

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015, 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 Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Chief John Soloe was absent. Officer Eric Schwab was present on his behalf.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was present.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

- Mr. Lynn Fitzgerald of E. Center Street requested council's approval to have his mail box put up on Lincoln Street. Amy Richard advised Mr. Fitzgerald that it is not up to Council where to place mailboxes. The Palmer post office has to approve the location of the mailbox. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he has been trying to deal with them without any luck. Amy Richard stated that the Borough would give the post office a call but she could not promise anything.
- Eric Wenzelberger once again wanted to know why he could not have a handicap sign in front of his house and wanted to know if there were any Ordinances which council based their decision on.
- Solicitor Asteak stated that there was an Opinion Letter that he based his finding on. He advised Mr. Wenzelberger that there is no local Ordinance or State Statute mandating the issuance of a handicap sign. It is strictly the Borough's option.
- Amy Richard stated that since Mr. Wenzelberger has two parking spaces in front of his house, and is using both of them; she doesn't see why a handicap sign is still an issue.
- Kathleen Zdonowski stated that the handicap sign which was taken away was placed there for his mother-in-law who does not own a car. The sign is issued to a particular car.
- Amy Richard also stated to Mr. Wenzelberger that he admitted to an officer who came to his house in response to complaints made by his neighbors that he was taking two parking spots, "that the handicap parking was being used by his wife's customers" which is worse than his mother-in-law without a car.

**Council Comment**

- Carl Zito stated that he wanted to settle the whole issue of Eric Wenzelberger asking for a handicap sign. He would like to make all of Center Street a "No Parking" street.

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger then questioned Carl Zito as to what right he has to vote for the real estate tax increase for the Borough when he is tax exempt as a disabled veteran.
- Carl Zito stated that has nothing to do with the issue and that it is none of her business. He asked whether her husband fought in the war. It was stated “No” so he said “don’t tell me about not paying taxes”.
- Amy Richard advised Rosemarie Wenzelberger that what she stated has no relevance on the discussion and that she brought up a personal issue which was very low and disrespectful to a fellow council member and the public.

### **Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2015 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through June 1, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.

### **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis stated that there would be a ribbon cutting at the Rt. 33 overpass opening the road on June 25, 2015 and that council members were invited.

### **Police Report**

- Officer Eric Schwab read the call service report for the month of May, 2015 on behalf of Chief Soloe who was unable to attend the meeting. He stated that there were 71 Summons issued; 34 Warning and numerous miscellaneous calls for a total of 139 calls. Joe Gosnell stated that the police have been doing a great job. The rest of council agreed.

### **Public Works**

- Amy Richard stated that the new trash cans and pet waste containers will be installed on the trail and throughout the Borough once the rain has stopped. A breakdown of the items purchased was given to each council member. The amount spent on the trash cans, pet waste containers and benches totaled \$8,894.68 which was below the \$10,000 limit approved by council.
- Amy Richard inspected the street signs throughout the Borough with Alex Henning, Road Master. She stated that the damaged street signs will be straightened and/or replaced. New signs are being ordered to replace those needed.
- The Ball Field and parks have been mulched
- Pot holes will be filled on Commerce Road after the rain stops. Public Works will also work on the pot holes on Lefevre Road.
- Prices for basketball backboards, rims and nets for Metzgar Park have been obtained. Amy Richard asked if the Stockertown Youth Association would contribute to the cost of these items. Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked for the quotes and stated that she would bring it to the board for their review.

### **Solicitor Report**

- Solicitor Gary Asteak stated that all was quiet on legal issues.

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- Amy Richard stated that she had a meeting with the Borough Engineer, Jeff Morgan, along with a representative from Hazen and Sawyer, the firm which is doing the feasibility study for the sewer plant requested by the DEP. The study should be completed by June 12, 2015. The Borough is attempting to provide them with any information which may help with the study.
- Amy Richard advised council that the Post Hearing Brief with regard to the Vrabel unfair labor matter was filed by the Borough's attorney on May 21, 2015. The court has 10 days to make their decision.
- Amy Richard stated that a representative from PPL has supplied the Borough with a bucket to recycle CFL lightbulbs. She will put the information in her next Newsletter to inform the residents that they can bring their lightbulbs to the Borough office for recycling.

## Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the      day of      , **2015**.

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President of Council

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