

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Paul Zaboy, Ms. Amy Richard, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present was Sherman Metzger, John Soloe, and Steve Mills from Asteak Law Firm
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President Amy Richard

Public Comment –

- Earl Kocher, 300 Old Easton Road, commented on the condition of the blacktop at the corner of State Route 115 and Old Easton Road, pointing out that the blacktop is broken up. As vehicles make the turn north onto Route 115, chunks of blacktop are thrown onto his yard. Dump trucks traveling on Route 115 that do not have covers on their loads frequently lose stone and Mr. Kocher fears that someone will be killed if they are hit with any of the stone. He advised of the cinders left from winter and requests that they be swept by our Public Works crew. He continues to desire copies of draft minutes to examine prior to meetings. Chief Soloe will look into dump truck incidents pertaining to covers. The broken blacktop is a Penn Dot issue and the Borough can not address it.
- Morgan Schaffer, 209 Main Street, commented on water still laying in his driveway for three or four days because of a hump in the blacktop put there by the Borough's Public Woks Dept. four or five years ago. He ask that it be fixed. Council will address the issue in the near future.
- Kathy Kauffman, 204 Lincoln Avenue, questioned cars left on the street during the snow emergency making it difficult if not impossible for the PW Dept to plow. Lincoln Ave. is very narrow and residents from 109, 200, and 204 Lincoln Street left cars on the street. Complaint will be addressed by Chief Soloe.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, second by Jack Fatzinger to approve the minutes of March 1, 2010. Rosemarie Wenzelberger said nay, motion carried.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, second by Carl Zito to approve the accounts payable. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzgar announced the Egg Hunt sponsored by the Stockertown Youth Association will be held on Saturday March 27th at 1:00 PM with a rain date of March 28th 1:00 PM at Newhart Park.
- The Bushkill Stream Conservancy will meet on March 16th 2010.

Public Works Report

- There was no one present and nothing to report.
- Council will wait until the Chrin Signalization project is complete before addressing the "loop timers" which are malfunctioning per the quote from Signal Services.

Police Report

- Chief Soloe reported that the new officer, Alex Soloe, has passed all his certifications and will be on duty starting this week. All the officers have taken and passed taser training with all but one electing to be tased. Gary Asteak will review the taser policy before the tasers are used in the Borough.

Zoning Report

- Jonathon Lock asked the Borough to release some of his escrow from the Lock Townhouse Project. He must address the items on the punch list with Engineer Al Kortze. There was discussion regarding the purposed new driveway which was part of the Zoning Hearing decision. The Borough has no authority pertaining to the decision and therefore it must be resolved between the parties involved, Larry's Auto, Toni's Pizza, and Jonathon Lock.

Solicitor's Report

- Steve Mills had no report.

Agenda Items

- Patrick Kaine from Paychex Payroll Company gave a summary of his company's services. Paychex would do the Borough's payroll by-weekly for \$53.00 plus \$3.40 per employee or approximately \$93.00 per pay period. Checks will be electronically signed, sealed in envelopes, and delivered to the Borough by courier service. In addition Paychex will prepare and file all payroll taxes and filings from January 1st, 2010. A decision was tabled.
- Council President brought up the appointment of a Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Morgan Schaffer remarked that per a bulletin from the PA Association of Borough which he showed to the Solicitor, council should not be involved in the appointment, citing a conflict. The solicitor will research the issue.
- There was discussion about the current Auditing firm of France, Anderson, and Basille and the possibility of replacing them. Several council members met with Vondercrone and Behrens from Nazareth on March 10th, in an effort to find an acceptable option. Council President, based on the meeting, recommended the change in auditing firms.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Carl Zito to appoint Vondercrone and Behrens as the Borough Auditors for the year 2010. They will file for an extension and begin our audit after April 15th. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- There was to be no official business conducted after 8:36 PM. There was a recess of five minutes and the meeting resumed at 8:45 PM with Council working on the accuracy of the sewer customer list.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Jack Fatzinger, second by Carl Zito to adjourn at 10:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will held on Wednesday, April 7th, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard
Acting Borough Secretary