

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Mayor Metzgar was absent.
- Attorney Steven Mills was in attendance on behalf of Borough Solicitor Gary Asteak, Esq., but left upon Mr. Asteak's arrival at 8:10 pm.
- Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr., and Secretary Chris Burmood were present.
- Police Chief/Zoning Office John Soloe arrived late.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Morgan Schafer, of 304 Old Easton Road, advised he was getting prices to have his driveway redone. He wanted to know if the Borough planned to fix the road in front of his property. Discussion followed regarding both the diversion of water run off through the driveway and curb installation.
- Earl Kocher, of 302 Old Easton Road, asked about the status of the Borough dump truck he witness on a tow truck with a police escort. Per Ms. Richard and Paul Zaboy, Jr., it was not a Stockertown vehicle.

Council Comments

- Mr. Zito asked about the weeds and cones at the intersection of Center, Winona, and Main Streets. Ms. Richard advised that the sidewalk repair is on the list of tasks to be done.
- Mrs. Wenzelberger inquired about the Treasurer's schedule. She advised that her Aflac premium check had taken an inordinate amount of time to clear her bank. Ms. Richard advised that she requested the check be held out of the deposit, so it could be returned. The rationale was that Mrs. Wenzelberger's Aflac premium for additional coverage was always being submitted late to the Borough office, despite repeated correspondence requesting timely payment. In effect, the Borough was fronting the amount for the additional coverage using taxpayer dollars. Ms. Richard advised that the additional coverages would be removed from the Borough's bill, and submitted for direct billing to the Wenzelbergers. There would still be a monthly differential of \$20.07 for the basic coverage, which would have to be paid on or about the 1st of each month in the future.

Secretary/Treasurer report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2012 meeting, with corrections, as noted below. Motion carried unopposed.
 - On page 2, second line under second bullet point in Public Works Report, change “Wager” to “Wagner”.
 - On page 2, under Zoning Report, add “outdoor venue” behind Window’s Tavern on third line.
 - On page 2, second bullet point of Solicitor’s Report, third line, change “top” to “to”.
 - On page 2, Solicitor’s Report third bullet point, on the first and second lines, change “LeFevre Road” to “Main Street”.
 - On page 3, at very end of last bullet point of Agenda Items, cont’d., add “Council agreed that the parts could be scrapped.”
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to approve the General Fund and Sewer Fund payables for August 20th as presented. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor’s Report

- Mayor Metzgar was absent due to illness and no report was submitted.

Public Works Report

- Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ) advised that he had received verbal permission from Kevin Franks (sewer operator) and Jeff Morgan (sewer engineer) to build up the berm at the southwest corner of ponds 2 and 3. He stated his intent to obtain written permission from Mr. Franks and Mr. Morgan.
- The overflow relief from the sand filter into the UV building has been started.
- The driveway at the ball field has been patched, as was the alley behind Werkheiser Street and the stone area at the end of State Street.
- The driveway at Newhart Park has been regraded.
- The bench seats at the Lincoln Street Park basketball courts were replaced. Mulch was also added and/or replaced.
- Ms. Richard advised that clear water was coming out of the wastewater treatment plant effluent and that the sand filter looked good.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe had nothing to report.

Zoning Report

- Mr. Soloe had nothing of consequence to report.

Solicitor Report

- Mr. Zaboy recommended that we use UPS (uninterrupted power supply – battery backup) for the time clocks. Mr. Soloe asked if the Borough had a proposed policy and procedures in place. A prepared policy was distributed for review with further discussion tabled until the next (non-budget) meeting.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to accept the resignation by Jack Fatzinger, effective September 6th. Motion carried unopposed. Mr. Asteak advised that eh Borough has thirty (30) days to select a new Council member, and that interviews must be held publicly. He suggested that we advertise.

Agenda Items

- Ms Richard advised that a fund was set up and an account opened for the Special Sign Project, and that the Borough has already deposited a donation of \$250.00. Mr. Fatzinger has more possible commitments from potential donors in the community.
- Mr. Burmood presented a cost comparison between two local companies for employee drug testing, for each type of drug test available. Mr. Zaboy recommended that the Borough choose to utilize the 10-panel screen because it is more comprehensive. Mrs. Wenzelberger and Ms. Hower agreed. There was also discussion on the convenience of locations by each firm. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to use Coordinated Health for random drug screens of employees and to utilize the 10-panel test. Motion carried unopposed.
- Paul Zaboy, Jr. inquired about the Borough paying for Hepatitis A and B vaccinations for those employees who routinely work at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Burmood was tasked with researching costs and availability.
- Regarding the MS4 stormwater permit, Ms. Richard spoke to Al Kortze, of Keystone Consulting Engineers, who expected to have something prepared for the following week.
- Council was presented with quotes from three construction companies for installing concrete foundations for the bleachers at the ball field.
 1. Lifetime Concrete - \$3175.00 per slab, 5" thick
 2. R.A. Serfass - \$4,000 for both – 6" thick, plus \$600 for sidewalk from parking
 3. Soopy's - \$2425.00 for both – 5" thick, \$2866 for both – 6" thick, \$1260 for sidewalkMr. Zaboy recommended choosing R.A. Serfass. Ms. Richard and Mr. Zito agreed. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to select R.A. Serfass to install concrete pads for bleachers, and include the sidewalk, with the specification that Mr. Serfass' quote was for two (2) slab foundations. Motion carried 5-1, with Mrs. Wenzelberger the lone dissenting vote.

New, Old, or Unfinished Business

- Further discussion of the Personnel Handbook was tabled for the next meeting, with Mr. Zaboy requesting a revised "clean" version via email. Mrs. Wenzelberger and Ms. Hower requested hard copies.
- The County awarded all 29 requesting municipalities 55% of their requested amounts under the most recent Gaming Grant. As such, the Borough will only receive just over \$8400.00 of the \$15,339.23 requested for the placement of security cameras at three Borough locations, specifically Borough Hall, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the LeFevre Road garage. The question remains whether to continue with the project in full or in part. Discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- Per Mr. Zaboy, he is working with Mr. Asteak and the trail design firm on resolution of the property boundary issue presented at the north end of the recreational trail. URDC, the trail design firm, is waiting for further input from PennDOT.
- Ms. Hower asked about the excavated area at the intersection of Main and Industrial. No one knows when the Chrin signalization project will continue.
- Ms. Richard reiterated that the sidewalk repair at the corner of Winona, Center and Main Streets is on the "to do" list.
- Jack Fatzinger thanks Council and the residents for all they have done for him.
- Eric Wenzelberger expressed his desire to publicly thank Mr. Fatzinger for all he has done for the Borough through the years.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded Carl Zito, by to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.
Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

A Budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing were approved the 17th day of September, 2012.

President of Council

Attest: _____