

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Joe Gosnell was absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Chief John Soloe.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker

- Attorney Victor Scomillio addressed Council and present Borough residents. He stated that he is running for the position of Northampton County Common Pleas Judge. Mr. Scomillio explained his reasons for running for office and gave a brief history of his work ethics and experience.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street stated that he received a letter from UGI regarding converting to Natural Gas and asked if anyone else received a letter. He was advised that no one else has received one at this time.
- Eric Wenzelberger once again questioned the removal of the handicap parking sign for his mother-in-law and asked Solicitor Asteak for his help with the matter. Solicitor Gary Asteak advised Mr. Wenzelberger that the issuing of handicap signs is not mandatory by the Borough, it is completely discretionary. Mr. Asteak stated that it is the Boards decision. Mr. Wenzelberger stated that the Board did not vote on the issue.
- Amy Richard called for a voice vote as to whether the handicap sign would be re-issued.
Rosemarie Wenzelberger's vote did not count because it was a conflict of interest.
Vote went as follows: Nays have it.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Mr. Wenzelberger stated that the vote was for his mother-in-laws spot and that he wanted a vote for a handicap spot for himself. Amy Richard called for a voice vote.
- Vote went as follows: Rosemarie Wenzelberger’s vote did not count for this issue as well due to a conflict of interest. Nays have it.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Mr. Kocher of Old Easton Road stated that there was not sufficient notification that the last council meeting was cancelled.
- Mr. Robert Fuls of 603 Main Street commented about projectiles going through the neighborhood. The issue was turned over to Chief John Soloe. Solicitor Asteak explained to Mr. Fuls that since a police report was issued that Chief Soloe should handle the matter. Chief Soloe reported that a police officer was on duty at the time and responded to the call. The officer inspected the area around the home and inspected the area around the gun club. It was reported that the call was unfounded. Mr. Fuls asked for something to be done.
- Mrs. Obulaney of 601 Main Street stated she feels the Rod & Gun Club has done a terrific job in trying to solve the problem. She stated that occasionally she hears a shot and believes that someone might be shooting at ground hogs. She doesn't believe that the shots are coming from the Rod & Gun Club.
- Amy Richard asked Mr. Fuls if he had any suggestions. He did suggest that cameras be put up in the area where the incidents occur. Ms. Richard stated that cameras were something the Borough could look into.
- Toby Tobias of the Rod & Gun Club stated that the police have permission to come onto their property and search the range at any time. They have complied with all the suggestions from the police and Borough to make the area safer.
- Amy Richard stated that she does not have an answer at this time but they are certainly looking into it and will consider Mr. Fuls' suggestion.
- Mr. Fuls asked if he be notified with any information concerning the matter.
- Mrs. Obulaney stated that the burm needs to be repaired by her house. It is flooding out her driveway and backyard. She would like the State to come back to do repairs. Amy Richard advised that she did a drive about with PennDot about 3 weeks ago and pointed out all the issues with the State roads. PennDot stated that they would put them on their schedule.

Council Comment

- No Comments from Council

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015 as written. Motion carried unopposed.

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through May 4, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.
- Anita Caughy advised council that Alex Soloe, Emergency Management Officer, wanted to inform them that he will be starting, this month, to update the emergency management plans to conform to any changes made by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that the "Welcome to Stockertown" signs are falling apart. He stated that the Borough has one spare sign and suggested that the sign by Forks Cemetery be replaced right away.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe stepped out of the meeting for a moment so Amy Richard read the call service report for April, 2015. It stated that there were 39 Traffic Summonses; 31 Traffic Warnings, along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 94 calls for the month.

Zoning Report

- John Soloe advised that all is quiet with zoning.

Public Works

- Amy Richard informed Council that she has been obtaining prices for benches, trash cans and pet waste receptacles for the trail and other areas in the Borough. She asked for Council's permission to order these items.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to purchase benches, trash cans and pet waste receptacles for the trail and parks as long as the cost stayed below Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

Solicitor Report

- Gary Asteak stated that all was quiet.

Agenda

- Amy Richard once again asked if the SYA would contribute towards items needed for the Borough's parks. She stated that basketball backstops, nets and rings were needed for the basketball courts and swings were stolen from Metzgar Park which needs to be replaced. These parks are used by the Borough's children and she asked that the Stockertown Youth Association use its funds to purchase these items. Eric Wenzelberger stated that they would consider purchasing the items after they see the quotes.
- Amy Richard stated that each council member has been given an unsigned letter from a Borough resident, which normally is not acknowledged, but because of the factual issues pointing out areas in the Borough which need to be addressed she decided to share the letter.
- Council discussed several dates for the Borough wide yard sale. It was decided to hold the yard sale on May 23rd and 24th. Anita Caughy will put the notice on the digital sign in front of Borough Hall.

- Officer Eric Schwab stated that he received a 911 call concerning several juveniles playing basketball at Metzgar Park at 11:30 PM. Council decided to allow the park to be open until 11:00 PM through the summer to give children a place to go and be safe.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to enter into Executive Session at 8:28 PM. It was stated that no decision would be made after executive session.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to exit Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM. May 18, 2015 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the 1st day of **June, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____