

# STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 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 were Solicitor Gary Asteak, Esq., Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, Paul Zaboy, Jr. from Public Works, and Secretary Chris Burmood.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.
- Of note, Mayor Sherman Metzgar was not present.

**Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the pledge of allegiance.**

### Public Comment

- Joe Lerch, of Lerch Rentals LLC, stated that the conversation regarding EDUs he had with Ms. Richard at the July 6 meeting was not in agreement with the conversation Mrs. Lerch previously had with Ms. Richard. Ms. Richard advised that they had purchased 5 EDUs with the purchase of the property, and apologized that she had not had the opportunity to send the official follow up letter.
- Morgan Schafer, 304 Old Easton Road, asked when the stone will be cleaned up from in front of his home. He advised that there was enough to fill a wheelbarrow. Ms. Richard stated that the stones would not be cleaned up by public works personnel due to financial and other concerns. Earl Kocher, of 300 Old Easton Road, stated that the Borough found \$6,000.00 to pay for speed signs, but can't fund a public project.
- Eric Wenzelberger, 111 Center Street, stated that he noticed the weeds growing at Long's and asked about sealing. He also advised that while stopping his car at the end of Faith Avenue, the accumulated stones in the roadway caused his vehicle to slide.

### Council Comments

- None

### Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of July 6, 2011 as written. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger, to approve payment of the payables through mid-July. Motion carried unanimously.

### Mayoral Report

- Per Ms. Richard, Mayor Metzgar was unable to attend the meeting, as he was in the hospital.

## **Public Works Report**

- The jetting and video project contracted with National Water Main Cleaning Company was tentatively scheduled to occur towards the end of the week. Chris from National Water Main was to coordinate with Mr. Davis of Public Works to schedule access to the WWTP to fill tanker truck.
- The generator is up and running. Per Paul Zaboy, Jr., the unit is installed and hardwired at the sewer plant. It has been tested and is running the entire plant with no strain, operating at 65% capacity. The generator repair cost was \$255 plus the expenses incurred by Mr. Zaboy to transport the unit to North Carolina. Mr. Zaboy thanked the Council for approving the trip, stating that he learned very useful information that applied to all the Borough's generators. He also advised that Delk's has a large inventory of refurbished generators of all sizes/capacities for future consideration. Ms. Richard thanked Mr. Zaboy for his participation in the generator repair.
- Ms. Richard advised on several training courses that should be considered for Public Works personnel, specifically on manholes and testing. Paul Zaboy, Sr. concurred, stating that it was both a knowledge and safety issue.

## **Police Report**

- Chief Soloe advised of a Request for Information regarding Ordinances 240 and 2007-1 regarding parking. He advised that certain street names had changed. He inquired about updating the street names. The changes will be done through the codification project.

## **Zoning Report**

- None.

## **Solicitor's Report**

- Mr. Asteak advised that the Buller sewer account had been paid in full and the lien satisfaction had been processed.
- He also advised that on July 12, 2011, Edward Ruland filed Chapter 13 Bankruptcy. Mr. Ruland will have to work out a payment plan through the bankruptcy court, and will remain in business as long as he makes the payments.
- Per Ms. Richard, the Memorial Hall asbestos removal project bid was advertised. Bids will be due at 3:00 pm on August 1, 2011.

## **Agenda Items**

- Mr. Zaboy advised that he is working on Grant applications for GIS, as well as three (3) computers for Borough Hall. Ms. Richard discussed the inclusion of a server and backup systems as part of the grant application. She also suggested that a separate grant application be done for the GIS.
- Mr. Zaboy is also coordinating with his son regarding the security camera grant application.

## **Rails-to-Trails Update**

- Mr. Zaboy advised that he had received eight (8) letters of interest with attached information of previous projects done and references; five (5) were submitted electronically.

- Mr. Zaboy did a brief projector presentation of the five companies that submitted letters via email.
- He requested assistance from fellow council members to examine all of the submitted materials. Ms. Richard, Ms. Hower and Mr. Zito all offered to help. Mr. Gosnell indicated his willingness to assist.
- Mr. Wenzelberger questioned why other towns are using blacktop for their trails, but we are seeking alternatives. He also asked if water run-off was being considered. Mr. Zaboy replied that cost is a factor, as is usage, stating greater usage in urban areas may justify the added expense. He indicated his preference for a stone/limestone aggregate that is cost-effective, porous for drainage, and easy to maintain. Mr. Gosnell asked if a stone trail would inhibit snow removal in Winter. Mr. Zaboy advised that the aggregate he was considering would be amenable to moderate snow removal.

**Old Business**

- Mr. Gosnell presented information regarding a marquee sign for in front of Borough Hall. He advised that the least expensive model through that particular company is approximately \$10,000.00, with other models between \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00. He indicated he has calls in to two (2) other firms, but has not received any responses, despite his assertion that we are ready to make a purchase.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger stated she had perused the EOP submitted previously, and that persons listed under Special Needs were incorrect. She asked how to get people included on the list and if it could be mentioned in the newsletter. She was advised that inclusion on the list would have to be voluntary, due to HIPAA confidentiality regulations. Ms. Richard agreed to follow up with current list in possession of Mr. Davis.
- Ms. Richard asked Council if there were any objections to the Planning Commission researching the SALDO for updating language/verbiage. Mr. Soloe advised that there was no news from the COG to create a comprehensive zoning plan for the region. Ms. Richard stated there are to be no zoning usage or map changes.
- Mr. Wenzelberger asked if anyone had the opportunity to fix the sewer inlet near the park. Mr. Zaboy mentioned a cap on the intake. He stated he would go check again. It was mentioned that the intake was on private property. The suggestion was made to notify the property owner.
- Mr. Fatzinger welcomed people to come to the Plainfield Township Farmer Fair starting Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carl Zito. Motion carried unanimously at 8:36 pm.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011.

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President of Council

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