

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2014**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 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 Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Anita Caughy were in attendance along with Police Chief/Zoning Officer, 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

Public Comment

- Earl Kocher of 300 Old Easton Road stated that there is an Ordinance in the Borough against truck engine brakes and it is not being enforced. Amy Richard advised that a police officer has to be there at the time of the violation to report and enforce it.
- Mr. Kocher also stated that the cinder sweepers did a good job but he has chunks of back top around his property which needs to be picked up.
- Eric Wenzelberger inquired as to whether the old generators would be on sale. Amy Richard advised that they would go on a municipal bid and not available to the general public.
- Harold Siegel of 123 Main Street advised that the Ferraro trailer on Main Street recently changed hands. He presented pictures to Council of the trailer.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito stated that there is grass growing in the Rails to Trails. Amy Richard advised that non-herbicidal weed kill has been ordered for that problem.
- Mr. Zito also stated that the basketball nets need to be replaced.
- Amy Richard informed everyone that the Kaufman family's lost dog was found at the sewer plant.
- Amy Richard also asked Council if they would agree to one meeting a month during July and August. Rosemarie Wenzelberger still wants to have two meetings per month. Carl Zito said one a month is fine with him. No decision was made.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

- Robin Davis questioned what the bill for over \$10,000 from Plasterer Equipment was for. She was advised that it was for rental equipment for the trail. She also questioned the Green Pond Nursery bill for \$432.00 . She was advised that it was for 8 truckloads of topsoil for the trail.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through June 16, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Nothing to Report

Police Report

- Nothing to Report

Zoning Report

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked Zoning Office John Soloe what the set of steps behind the garage at Tony's place was for. She was advised that they were access steps to the building.

Public Works

- Amy Richard advised that David Werkheiser was hired as a new Public Works employee. She stated that there were 8 applicants interviewed for the position.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to officially hire David Werkheiser as a new Public Work's employee. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard asked Council if they would agree to the Public Work's employees working extra hours, as long as they do not go over 40 hours a week, while equipment is being rented for the trail. Council agreed to the extra time to cut back cost of the rental equipment.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Asteak advised that the Floodplain Ordinance was prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements. It was duly advertised. A letter was received by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission advising that they have no comments regarding the Plan. The Plan was submitted to Leslie Rhodes who was the consultant hired by DCED to review all proposed Ordinances.
- Eric Wenzelberger wanted to know how the plan was different from the previous plan. John Soloe advised that the basic change was the area of the floodplain which has been determined through new technology.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adopt Floodplain Ordinance No. 2014-2 as approved and advertised. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda

- Robin Davis advised that the "Children Playing" sign next to her house is old and faded and requested that a new sign be put up. Amy Richard advised that a new sign has already been ordered.
- Amy Richard advised that someone had thrown several garbage bags in the Borough's private dumpster and that pictures were taken of the culprit. She suggested that signs be put on the dumpster stating that it's for "Private Use" or "Borough Use Only".

- **Motion** by Carl Zito and seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM for a personnel issue. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski and seconded by Carl Zito to exit Executive Session at 8:13 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, July 9, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The July 9th meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing were approved the 21st day of July, 2014.

President of Council

Attest:_____