

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2016**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- 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

- Mr. Kocher of Old Easton Road stated that his road was crack sealed.
- Eric Wenzelberger stated that Public Works did a good job with the crack sealing.

Council Comment

- No comments

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2016 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 August 15, 2016. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Charlie Davis stated that the bush at the corner of LeFevre Road and Main Street needs to be cut back to see oncoming traffic.

Police

- Chief John Soloe stated that the current stray bullet case is in the hands of the District Attorney's Office.
- Chief Soloe informed council that he has applied for a \$25,000 Grant to purchase an additional police vehicle. There is a meeting on Monday, August 22nd for questions and answers concerning this Grant.

Zoning

- John Soloe stated that citations have been filed for all properties not in compliance with Borough Ordinances.

Public Works

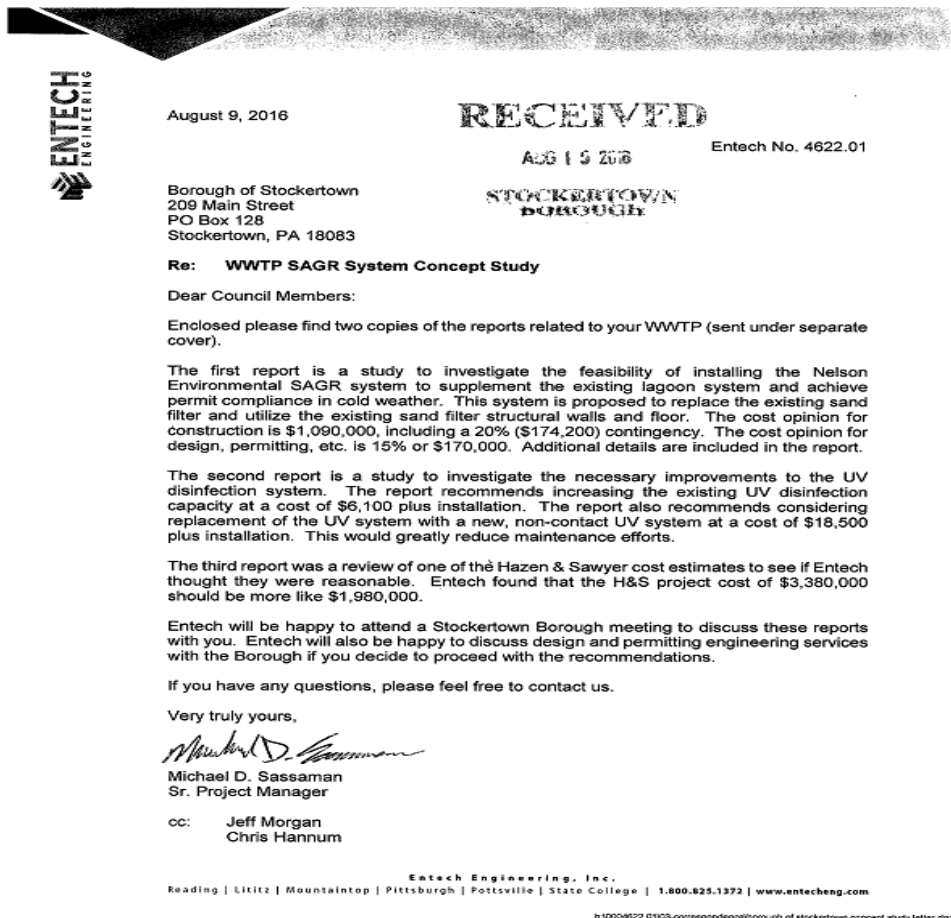
- Crack sealing of roads will continue for two more days, weather permitting.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Gary Asteak informed Council that he attended a meeting with representatives from the County of Northampton, Engineers working on the Two Rivers Trail Project as well as representatives from the Township of Bushkill and the Township of Plainfield on August 8th. He stated that Stockertown's trail head is going to be the Hub of the trails which stretch north through Plainfield and north through Bushkill to the Appalachian Trail as well as stretching southward ultimately to Philadelphia.

Agenda

- Amy Richard read the letter which was received from Entech Engineering regarding the SAGR System Concept Study to comply with the DEP regulations imposed on the Sewer Plant for the winter ammonia limits. A copy of the letter is attached.



The bottom line, the DEP will ultimately require the Borough to finance this project. In response, Ms. Richard advised DEP that the sewer charges in the Borough are already one of the highest in this area with many residents on a fixed income. Raising the rates would be a hardship on many. The fact that there is no evidence that the discharged ammonia is impacting the Little Bushkill, is not relevant. Ms. Richard explained as simply as she could the status of the lawsuit against the DEP. She stated that the Borough has won the ability to proceed with one of the avenues to get the DEP to increase the ammonia limits for the winter. Since the Borough is fighting a government agency, hopes of winning the lawsuit is slim. The DEP does not want to set a precedent by allowing a change to our limits. Now that there is an alternative system that assures the ability to meet the current permit limit, continuing the appeal through the Court would probably be a mute exercise and would prove to be very costly.

- Road repair estimates were obtained from two companies; Lehigh Valley Site Contractors and All Image Asphalt, Inc. The estimates were similar. Lehigh Valley estimates were more detailed and went as follows:
 - Commerce Way Paving \$110,999.00
 - Center Street – (North) \$ 28,127.40
 - Center Street – (Concrete) \$ 17,396.95
 - LeFevre Road (East) \$ 33,739.90
 - LeFevre Road (West) \$ 10,310.25
 - Incidentals \$ 15,487.50

Amy Richard stated that road repair will be partially funded by the Investment Fund and Liquid Fuels Fund. Specs would be drawn up by the Borough Engineers for Bids and advertising. All Council members agreed to proceed with the road project.

- The Stockertown Rod & Gun Club has asked the Borough to demolish and remove the existing concession stand at the ball field and to install a concrete pad. In turn, the Gun Club will construct a Pavilion on that site for public use. Council agreed to use the Centennial Fund to assist with this project.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

The foregoing was approved the **6th** day of **September, 2016**.

President of Council

Attest: _____