

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF August 3, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski and Joe Gosnell were absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Officer Eric Schwab was present and Chief John Soloe arrived at 7:40 PM.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak was 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

- There was no council comment.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2015 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through August 3, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis reported on the flash flood on LeFevre Road during the heavy rain storm a few weeks ago and stated that the road had to be closed for a period of time.
- Mayor Davis also reported on the services which Goodwill is providing for the handicap which was presented to them at the last COG meeting.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe read out the Call Service Report for the month of July. He stated there were 66 Traffic Summons issued, 26 Traffic Warnings, and 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 123 for the month.

Zoning

- John Soloe stated that letters were sent out to residents with high grass and weed issues.
- Mr. Soloe also stated that the Shell Station on Commerce Way has changed hands. They have applied for a permit to put a grill in the store which has been completed.

Public Works

- Amy Richard informed all present that the new signs have been installed and damaged signs have been repaired and/or straightened throughout the Borough.
- Ms. Richard stated that curb painting, per the Borough Code, will begin the following Wednesday or Thursday for Ariel Court, Center Street and Bushkill Street.
- Ms. Richard advised that interviews will be held tomorrow for a new temporary public works employee and all council members are invited to join her.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Asteak stated that all was quiet and that he had nothing to report.

Agenda

- Amy Richard informed council members and the residents present that non-recycling items are being disposed of in the recycling bins at the LeFevre Road garage. She assumes these items are coming from out of town people.
- Anita Caughy was asked to look into whether it was worthwhile to continue to collect recyclable items in the Borough. Mrs. Caughy called Waste Management to ascertain whether they actually recycled or disposed of the items collected. She was advised that Waste Management does sort and recycle the items and they feel it is definitely worthwhile to continue recycling.
- Morgan Schafer of Old Easton Road suggested putting cameras up by the recycling bins and a sign which states that violators will be prosecuted.
- A date for the Fall Yard Sale was discussed. It was decided to schedule the yard sale for Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Amy Richard suggested scheduling a Borough wide branch pick-up for this year. All Council members agreed. A date will be decided sometime after October 15.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger suggested a "Slow" traffic sign be put up on Winona Street. She stated that cars speed down that street. Officer John Soloe stated he would like to have a speed bump installed because of the amount of traffic on the road.
- Morgan Shafer asked whether the Borough had any plans to fix the water issue at the end of Hillside. Amy Richard stated that they have discussed the issue, but they are not sure at this time how to resolve the problem.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to enter into Executive Session for Personnel issue at 8:05 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit Executive Session at 8:26 PM and enter into regular session. Motion carried unopposed.

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Cindy Hower to terminate the employment of Officer Joseph Straka based on Chief Soloe's information and decision. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Council Meeting for August 17, 2015 was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **2nd** day of **September, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____