

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Comment

- Cindy Hower inquired as to when the LeFevre Road Bridge would be completed. No one knew the answer since it is a County project and the rain has been impeding the work.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2018 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through September 17, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Paul Zaboy informed Council that he attended the Nazareth COG kick-off meeting on September 10, 2018. The Comprehensive Plan was discussed. The Plan proposed completion is sometime in 2019. The proposed cost for the Comprehensive Plan is \$190,310.00. The approximate breakdown will be as follows:

\$40,000	State
\$20,000	Council of Government (COG)
\$62,500	County
\$62,800	Communities

Police

- Assistant Chief Eric Schwab informed Council that all of the police officers have been tested and passed their yearly qualification.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak provided Resolution 2018-3 to be approved by Council. The Resolution is for the implementation of the AXA Governmental 457(b) Plan which is a government retirement plan for public service employees. Attorney Asteak stated that he has gone over the Plan in detail with the representative from AXA and he is satisfied that it conforms to what the Borough is seeking to provide. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to approve and execute Resolution 2018-3.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve and execute Resolution 2018-3 to implement AXA Governmental 457(b) Plan Agreement. Motion carried unopposed.
- Solicitor Asteak informed Council that he met with Stacy from Pebbles and Paws and that he has completed the first draft of an agreement between Pebble and Paws Safe Haven and the COG to provide animal control services. He will keep Council posted with the progress.

Agenda

- A breakdown of the 2018/2019 Borough Liability Insurance Premiums was distributed to each Council member. Amy Richard explained that due to the recent settlement of a lawsuit, the Police Liability has increased. It is Brown & Brown's recommendation to go outside of Selective Insurance for the Police Liability portion only. The 2018/2019 premium with full coverage by Selective Insurance would be \$16,730.00. If the Borough obtains coverage for the Police Liability with Greenwich Insurance, the total Borough premium would be \$15,108.00. This would be a savings of \$1,652.00 for the year. Council agreed to take Brown & Brown's recommendation and have Greenwich Insurance handle the Police Liability portion and Selective Insurance would continue all other coverage.
- Amy Richard stated that she is expecting to receive the bid specifications for the new Borough garage from Keystone Engineering shortly. She asked for Council's permission to advertise the bid specs when they are received.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the garage specification for advertising. Motion carried unopposed.
- A Quote was distributed to Council from Signal Service to install a video detection system to replace the loop that has failed due to poor road surface conditions at Rt. 191 and Main Street for a cost of \$3,574.00. Amy Richard informed Council that she personally called Signal Service and was advised that the Borough is not required to make this purchase. The traffic signals are currently on a default setting which is sufficient for the traffic conditions at this time. Council agreed not to make this upgrade at this time.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on October 1, 2018

The foregoing was approved at a Special Meeting on the 24th day of September, 2018.

President of Council

Attest:_____