

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Amy Richard, Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Mayor Metzgar and Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak both attended.
- Additionally present were Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr., and Secretary Chris Burmood.
- Patrolman Vrabel arrived following the Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, expressed his curiosity about plans to repair roads and seal cracks.

Council Comments

- Mr. Zito asked if anyone had contacted Leithsville about interest in the fire truck. Ms. Richard advised that she contacted Leithsville and was referred to Dewey Fire Company, who is presently providing services for Leithsville. Ms. Richard reached out to Dewey, but received no return contact.
- Mr. Zito also asked if the weeds along the fence at the wastewater treatment plant were being cut. Ms. Richard advised that our Public Works staff was supposed to remove them in spring; now we have to cut them, and allow the portions entwined with the fence to die, and then remove them later.
- Mr. Fatzinger asked about the weeds along the Old Easton Road side of the park. Ms. Richard advised that they are not being cut to the edge of the creek, to avoid erosion issues.
- Mr. Zito asked if the trees/branches in the park had been cut down. He was advised that the project is currently ongoing.
- Mr. Zito also asked about the weeds at 316 Main Street. Mr. Soloe noted the address for follow up.
- Mr. Gosnell inquired about the crosswalks at the Main Street/Industrial Boulevard intersection, and if textured crosswalks were going, to be installed, as per correspondence from Chrin's original project engineer. Per Paul Zaboy, Jr., Chrin's current construction crew is not installing anything other than painted crosswalks. Per Paul Zaboy, Sr., only 2 line crosswalks were approved by PennDOT.
- Ms. Richard advised that the two new computers for the office were in place and running fine.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2012, as presented. Motion carried unopposed.
- Several questions regarding the Sewer Fund and General Fund payables were answered to Council's satisfaction. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to pay the General Fund and Sewer Fund bills for June as presented. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Metzgar had been contacted by a grant writer in Bethlehem, who offered assistance with preparing a grant for the current round of Funds through the County Gaming office.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) stated that the wastewater treatment plant is doing well, and that the ponds are being maintained at the correct levels. The sand filter is doing "phenomenal", and they are using sprinklers to aerate it. They scoop the baffles either daily or every other day, as needed. The influent chamber needs to be cleaned, as it is becoming packed with grease. Last time it was cleaned by Allstate.
- The roof of the shed at the ballfield has been installed.
- Patches have been done on LeFevre Road.
- Patches on Commerce Way need to be redone.
- They began excavation to install 14 feet of 18 inch storm sewer pipe at the trailhead on the south side of Industrial. Project expected to be completed Tuesday or Wednesday, so that Chrin's contractor can finish the sidewalk/curbing installation there.
- PJ reported no negative issues with the rotary tiller attachment for the skid steer, and is very happy with its performance. They have not used it in approximately a week-and-a-half, and the sand filter is doing well. Tuesday, June 18th marks the 28th day of possession. Per Paul Zaboy, Sr., continued use of the tiller may buy time before having to replace the sand in the sand filter. Council affirmed that they were still in accord with completing the purchase of the unit.
- Jack Fatzinger inquired about the sidewalk repair where PPL breached the sewer line, and asked who was going to be paying for it. Since the location of the sewer line was incorrectly marked, it appears that the Borough is fully responsible for the financial burden of the repairs.
- Joe Gosnell asked if the brick flood barrier at the wastewater treatment plant influent chamber was completed. Per PJ, as soon as he has the opportunity, but it isn't a high priority. Currently the storm sewer pipe installation at the trailhead on Industrial Boulevard is a priority, in order to comply with Chrin and PennDOT's timetable.
- Ms. Richard asked if the wastewater treatment plant sand filter had been flooded. PJ stated no, that they were currently just aerating with sprinklers. When the dosing pumps kick on, they will run them for 30 minutes.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe reported a total of 54 calls between mid-May and mid-June.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had nothing to report. Ms. Richard made the observation that the tent at Widow's Tavern had been moved further back from Main Street. Mr. Soloe indicated that Ms. Stahley (owner of Widow's Tavern) has a better understanding of the ADA issues that would apply if the tent remained a permanent fixture.

Solicitor Report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to formally introduce the Codification Ordinance and authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance for consideration for adoption by Borough Council on August 6th, following the mandatory 45 day waiting period. Motion carried unopposed.
- Per Mr. Asteak, there were issues with the disclosure of financial information by the City of Allentown with respect to the NIZ litigation. Currently there is no settlement pending.

Agenda Items

- Council is to be paid this Thursday. Office staff to confirm with Paychex that the LST deduction is set up right for each Council member.
- Previously, Council discussed the adoption of an across-the-board application fee for permits. Additionally discussed was the requirement for certain permit fees to be paid at the time of application, and clarification of the UCC Educational Fund Fee. Council not prepared to act upon Fee Schedule changes at this time.
- Also regarding the Fee Schedule is the Einfalt issue. Ms. Richard stated her belief that in hindsight, at \$250 fee per location was excessive, considering all of the assistance Mr. Einfalt has given the Borough over time. Effectively, this would raise the fee from \$35 to \$500. Ms. Richard suggested revisiting that fee. Mr. Asteak asked who inspects the facilities, and what ordinance provides for it. Ms. Richard asked what we are actually permitting. The ordinance in question was excluded from the Codification project as it needs to be rewritten. Therefore it will not be included at the adoption of the codification, making that ordinance moot as of August 6th.
- Ms. Richard asked the Mayor if the SYA would be willing to contribute funds to purchase one set of bleachers for the ballfield, with the Borough purchasing a matching unit. Quotes from 2 vendors and a price list from a 3rd were presented. SYA would need to discuss the matter at their next meeting.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Mr. Zaboy stated the Rails-to-Trails surveyor wanted to review the boundaries near M&T Automotive. Chrin's contractor is currently installing a handicap-accessible sidewalk at the trail crossing at Industrial Boulevard. They moved it back a couple feet. Due to drainage, we have to connect to a collector on the east side of the trailhead. PJ and Jeff are installing a 14 foot long 18 inch diameter pipe into the catch basin.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger asked about plans to install a sidewalk along the north side of Industrial Boulevard next to the Ariizumi property. Mr. Zaboy stated if the "safety island" is approved by PennDOT, there will be no sidewalk replaced/installed.
- Ms. Richard asked for Council's input regarding the possibility of only holding one Council meeting each month for July and August. Mrs. Wenzelberger indicated her preference for 2 meetings as currently scheduled.

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

- A chart comparing credit card processing fees based upon transaction amount was presented to Council. Council agreed to ask if Borough residents would be willing to pay additional fees, and put questionnaire on bottom of next sewer statement.
- Ms. Richard suggested sending a letter of thanks to Forks Township for use of several stop signs when the traffic light was destroyed.
- PJ asked about replacing several signs around the Borough, specifically installing two "No Outlet" signs at the intersection of Dogwood and Main Street.
- Mr. Zito inquired about replacing signs on a specific pole on Center Street.
- Ms. Richard spoke with Tom Stang, of Waste Management, about an extension clause to the contract. Mr. Zaboy asked if we could upgrade the number of recycling bins at the LeFevre Road garage.
- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, asked if the Rails-to-Trails "island" would have a push button to stop traffic. Per Mr. Zaboy, there would be no way to stop traffic, but there would be barriers around the sides. There would be no painted lines for a crosswalk unless PennDOT approved a drop in speed limit to 35 mph. Morgan Schafer, of 304 Old Easton Road, asked about the barrier design, and their ability to stop vehicles. Mr. Zaboy responded that the island's design would have to be approved by PennDOT, and may be Jersey barriers or some other type of enclosure.
- Earl Kocher requested copy of approved minutes.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 2nd day of July, 2012.

President of Council

Attest: _____