

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski, and Mr. Carl Zito. Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr. arrived at 7:48 pm. Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger was absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis, Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Secretary Chris Burmood were in attendance.
- Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak was present.

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

Public Comment

- None.

Council Comments

- Ms. Richard advised that the Borough's initial negotiation meeting with the police union is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting, with the correction as noted below. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Zaboy and Mrs. Wenzelberger were absent for the vote.
 - Page 1, 1st bullet point of **Public Comment**, 1st line: add "it is" between "stated" and "his".
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Cindy Hower, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 budget meeting as written. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Zaboy and Mrs. Wenzelberger were absent for the vote.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the General Fund payables, Sewer Fund payables, and Rails-to-Trails Fund payables through September 20, 2013. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Zaboy and Mrs. Wenzelberger were absent for the vote.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe provided the mid-month police call and response statistics.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Davis met with Chief Soloe to discuss a couple items. Of importance, he wanted to make sure that the police personnel were familiar with the operation of the backup generator for the EMA Building.
- Mayor Davis also suggested that the new traffic signal boxes be checked for generator connections, and recommended that the Borough consider purchasing emergency backup generators for the new signals.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe advised that Buzzi submitted plans to Palmer Township for building the new quarry. Additionally, they are seeking to build a 20,000-40,000 ft² building.
- The interchange has officially started construction. There is a proposal to build a new 1,000,000 ft² building off Corriere Road. The traffic relief from the Uhler Road bridge opening will soon be back, once they shut down the Route 33 overpass in Tatamy to build the interchange.
- In Tatamy, a new 100,000 ft² warehouse is being built by Nabisco.

Public Works Report

- Currently, the road crew is working on shoring up the berm (banks) of the ponds at the WWTP.
- The Road Crew is currently working on a “punch list” of items for the second 1/3 of the trail, prior to seeding and matting.
- Research has been completed on the materials to construct the Sherman P. Metzgar Park signs, and the necessary items will be ordered.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Asteak stated that upon Council approval, he will prepare ~~and an~~ ordinance for the Service Electric Cable Franchise renewal. Mr. Zaboy reiterated that Internet access is more important than cable television. Mr. Burmood is tasked with contacting Service Electric to determine if Basic and Extended services to be provided free per paragraph 6.1 include Internet. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to authorize Solicitor Asteak to prepare and advertise an ordinance to renew the Service Electric Cable Franchise Agreement. Motion carried unopposed. Mrs. Wenzelberger was absent for the vote.
- Mr. Asteak advised he has prepared a Traffic Signal Easement for the radar speed sign in front of Ralph’s Radiator. He provided it to Mr. Burmood to follow up with.
- Mr. Asteak reviewed the bid documents for the Rails to Trails Crossing and Trailheads construction, and they appear proper and ready to act upon.
- Mr. Asteak advised that he had difficulty effecting service of the lawsuit upon Mr. Heitzinger, owner of the property that MT Automotive is located upon. As such, he has had to engage the services of a process server in California.
- With respect to the Joshua Tree Land Development, Mr. Asteak recommended that Council conditionally approve the land development plan, contingent upon the petitioner’s compliance with the recommendations set forth by Borough Engineer Al Kortze. After the plan is approved, the developer is to provide a cost estimate for improvements. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito, to adopt **Resolution 2013-5** conditionally approving the Joshua Tree Land Development Plan, subject to the developer’s compliance with all recommendations set forth by Borough Engineer, Al Kortze. Motion carried unopposed. Mrs. Wenzelberger was absent for the vote.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Ms. Richard mentioned that there was a Capital Budgeting seminar to be held in Breinigsville on October 23rd. She indicated her intent to attend. Mr. Zaboy also voiced his interest.
- Mr. Zaboy advised that the NazCOG may not meet on Tuesday night, for lack of a quorum. Mr. Burmood would follow up and post a sign on the door and update the marquee if necessary.

Adjournment

- **Motion** at 8:06 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unopposed. Mrs. Wenzelberger were absent for the vote.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:30 pm. The next Budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm. The foregoing were approved the 7th day of October, 2013.

President of Council

Attest: _____