

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Amy Richard, Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Mayor Metzgar was in attendance.
- Also present was Borough Solicitor Gary Asteak, Esq.
- Police Chief/Zoning Office John Soloe, Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr., and Secretary Chris Burmood were present.
- Ptl. Vrabel was present to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Earl Kocher, of 302 Old Easton Road, thanked the Public Works personnel for cleaning out the cinders from the roadway in front of his home.

Council Comments

- None.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Asteak advised that the Borough had received two (2) sealed bids for the garbage collection contract.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>2 year amount</u>	<u>3 year amount</u>
Waste Management	\$139,827.00	\$209,740.00
Solid Waste Svcs., Inc. (d.b.a. J.P. Mascaro & Sons)	\$154,884.00	\$235,830.00

The awarding of the contract was tabled to allow for comprehensive review of the bids. Mr. Asteak remarked that the Waste Management bid was lower for both projected terms.

- Mr. Asteak advised that the Borough had received two (2) sealed bids for the manhole replacement project contract.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Cleanout replacement</u>	<u>Vacuum Test</u>
A. Scott Enterprises	\$19,798.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,000.00
JL Watts Excavation	\$24,550.00	\$5,100.00	\$1,600.00

The awarding of the contract was tabled to allow for comprehensive review of the bids. Mr. Asteak remarked that the A. Scott Enterprises bid was lower.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting, with corrections, as noted below. Motion carried unopposed.
 - On page 1, second line under second bullet point in Public Comment, change “witness” to “witnessed”.
 - On page 2, second bullet point of Solicitor’s Report, second line, change “eh” to “the”.
 - On page 3, fifth bullet point of Agenda Items, add “lot” at the end of the R.A. Serfass concrete slab bleacher foundation quote.

Mayor’s Report

- Mayor Metzgar had nothing to report.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) advised that berm repair at the southwest corner of ponds 2 and 3 was progressing. He thanked Bulldog Construction from Coatesville for assistance. Bulldog Construction had been working on moving a water main, and had asked if they could drop off three tri-axles of fill at the wastewater treatment plant. In return, they provided leftover hot patch for use on the alley adjacent to Werkheiser Street. PJ stated that to finish the berm repair, he requires topsoil, seed, and hay.
- Mr. Gosnell asked why there was excessive runoff of concrete dust from Industrial Boulevard. PJ responded that the Chrin contractors had been working on the sub-pavement wiring, and had been cutting the concrete.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe provided the monthly figures for number and types of police calls, as well as hours logged and miles driven.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had nothing of consequence to report, but requested Council’s guidance for issues raised by the recent purchase of 100 Main Street. There was discussion over how the new owner’s plans would be impacted by both lack of available parking and limitation of EDUs for additional residences. Mr. Asteak advised that Council has no say in zoning issues, that it should be put in front of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Solicitor Report, cont’d.

- Mr. Asteak requested authorization to advertise for the Engine Brake Ordinance, which had been reviewed and found acceptable by PennDOT. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to authorize Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak to advertise the Engine Brake Ordinance. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda Items

- With respect to the proposed Time Clock Policy, Mr. Zaboy questioned who would be the system administrator, and recommended that it not be anyone who is subject to using the time clock. Mr. Gosnell questioned the 5 minute rounding/15 minutes docking policy at 3 times per quarter, stating his belief that it was too harsh. After discussion, Council agreed to change the language to reflect twice per month. **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to adopt the Time Clock Policy as amended. Motion passed unopposed.
- Ms. Richard read a letter she wrote to Sean Dooley regarding the tree removal from the joint property line, as well as Mr. Dooley’s response. Mr. Dooley had indicated that he was confident of the accuracy of the survey of the boundaries. He also indicated his intent to remove a single tree at a time. Mr. Zaboy asked someone to “eyeball” the survey pins.

Agenda Items, cont'd.

- Kevin Franks, wastewater treatment plant operator, had submitted an unsolicited proposal to seal the Borough Hall parking lot for \$980.00, with an additional \$200.00 to repaint the parking stripes. Mr. Zito inquired why the road crew couldn't repaint the lines. Mr. Asteak advised that the Borough was required to obtain additional quotes, per the Borough Code.
- Ms. Richard read from the flyer received regarding the Household Hazardous Waste drop off event at Northampton Community College on October 6, 2012.
- Ms. Richard read letters from two (2) parties interested in filling the Council position vacancy. The parties are identified as Kathleen Zdonowski and Carl Zito, Jr. Ms. Richard advised of her intent to appoint someone to the position at the next meeting, stating that we only have until October 6th.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- PJ asked if any consideration had been given to his request for two-way radios submitted at the budget meeting. Ms. Richard asked if that matter could be tabled.
- Morgan Schafer, of 304 Old Easton Road, asked about the Aflac issue, specifically why the Aflac payment could not be deducted out of the Council member's payroll. Ms. Richard advised that Council only gets paid twice per year, but we have to pay the Aflac bill monthly. She also stated that the amount of the additional coverage exceeds what Council receives for payment.
- Mr. Schafer also asked if Council had made any decision regarding his driveway. Mr. Soloe stated that the Borough is not responsible to divert water for individuals.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded Paul Zaboy, Sr., by to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

A Budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 1st day of October, 2012.

President of Council

Attest: _____