

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2013**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger, and Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski.
- Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr. arrived at 7:59 pm.
- Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak attended.
- Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) and Secretary Chris Burmood were present.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe arrived late.
- Officer Brown arrived at 7:53 pm to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Don Remaley, a Plainfield Township resident, asked if the Borough had any intention of repairing LeFevre Road, and if it would be in conjunction with Plainfield Township's pending reconstruction effort. He also asked if the brush alongside the roadway would be cut back. PJ responded that we intend to repair our section of the road, through a different process than that proposed by Plainfield Township. As such, we would not be joining their effort. Additionally, as Plainfield Township has already put their project out to bid, there is not enough time to coordinate with our bidding requirements, nor for preparing the inter-municipal cooperation agreements necessary for such a venture.
- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, expressed his concern about the Route 512 project detour sign at the corner of Bushkill and Main Streets. He stated that he nearly had an accident when he turned onto Main Street today. Mr. Burmood advised that he had contacted a number of PennDOT personnel on various occasions, and that while the sign had been moved slightly, there is no way to expect it will be moved any further by the contractor. We are stuck with it until the Route 512 construction project is completed.
- Jack Fatzinger, former Borough Councilman, stated that the new electronic marquee sign looks great.

Council Comments

- Ms. Zdonowski asked if there had been any progress so far regarding the proposed 4-way stop at the intersection of Faith Avenue and Jubilee Drive. Ms. Richard advised that the Borough's engineer was preparing a traffic study. She indicated she would remind Mr. Kortze.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger suggested we could put a "Slow" sign on Faith Avenue in the meanwhile.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting, as written. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Zaboy was absent for the vote.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the payables through April 30, 2013. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Works Report

- PJ elaborated on the Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) process by which we expect to resurface LeFevre Road and Commerce Way.
- PJ stated that the sewer plant is operating well, but the coyote silhouettes haven't been working there. They work wonderfully at the ball field.

Public Works Report, cont'd.

- The playground at Sherman Metzgar Park has been re-mulched, as has Newhart Park. Ms. Zdonowski asked about repainting fixtures at Newhart Park, saying it looks less than appealing.
- PJ asked about providing Public Works personnel with 5 t-shirts and a hoodie style sweatshirt jacket, each, citing the uniformity of identity and elimination of inappropriate apparel. He also voiced concerns over the sheer volume of laundry, with fewer shirts. **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito, to provide Public Works staff with 5 shirts and 1 jacket, which shall remain the property of the Borough and must be maintained in wearable condition by the employees, Motion carried unopposed.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Asteak had nothing to report.
- **RESOLUTION 2013-2** Ms. Richard nominated Charles F. "Charlie" Davis to be appointed Mayor until the next general election. Mr. Zaboy seconded the nomination. Mr. Davis was appointed Mayor by 5-2 vote, with Mr. Zito and Mrs. Wenzelberger casting "Nay" votes. Mr. Burmood was tasked with scheduling Mr. Davis' "swearing in" by the magistrate.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe stated that everything had been quiet, except for the weekend's activities. The Chief voiced his appreciation for Mr. Zaboy and Mr. Wagner volunteering to assist with traffic control, and dealing with an unappreciative public.

Zoning

- Mr. Soloe had nothing of importance to report.

Agenda Items

- Ms. Richard advised that the 2011 Audit was nearly complete, and that the 2012 Audit was being done in conjunction. She expected them both to be done by the promised date.
- Ms. Richard read a letter of resignation from David Danner, with respect to his seat on the Planning Commission. She advised that the Borough would seek applications from interested parties.
- Mr. Burmood advised that due to an oversight, Sean Dooley had not been reappointed to the Planning Commission in January by Council. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to reappoint Sean Dooley to the Planning Commission through 2016. Motion carried unopposed.
- Ms. Richard advised that the Borough has obtained a much needed larger post office box. The new mailing address for the Borough is P.O. Box 128.
- Ms. Richard asked if a date for the Borough wide- Yard Sale had been discussed. Mrs. Wenzelberger stated it is usually the weekend following the picnic. She advised that the picnic this year is tentatively scheduled for August 10th. Council agreed that the Yard Sale should be held the weekend of August 17th and 18th.
- Ms. Richard advised that Sean Dooley had requested to speak to Council regarding some ideas he has been discussing at Planning Commission meetings. Council agreed to hear Mr. Dooley at the first June meeting.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Mr. Zaboy stated that we have received the maintenance permit for the Industrial Boulevard crossing for the recreational trail. However, PennDOT only just advised that we require a second permit for the maintenance access road. We have now applied for the second permit.
- Mr. Zaboy stated that a meeting was scheduled for May 7th to discuss the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) for the North end trail head as well as the possible removal or relocation of a Met-Ed anchor pole.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business, cont'd.

- Mr. Zaboy also stated that on May 8th, Len Policelli, our trail designer planned to attend the Plainfield Township Supervisor's meeting. Mr. Zaboy was also planning to attend. They did not expect any issues other than a few minor zoning matters. Mr. Asteak stated that we have requested an expedited review and a fee waiver. Mr. Asteak indicated his intent to defer discussion with the owner of the property where M&T Automotive is located until the plans for the Plainfield Township end of the trail have been finalized.
- Ms. Richard advised that the website has been comprehensively updated. She thanks Jack Fatzinger for the continued use of his artwork on the website.
- Ms. Richard stated that the response to the CodeRED material has been good, and that people have been signing up. We are waiting to conduct a test call until more people have signed up for the notifications.
- Ms. Richard indicated that the marquee sign will be connected to the computer network, so that custom messages can be displayed. She intends to promote CodeRED for a while.
- Mr. Burmood advised that according to PP&L the new traffic signals are scheduled to be connected to power and turned on the week of May 20th. Mr. Zaboy stated that the control box had been knocked down by a truck last week, which may affect the operational date.
- Eric Wenzelberger asked if Mrs. Metzgar could have Sherman's desk nameplate plaque.
- Mr. Unangst, of 400 Birch Street, advised he has a dilemma with his neighbors and asked for advice. He stated that several of his neighbors from Long's Development have been dumping yard waste on his property past the end of Hillside Avenue. He has posted signs, but it continues. He doesn't want to continually be cleaning up his neighbors' yard waste from his own property. Mr. Asteak stated that this is strictly an issue between property owners and that the Borough cannot get involved.
- **Motion** at 8:22 pm by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss personnel and sewer billing matters following a 5 minute break. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** at 9:31 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to exit **Executive Session** and return to regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to offer the position of Public Works Equipment Operator to Karl Hennings at a rate of \$16.00 per hour, on a probationary status. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to offer the position of Public Works Laborer to Todd Lichtenwalner at the current laborer rate, on a probationary status. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 7:30 pm.
The foregoing were approved the 20th day of May, 2013.

President of Council

Attest: _____