

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2016**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, and Carl Zito. Joe Gosnell and Rosemarie Wenzelberger were absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Chief John Soloe and OIC Eric Schwab were present.

**The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:30 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

**Council Comment**

- Robin Davis questioned whether anything could be done about the weeds along Main Street. It was stated that it is a PennDOT road.
- Carl Zito corrected his statement from the previous meeting regarding someone attempting to steal Mrs. Todora's dog. He was informed that Mrs. Todora knew the person; therefore there was no threat to the dog.
- Carl Zito reported several items in the Borough which require attention.
  - The bridge near Werkheiser on the trail needs maintenance.
  - Weeds need to be killed in the playground by the Old School.
  - The drain by the trail parking lot on Center Street needs cleaning.
  - Stones on Winona by Station Avenue need to be cleaned up.All items will be reported to Public Works for their attention.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2016 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through July 5, 2016. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard noted that on the accounts payable the final tax refund to Lonestar for 2015 real estate taxes has been paid in the amount of \$8,300.00. The required refund is now paid in full.

## **Mayor Report**

- Mayor Davis stated that public works did a nice job cleaning up around the memorial and planting the flowers. He mentioned that the dead bush next to the Borough building should be removed. Robin Davis and Kathleen Zdonowski recommended replacing it. Everyone agreed.

## **Police**

- Chief John Soloe read out the Call Service Report for the month of June. He stated that there were 2 forgeries, 1 harassment, 4 suspicious persons, 31 traffic summons, 12 traffic warnings, 8 building and vacant home checks, plus miscellaneous calls for a total of 95 for the month. Chief Soloe stated that there has been positive feedback concerning the police website for the home checks.

## **Zoning**

- John Soloe gave an update on a presentation by Buzzi Hercules regarding the Rt. 191 Relocation Project through Upper Nazareth. He stated that it would be 1 ½ to 2 years before the work is visible. The work will be done according to PennDOT specifications.

## **Public Works**

- Road Repair was discussed. Amy Richard stated that a decision needs to be made concerning Commerce Way. A second coat of the Tar & Chip should be applied to LeFevre Road. Something needs to be done on Old Easton Road. Ms. Richard stated that estimates are being obtained for all the projects.
- Robin Davis asked if anything would be done at the end of Center Street. Ms. Richard stated that estimates were also being obtained for that road.

## **Solicitor**

- Nothing to Report

## **Agenda**

- Amy Richard informed council that the Borough Office color printer has been having major problems and that quotes are being obtained to replace it.
- It has been reported that there have been 4-Wheeler riding on the Trail. It is only a matter of time before they are caught.
- The Borough Fall Yard Sale was discussed. Council agreed to schedule the Fall Sale for September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be posted on the Borough Marque and advertised in the local papers.
- Advertising for the 2017 Garbage Contract was discussed. Solicitor Asteak stated that he will prepare the necessary papers and place an Ad in the paper in August for opening bids on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- A copy of the Budget vs. Actual Expenditures through June 30, 2016 was provided to Council for their review. Amy Richard stated that she was pleased with the comparison. All expenditures are in line with what was budgeted.

- Bank Balances as of June 30, 2016 were read and are listed below:

General Fund Savings	\$150,138.38
General Fund Checking	\$ 19,425.63
Sewer Fund Savings	\$101,399.74
Sewer Fund Checking	\$ 3,088.02
Real Estate Tax Account	\$207,723.06
Centennial Fund	\$ 4,492.74
Recreation Fund	\$ 100.68
Highway Aid Checking	\$168,347.84
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 3,542.92
Escrow Account	\$ 100.00
Debit Card Account	\$ 1,283.22
Money Market Account	\$438,472.80

### Old, New or Unfinished Business

- An update on the electric contract was given by Anita Caughy. She advised Council that the Borough has not locked into a contract with GDF Suez, Think Energy on the suggestion of Mr. Searcy, the sales representative. Mr. Searcy advised us that PPL's prices were going down in June and for us to wait to lock in with them. PPL's prices are expected to go up in December which is when the Borough will lock into the new contract with GDF Suez. The Borough was able to benefit by the lower prices with PPL before locking into a new contract.

### Executive Session

- An Executive Session was called for personnel issues.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to enter into Executive Session at 8:08 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to exit Executive Session at 8:40 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to enter into Regular Session at 8:40 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to increase the salary of public works employee, Garrett Newhartz, by \$1.00 an hour effective this pay period. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to hire Police Officer Mark Herman, to the Stockertown Police Department. Motion carried unopposed.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:44 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on July 18, 2016.  
July 18, 2016 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **1st** day of **August, 2016**.

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President of Council

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