Chrin to invest additional monies to expedite project.

### Secretary/Treasurer report

- Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2011
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2011 with corrections to council comments regarding the rope for 2 flags on page 1, as well as the typo for "update" on page 2. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kocher requested a copy of the corrected minutes.
- Amy Richard advised there was no change to the payables.

## **Fund Balances as of 5/02/2011**

General Fund	\$ 95,754.66
Sewer Fund	\$190,461.39
Highway Aid	\$103,406.11
Recreation Fund	\$ 6,307.82
Centennial Fund	\$ 3,419.51
Fire Protection Fund	\$ 10,516.37
Real Estate Fund	\$175,988.90

### **Mayoral Report**

- No report.

### **Public Works Report**

- Supervisor Charles Davis discussed reprogramming the radios, as 2 older radios were the same model but on the old frequency. Paul Zaboy recommended updating all of the radios to the new frequency.
- Amy Richard discussed new 2 Motorola cell phones, priced at \$0.99 and \$29.99 respectively. Paul Zaboy recommended the less expensive models.
- Charles Davis reported a noticeable gap at the top of the overhead door at the WWTP storage building. Amy Richard to contact Hendershot Door for repair.
- No vehicle problems reported. Mr. Davis requested consideration to purchase a new zero-turn mower with a 72 inch deck, at an expected cost of over \$20,000.00.
- The issue regarding personal use of the dump truck and/or other Borough vehicles was addressed.

### **Police Report**

- The person responsible for the evacuation incident was taken to Northampton County Prison and held pending a court hearing.

### **Zoning Report**

- The old PASP barracks lot is pending purchase. The oil tanks have been removed and testing is to proceed.

### **Engineer's Report**

- The project at 104 Main is ongoing.
- Memorial Hall bid specs are being readied for advertising. Bids will be due June 6, 2011 by 7 pm.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- Gary Asteak discussed delinquent sewer liens: 7 already filed, with more to follow. There are 7-15 unpaid accounts with others making efforts. Water shut off is the ultimate remedy, but only during summer. Discussion followed regarding straight shut offs versus imposing the liens first. Shut offs require the residence being posted as uninhabitable. John Soloe requested notices for posting with the proper verbiage.
- Gary Asteak will send letters: 10 days to pay in full or water to be shut off.
- Former Liberty Hose Fire Chief Joe Catino is to be sentenced on June 3<sup>rd</sup> by Judge Zito. Restitution is only to Fireman's Relief Fund.
- CDBG Urban Entitlement program funding available: notice of intent must be filed by 5/20/11. Paul Zaboy advised Borough does not meet income threshold.

- The 911 Center is still incorrectly advising the open burns not allowed in Borough. Amy Richard will make a further attempt to clarify the issue with the Center.

#### **Agenda Items**

- Fee schedule updated to include costs associated with sewer liens. They do not preclude other standing fees.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to accept changes to Fee Schedule. Motion passed unanimously to accept revision 25, dated 5/2/2011.
- Discussion of Patriot Energy quote: differential with and without street lights.
- Welcome Flyer about Borough: Amy Richard to investigate costs of production.
- DEP meeting May 9, 2011 7pm at Plainfield Twp. Mun. Bldg.: Little Bushkill to be put on "Impaired List".
- Planning Commission: 2 interested parties – no résumés, yet.

#### **Old Business**

- Carl Zito discussed Confined Space training for the Public Works personnel. Training has not been scheduled yet, per Amy Richard.
- Regarding ID photos, nothing done yet.

#### **Executive Session**

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn to executive session for personnel issues at 8:54 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to end executive session and enter regular session at 9:52 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Jack Fatzinger, seconded by Paul Zaboy, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 PM
- Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

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The foregoing were approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2011.

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President of Council

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