

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

- Mr. Kocher of Old Easton Road insisted that the Borough remove the stones from his front yard which he claims were pushed there from the snow plows. He was advised that the Borough would pick up the stones if they were pushed to the street, however, the Borough is not responsible for cleaning up private property.
- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street inquired if Council had any information on gambling in the Borough. Amy Richard informed him that she has not heard about any conversations regarding this issue.

**Council Comment**

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger requested that the installation of the bench Mrs. Metzger purchased be added to the Public Work's list of items to do. She requested that the bench be placed near the tree which was planted, if possible. Public Works will be advised to add it to their list.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger thanked Council for the refund to the SYA for the Easter egg hunt.
- Joe Gosnell was happy to comment that it has been weeks and the junction box at Main Street and Rt. 191 has not been broken again.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2018, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 7, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.

## **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

## **Police**

- Assistant Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service report from April 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018. He stated that there were 4 Arrests, 1 for Narcotics; 5 Suspicious Persons; 102 Traffic Summons; 12 Traffic Warnings; 16 Other Traffic related incidents; 25 Building checks for vacations/vacant homes plus miscellaneous calls for a total of 218 calls for the month of April.
- Assistant Chief Schwab requested that Council consider passing an Ordinance which would fine landlords who rent to tenants who have been arrested or issued citations after a certain number of incidents within the Borough. This Ordinance would make Landlords accountable for their tenants and hopefully cause them to perform background checks before renting to known criminals in order to keep the Borough residents safe. Solicitor Gary Asteak stated that he would explore the subject and review other town's Ordinances for suggestions.

## **Zoning**

- John Soloe informed Council that there is a Zoning Hearing scheduled for May 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall to convert the previous business at 100 Main Street into an apartment.
- Mr. Soloe updated Council on the paving at the Sunoco station. He stated that they were approved to pave only the exiting blacktop on the property.
- John Soloe stated that there is a tremendous amount of inquiries for the purchase of Mrs. Homoke's property. He informed Council that there is a trucking outfit interested in the property. If they ultimately buy the land it would generate additional traffic of approximately 100 trucks per day. Council discussed options if this were to occur.

## **Public Works**

- A work list was provided to Council from Public Work's Director, Alex Hennings, informing them of the work completed and to be done throughout the Borough.
- Branch pickup within the Borough has been scheduled for Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All branches must be within 3 to 4 feet in length and bound, if possible.

## **Agenda**

- Council was advised of a tractor trailer attempting to make a turn onto State Street and ultimately pulling the electrical wires from the Emergency Management Building. An estimate was obtained for the repairs of the damage to the building caused by the tractor trailer in the amount of \$10,750.00. The Trucker's Union Insurance Company offered \$7,919.34 to repair the building in which depreciation was taking into consideration. Brown & Brown, the Borough's insurance agent confirmed that the Trucker's Union Insurance Company is able to take into account depreciation on

the building when giving a quote. A Release was provided by National Truckers Insurance Co to be signed and returned accepting this offer. Amy Richard asked for the approval of Council to accept the Insurance Company's offer of \$7,919.34 for the repair of the building. The Borough Public Works' employees will subsequently perform the repairs.

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to settle with National Independent Truckers Insurance Co in the amount of \$7,919.34 for the damage to the Borough's Emergency Management building. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed Council that Northampton County has awarded all the contiguous communities in the area an Uncommitted Gaming Grant in the amount of \$31,440.00 to be used for the funding of human services, infrastructure improvements, facilities, emergency services, health and/or public safety expenses. Solicitor Asteak stated that we have to spend the money by May 30, 2019 and we have to follow specific Grant procedures. At this time Council has to approve the acceptance of the Grant. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to accept the Grant.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to accept the Gaming Grant from Northampton County in the amount of \$31,440.00. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard provided some suggestions for the grant. She asserted that new computers were needed for the Police Department and the Borough office. She also suggested funds be used for the Public Works garage. Mayor Davis advised that the back wall of the Borough garage has been crumbling for years. Ms. Richard asked for suggestions from the other Council members. She asked that if anyone comes up with other suggestions to please advise the Borough office.
- Amy Richard informed Council that she met with County Waste regarding the complaints with the garbage pickup. She stated that they had a very productive meeting. The Borough was provided with a direct phone number for the General Manager of the company and was hopeful that things would improve.
- The date for the yearly Borough Yard Sale was discussed. Council agreed that the Yard Sale will be held and advertised for June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Amy Richard addressed the two resignation letters which were received from Borough Mayor Charlie Davis and Council Member, Robin Davis due to their moving out of the Borough. She asked for a Motion to accept their resignation. Solicitor Asteak and Council members thanked them for their years of service.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to accept the resignations of Mayor Charlie Davis and Council Member Robin Davis. Motion carried unopposed.

### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on May 21, 2018  
The May 21, 2018 Council Meeting was cancelled

The foregoing was approved the **4th** day of **June, 2018**.

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President of Council

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