

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2014**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2014, 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 Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present. Police Chief/Zoning Office John Soloe arrived late.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

**The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:32 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

- Eric Wenzelberger advised that he was happy with the wood chipping work that Public Works performed. They did a good job.
- Don Moore from Plainfield Township commented that he purchased a Centennial Book from the Borough and that it was very interesting reading. He also congratulated the Borough on moving forward with the Trail project. He had several questions and concerns regarding the crossing at Rt. 191 being dangerous for pedestrians. Amy Richard advised that crosswalk signs will be going up but that she still has the same concerns. Council wanted to put up Jersey Barriers for safety but Penn Dot did not agree with them. The trail will hopefully be completed by the Fall.

**Council Comment**

- Amy Richard advised that the wood pick-up for the Borough went well. Public Works did a great job considering they had to be called at 11:00 PM the night before and worked until 5:00 AM at the Sewer Plant because of the heavy rain and drainage issues. They then came back at 9:00 AM and worked until 3:00 PM to pick up all the residents' branches and were able to complete the pick-up in one day.
- Cuttery Tree Service came out and removed the tree at Sherman Metzgar Park. They were hired because they were able to come out the next day and remove the tree. The estimates obtained were all similar.
- Amy Richard advised that she would not be able to obtain a Grant for a new backstop. She was advised by URDC that the Borough's project was too small for what the Grant was intended for. The old backstop was repaired by Public Works and is serving the purpose for now.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2014 with one correction. Motion carried unopposed.  
(a) Under Council Comment – remove “in” before “falling apart”.

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through May 5, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

### **Mayor Report**

- Nothing to Report

### **Police Report**

- Chief John Soloe arrived late so Amy Richard read the Police Department Call Service Report he submitted which totaled 124 calls and 1243 miles driven for the month of April, 2014.

### **Public Works**

- Alex Hennings prepared a report regarding the completed and future work to be done which was handed out to Council.
- Carl Zito advised that the rain had washed out the end of the Bridge by Charlie's house. At the end of Center Street and on Winona Street there are piles of stones to be cleared. There is also a dead end sign which needs to be fixed. The delineator by Rick Wagner's house needs to be levelled out because of trucks riding over the grass.

### **Solicitor Report**

- Solicitor Gary Asteak advised that the proposed Loan Modification Agreement to refinance the sewer loan needs to be approved by way of Ordinance. The loan will refinance the sewer obligation from the current 4.7 percent to 3.2 percent and will be paid back monthly over 10 years.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the advertising of the Ordinance authorizing the amendment and modification of the Sewer Obligation Note. Motion carried unopposed.
- Solicitor Asteak advised that the proposed Floodplain Plan needs to be reviewed by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Borough's Planning Commission before advertising. He was advised that it was also forwarded to DCED for their review. Once the Plan is approved, it will need to be advertised and transferred to FEMA.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski and seconded by Robin Davis to authorize Gary Asteak to proceed with advertising and transmit the Floodplain Plan to the Planning Commissions once it is received back from DCED with their recommended changes. Motion carried unopposed.
- A Settlement Agreement was prepared between the Borough and the Heitzingers with regard to the property at the North Trailhead for the Rails to Trails Project. It is expected to be signed prior to the May 13, 2014 court date. If it is not signed then we will have to proceed to trial.

### **Agenda Items**

- The Borough is continuing to obtain estimates for a new heating/cooling system for Borough Hall. Joe Gosnell suggested reaching out to Lessig for an estimate. Everyone is generally in favor of proceeding with purchasing a new heating and cooling system for the Borough Hall.
- Council agreed to have Paul Zaboy update and perform maintenance on the Borough computers. Gary Asteak asked that the Borough obtain a new contract for the current year.

- John Soloe advised that the Borough should have sufficient room for the traffic signal and that he is will take care of everything.
- Mayor Davis advised that the control box on the blinking light by Newhart Park needs to be locked and the night switch needs to be fixed.
- Amy Richard emphasized that the “No Burning in Borough” ban is always in affect. The only burning allowed in the Borough is recreational and using a spark arrester. Forks Township had a “no opening burning” ban because of the dry weather.

**Executive Session**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to go into executive session at 8:06 PM a for personnel matter.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to exit executive session at 8:20 PM at which time regular session resumed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell and seconded by Carl Zito to issue a Letter of Reprimand and possible termination for a Public Works employee.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed at 8:21 PM.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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President of Council

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_