

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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 attended.
- Attorney Steven Mills attended on behalf of Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak.
- Additionally present were Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr. and Secretary Chris Burmood.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe arrived following the Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.**

**Public Comment**

- None.

**Council Comments**

- Mr. Fatzinger spoke to Charlie Chrin and was advised that the interchange project would begin in late summer.
- Mr. Fatzinger also advised that Mr. Karch had passed away.
- Mr. Gosnell inquired about setting up better pedestrian warnings regarding the construction of the curbs at the intersection of Main and Industrial.
- Mr. Zito advised that he spoke to the owner of the property on Winona that has the trees that present a hazard. The property owner hopes to have the trees removed before the end of June.
- Mr. Zaboy was unable to attend the COG Emergency Management seminar, due to a work-related delay.
- Mr. Zaboy advised that Len Policelli met with the PennDOT permit issuer. Mr. Zaboy was unable to attend that meeting, also due to a work-related delay. Mr. Zaboy will be meeting with Mr. Policelli soon, and has asked if we can determine if the existing manhole/cleanout is in the PennDOT right-of-way.
- Mr. Zaboy also indicated his knowledge of a free device that attaches to smartphones for swiping credit cards. He was going to provide the vendor information and specifics to Mr. Burmood.
- Ms. Richard advised that URDC is offering to assist with grant writing for the Gaming Grant Fund applications that are due July 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zaboy advised that he has two existing grant fund applications that he can polish up for submission.
- Ms. Richard read the retirement letter submitted by Charlie Davis, including the portion where donated certain items of equipment to the Borough. Council agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to Mr. Davis.

### Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012, with the following corrections.
  - Page 2, Under Public Works Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point, 6<sup>th</sup> line from bottom: change “form” to “from”.
  - Under Police report, change “pervious” to “previous”.
  - Page 4, Under New, Old, or Unfinished Business, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point, 2<sup>nd</sup> line: should read “to place construction grading stakes”.

Motion carried unopposed.

- Mr. Zito inquired about the possibility of donating the fire truck to Leithsville. Mr. Zaboy suggested contacting Leithsville first to see if they would be interested. Mr. Gosnell suggested selling the truck to Leithsville, as opposed to a donation, even if at a reduced price.

### Mayor's Report

- Mayor Metzgar advised that he has attended the Local Government Forum at the Meyner Center the past few years and that it is a very educational opportunity. He advised he cannot attend this year and suggested that if anyone else is interested that they attend.

### Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) stated that Public Works had patched LeFevre Road again. He is using a special mix of cold patch that is holding up really well.
- PJ also stated that he has all of the steel needed for the roof of the ball field shed. Replacing the roof has to be done on a dry day, to avoid potential fall injuries. He also said that the shed needed to be cleaned out inside.
- The weeds in the playground at the Lincoln Avenue Park were cut down by PJ. Ms. Richard had suggested using the propane tar melter to burn off the weeds. HE tried this and found that it worked well, but has to be done when the mulch is wet to avoid a fire hazard. Council discussed the long overdue replacement of the mulch. The thistles would have to be dug out first when replacing the mulch, and PJ suggested placing Geotech under the existing mulch before putting new mulch on top.
- The wastewater treatment plant is “in very good shape”, per PJ. Pond 2/3 is at 4 feet, which is the lowest the operator, Kevin Franks, wants it. The sand filter has not bound up in over a week. The weeds around the plant were cut down, except along the fence. Public Works to cut the base of the weeds at the bottom of the fence, then remove them from the fence later. The rental of the rototiller unit is \$355.00 per week, with a \$67.00 damage waiver. To purchase the unit is \$4,687.00, plus the damage waiver. If we rent for a month, then purchase, the rental fee would be waived and the money would be applied to the purchase price. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, if the Bobcat Rotary Tiller attachment performs as desired, Council agrees to purchase the unit before the end of the 4 week rental period. Motion passed unopposed.

### **Solicitor Report**

- Mr. Mills advised that Mr. Asteak had reviewed the Berkheimer Delinquent EIT Collections Agreement and included proposed Resolutions, and found them to be satisfactory. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Cindy Hower, to accept all three resolutions (listed below) as well as the Agreement to retain Berkheimer as the Delinquent EIT Collector. Motion carried unopposed.
  - **Resolution 2012-3** - Authorizing Mr. Burmood as the Borough Representative to coordinate with Berkheimer regarding the Delinquent EIT Collections.
  - **Resolution 2012-4** - Appoint Berkheimer Delinquent EIT collector
  - **Resolution 2012-5** - Authorize Berkheimer to Impose & Retain Collection Costs incurred during the collection of Delinquent EIT.
- Mr. Mills was advised that the Post Office Lease Agreement would be signed by all parties on Tuesday and sent to Mr. Asteak's office for signatory verification and forwarding to the USPS.
- The Code with supplement was being provided to Mr. Asteak's office for review and advertising of the Ordinance to Adopt the Code.

### **Agenda Items**

- The garbage contract with Waste Management ends as of December 31, 2012. Mr. Burmood to review contract for any provisions regarding extensions.
- Mr. Burmood discussed the prices and per transaction costs associated with receiving credit card payment and electronic payment through either Intuit or National Penn Bank. Discussed the equipment options for credit card processing, including smartphone attachment available through Intuit and the smartphone attachment unit mentioned earlier by Mr. Zaboy.
- Ms. Richard reminded Council that the Floodplain information had been provided to the Planning Commission and that an updated Floodplain Ordinance should be on the agenda soon.
- With regard to stormwater management, our deadline has been extended to March 31, 2013. According to Mr. Zaboy, we were exempted last time. Someone helped file the paperwork, either Jeff at SC Engineers, or Keystone.
- Ms. Richard asked for Council's permission to hire Mrs. Sharon Zito as a cleaning person to relieve Jeff Forrer of those duties. **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to hire Sharon Zito as cleaning person for Borough Hall and EMA building. Motion carried unopposed with Mr. Zito abstaining.

### **New, Old, or Unfinished Business**

- New Voter ID information seminar.
- Earl Kocher requested copy of approved minutes.

**Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel matter. Motion carried unopposed at 8:26 pm.

**Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to exit the Executive Session. Motion carried unopposed at 8:40 pm.

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

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to increase PJ's hours to 40 per week temporarily until the needs of the Borough are assessed at a future time. Motion carried unopposed, with Mr. Zaboy, Sr. abstaining.
- **Motion** by Jack Fatzinger, seconded by Carl Zito, to increase Jeff Forrer's hours to 35 per week temporarily until the needs of the Borough are assessed at a future time. Motion carried unopposed.

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

- Mr. Zaboy asked Chief Soloe about the difference "Jake Brake" Engine Brake Ordinance and an ordinance prohibiting "straight pipes". Chief Soloe advised that a "straight pipes" ordinance would require that the Borough have truck inspectors on staff or available, whereas the engine brake ordinance only requires audible observation of engine brake usage.

**Police Report**

- Chief Soloe had nothing to report.

**Zoning Report**

- Mr. Soloe had nothing to report.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 18, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_