

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, Paul Zaboy, Jr. from Public Works, Charlie Davis from Public Works, Secretary Chris Burmood, and Solicitor Gary Asteak, Esq.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger, 111 Center Street, mentioned that dump trucks traveling through town were speeding and operating loudly, keeping him awake in the early morning hours.

Bid Opening for Memorial Hall Demolition

- Solicitor Gary Asteak opened the sealed bids for the project and reported them to the council as follows:
 1. Livengood Excavators, Walnutport, PA - \$58,840.00
 2. E.F. Possinger & Sons, Stroudsburg, PA - \$44,899.00
 3. Empire Services, Reading, PA - \$41,200.00
 4. Nimaris Construction, Bath, PA - \$63,313.00
 5. JMT Enviromental Technologies, Lehigh Valley, PA - \$80,687.50
 6. Haines & Kibblehouse, Skippack, PA - \$73,944.00
 7. Paul Giroux, Wind Gap, PA - \$45,000.00
 8. Beatty Contractors & Wreckers, Ltd., Nazareth, PA - \$27,500.00
 9. Penmar Systems, Northampton, PA - \$28,700.00

Council Comments

- Jack Fatzinger reported that the Chrin project was continuing with new traffic lights expected by the end of the month.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2011
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayoral Report

- None

Public Works Report

- Charlie Davis expressed his gratitude to Mr. Wenzelberger for shoveling his neighbors' snow in to the street.
- Mr. Davis advised that Emergency Management requires a new water pump. The pump crankshaft broke during the attempt to start the motor. Mr. Davis stated that a replacement pump with a gas-powered Honda engine was available from Northern Tool Co. for \$599.00.
- The final estimate for repair of the yellow dump truck came in at \$16088.00. The truck only has 8500 miles and may see a usable life of 5-8 years after refurbishing. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy to make necessary repairs and modifications. Second by Carl Zito. Motion carried unanimously.
- Of three (3) quotes expected for Sand Filter replacement, only quote from Mobile Dredging had been received. There were questions about the "confined space" rider on quote that Ms. Richard agreed to follow up on.
- Received quotes from Mobile Dredging, Keystone Consulting, and National Water Main Cleaning for videoing and cleaning of sewer lines, which should be accomplished ASAP per Ms. Richard. There was significant discussion and a number of questions raised about the quotes and provisions therein. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy to have National Water Main Cleaning jet and camera 1,000 linear feet of sewer pipe, with a cap of \$5,000.00, provided that all questions raised by council were answered to the Borough's satisfaction. Second by Joe Gosnell. Motion carried unanimously.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. and Jeff Forrer are registered to attend the Confined Space Training in Montgomery County on September 8, 2011.
- Ms. Richard is in receipt of one \$125,000.00 estimate from Mobile Dredging for sludge removal at the WWTP. The estimate was for processing only, and did not include hauling or disposal. There would be an estimated 50 tons of dry material to be disposed of, requiring approximately three tri-axle truckloads.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe spoke with Joshua Tree regarding their debris pile, and agreed to follow up..

Zoning Report

- With respect to sidewalk uniformity, Mr. Soloe advised that four feet is standard, with five feet being required along arterial (commercial or retail) streets.

Solicitor's Report

- Former Fire Chief Catino's sentencing was rescheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011.
- After reviewing all of the Memorial Hall Demolition bids, Mr. Asteak indicated that the lowest bid, by Beatty Contractors & Wreckers, Ltd., was in order recommended that the Borough accept the bid. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy to accept the bid from Beatty. Seconded by Carl Zito. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ms. Richard advised that Pennsylvania granted the appeal on late tax filings. She also advised that the IRS denied our first round appeal, but will submit it to the second review board.

Additional Items

- Ms. Richard reported that Patriot Energy is a broker, not a supplier, as found out after discussion with Premier Energy. Additionally, taxes were not included in the Patriot price quotes. Mr. Asteak suggested discussing with other towns and boroughs to find out what is being done elsewhere. **Motion** by Amy Richard to rescind motion to select Patriot Energy as Borough supplier. Seconded by Paul Zaboy. Motion carried unanimously.

- The post office lease expires in 2012. A lease renewal was received from the USPS for \$12600, dropping the rate from the current \$1,110.00 per month to \$1,050.00 through 2017, with provision to extend form 2017 to 2022 at \$1,160.00 per month. It was suggested that we try to maintain the current rate.
- After perusal of the CD rate quotes spreadsheet, Ms. Richard recommended investing in a five year CD with the highest rate. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy to roll maturing CD into a 60 month CD at Merchant's Bank with a rate of 2.52%. Seconded by Carl Zito. Motion carried unanimously.
- Brief mention was made regarding raising the non-resident EIT rate. This will be addressed by ordinance in the Fall.
- Ms. Richard presented the PSC Inspection report regarding asbestos in Memorial Hall.

Old Business

- Jack Fatzinger met with Ed Karch regarding the glass building.
- Earl Kocher requested a copy of the minutes from May 2nd and May 16th. He was advised they would be made available at meeting on June 20.

New Business

- Ms. Richard discussed obtaining a warning siren for the Borough, for tornado/weather-related warnings or other disasters. She also suggested an electronic warning sign for in front of the Borough Hall.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy to recess to Executive Session after a five minute break. Seconded by Carl Zito. Motion carried unanimously at 9:26 pm.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy to exit Executive Session and return to regular session. Seconded by Cindy Hower. Motion carried unanimously at 10:58 pm.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jack Fatzinger. Motion carried unanimously at 10:58pm.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 20th day of June, 2011.

 President of Council

Attest: _____