

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy was 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

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street questioned the EDU's provided for 100 Center Street which was discussed at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting of May 22, 2018. Amy Richard advised him that he needs to discuss that matter with the Zoning Officer.

Council Comment

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger asked where notices were posted regarding the vacancy of the Mayor and Council member. Amy Richard informed her that it was posted on the Borough Marque and also in the vestibule area outside the Borough office.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger questioned why a line was painted in the street in front of her house. She was instructed to speak to the Police Department on that matter.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger also asked if it is legal for a resident to paint yellow markings on the curbs and street in front of their house. Solicitor Asteak informed her that it was illegal for any resident to paint the curbing and/or street. He advised her to report the incident to the Police Department for them to handle the matter.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018, 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 4, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.

Police

- Assistant Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service Report. He stated that there were 9 Arrests for DUI and Narcotics plus 2 Criminal Arrests; 46 Traffic Summons; 38 Traffic Warnings; 36 Building Checks; 17 Traffic Related Incidents plus Miscellaneous calls for a total of 198 for the month of May.

- Assistant Chief Schwab updated Council on the Northampton County Youth Foundation's annual Youth Day at the Stockertown Ball Field. He stated that 220 people had registered for the event but that it seemed like a lot more had turned out. He informed Council that the T-shirts that were provided by the Stockertown Police Department were a success. All the children loved receiving them. Chief Schwab let Council know that Tatamy and Nazareth Police Departments assisted with the event.
- Chief John Soloe stated that he is very proud of his department and that the children all love Officer Sabbagh.
- New Police Officer Jeffrey Buckley was introduced to Council. Chief Soloe informed Council that he is breaking him in hard and fast. He informed Council that Officer Buckley was in the military and would be an asset to the Borough.

Zoning

- John Soloe updated Council on the Zoning Hearing which was held on May 22, 2018 with regard to converting the stove store at 100 Center into an apartment. The conversion was granted to have half of the store converted into an apartment and the other half would be storage. The owners are required to install a sprinkler system in the new unit which must be able to be expanded on.
- Amy Richard inquired as to any updates on the sale of the Homoki property. Mr. Soloe stated that he has not heard anything new.

Public Works

- Amy Richard informed Council that J.D. Morrissey Company, the contractor hired by PennDot to pave Bushkill Street, damaged the Borough's new dump truck. This will be handled by their insurance company.
- Council was also informed that the paving of Bushkill Street was not up to our Public Works Director's standards. The road will have to be fixed before an agreement is signed with PennDot to take back the road.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak updated Council on the events of the last Council of Government (COG) Meeting. The COG is working with an organization called Pibbles & Paws which is an animal control service. Mr. Asteak explained that they are a 501C3 Organization which is a charitable funded group. They have their own Veterinarian, 30 to 40 foster homes for dogs only and they are a non-kill group unless the animal is vicious. If the Borough decides to participate with this endeavor, it will cost the Borough 50 cents per head per resident. The program will not begin until 2019. The COG would like feedback from the Borough to appoint an Animal Control Officer for this program. Amy Richard asked Council for their thoughts on the matter. She asked is they would like to have the Borough participate in this program and have an Animal Control Officer appointed. All Council members were in favor of participating.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve the participation and appointment of an Animal Control Officer in the Pibbles & Paws Program. Motion carried unopposed.

- Solicitor Asteak informed Council that the COG discussed the Multi-Municipal Plan as their last meeting. He informed them that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission was unable to secure a Grant for the Plan so the Plan has been put on hold pending further funds.
- Mr. Asteak stated that since Charlie Davis has moved and will no longer be attending the COG Meetings, that a new representative must be appointed.

Agenda

- Council was provided with a letter from Signal Services to renew their contract with the Borough for maintenance and service of the Borough traffic signal lights at the same rate as last year which is \$1,275.00 annually.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve renewal with Signal Services for maintenance and service of the traffic lights at an annual fee of \$1,275.00. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard explained her idea to refurbish or rebuild the public works garage with the money received from the Gaming Grant. She asked if anyone had any other ideas for the use of the Grant money. There were no other suggestions. Council concurred that the public works garage needed repairs since the back wall was full of cracks. Ms. Richard informed Council that the amount of \$31,000 from the Gaming Grant and the approximate amount of \$52,000 from PennDot for the turn back of Bushkill Street would significantly help with the costs. She needed Council's approval to obtain Specs from the Borough Engineer in order to put the project out for bids.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to obtain Specs for the public works garage in order to put the project out for bids. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed Council that she received two letters from residents who were interested in the vacant Mayor and Council positions. She read a letter from Paul Zaboy of Main Street who is interested in the Mayor position and a letter from Pamela Davis of Winona Street who is interested in the vacant Council position. They are both residents of the Borough and registered electors. There were no other applicants. Ms. Richard asked Council to vote on the positions.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to appoint Paul Zaboy as Mayor of Stockertown for the remaining term. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to appoint Pamela Davis to the vacant Council position for the remaining term. Motion carried unopposed.
- Paul Zaboy offered to attend the COG meetings on behalf of the Borough. Council agreed and appointed Mr. Zaboy as their representative.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:12 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on June 18, 2018

The foregoing was approved the day of .

President of Council

Attest:_____