

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

Attendance

- **Councilors present were:** Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice- President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Ms. Cindy Hower was absent
- **Also present:** Mayor Sherman Metzger

- There were two additional people in the audience.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- None

Council Comments

- **Jack Fatzinger** – The bus schedule for Old Easton Rd has been changed and now children have to cross the road.
- **Amy Richard** – A sympathy bouquet was sent to Connie Marakovits on behalf of the Borough of Stockertown.

Old Business

- **Waste Water Treatment Plant** – Amy Richard reported written consent has been obtained from Polymer Products to take down the tree. The gate and part of the fence at the Waste Water Treatment Plant will be removed. No trespassing signs will be posted and people will be prosecuted if found on the premises. The DEP letter regarding the pilot study for the Chlorination/Dechlorination project was received and DEP approved the project for 1/3 of the flow. This is the same amount as the last study. Amy Richard and Paul Zaboy met with the Engineer regarding the building for the site. The building specs have been received. Contact was made with PP & L and the water company regarding the pole and taking down the tree on Winona St. PP&L and PA American Water Company will call Charlie Davis.

New Business

- **Borough Insurance** – Amy Richard received two quotes for the Borough insurance package.
 - **Brown and Brown of the Lehigh Valley – Selective Insurance** \$16,764 without terrorism coverage. Selective offers Heart and Lung coverage. The blanket total aggregate is \$1,985,790. There is a \$500 deductible.
 - **Brown and Brown of the Lehigh Valley – Praetorian Insurance Co.** \$15,800. Praetorian does not offer Heart and Lung coverage and there is not blanket coverage. There is a deductible of \$1,000.
 - **Sims Agency** – Will have a quote in for the next Borough meeting.

Amy Richard noted the fire truck amount was increased.

A dividend check will be coming in from Brown and Brown in the amount of \$257 for the year 2010. Amy Richard requested Brown and Brown check the records to see if the 2009 dividend check was cashed.

2011 Budget

- A memo will be sent out to the Department Heads to attend the next 2011 Budget meeting on October 13, 2010.
- Paul Zaboy noted interest is down on the Borough bank accounts, the real estate assessment for 2011 will probably be lower due to appeals, and the amount of funds generated from earned income tax may also be down for 2011.
- Quickbooks actual reports, Excel budget summary information, and Excel detail breakdowns were handed out and reviewed at the meeting.

Police Department Budget Requests

- Copies of Police Chief John Soloe's 2011 Budget requests were copied to the Council and Mayor. Chief Soloe would also like to update a car and computer in 2011 if possible.
- An increase in salaries is listed on the budget sheet.
- The heating oil, electric, water, and building maintenance will have the following breakdown for 2011.
 - **Police 45%**
 - **Public Works 45%**
 - **Fire 5%**
 - **Emergency Management 5%**

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Copies of the WWTP 2011 Budget requests from Charles Davis were copied to the Council and Mayor for review. It was noted the weeds at the sewer plant should be cut.

Public Works Department

- Copies of the Public Works 2011 Budget requests from Charles Davis were copied to the Council and Mayor for review.
- **FRCA –First Regional Compost Authority** sent a letter to the Borough. FRCA represents the municipalities of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Lehigh, and Moore Townships. The letter notes a central processing facility for recycling of yard waste has been in full operation for two years. The facility is expanding to handle additional jurisdictions. The Authority currently accepts yard waste and grass clippings and has numerous projects that will be starting in the future. The projects include curbside collection, tire recycling, food waste recycling, paper/plastic/glass recycling, and other projects. The Authority provides a drop off area for yard waste, and pick up area for free mulch and compost.
- **Chipper** – The current chipper is not working well. The approximate cost of a new chipper is \$21,000.00. The Council discussed whether the Borough should continue to offer the service of chipping up branches. It was noted out of 700 residents only about 12 residents use the service on a consistent basis. Some of the alternatives would be to offer the service once in the spring and once in the fall with the possibility of using a rented chipper.

Buildings

- Copies of the Building Maintenance list from Charles Davis were distributed to the Council and Mayor. Councilor Joe Gosnell questioned the amount for the slaughterhouse shed roof replacement in Newhart Park. Council President Amy Richard noted the cost to insure Memorial Hall is \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year. The building is not in use and needs to be razed in the future. Ms. Richard discussed the possibility of a future municipal complex on the site in two phases. Phase #1 Borough Hall and Police Department with provisions for a community shelter in case of emergency. Phase #2 Re-do of the current EMA and Police building. An article will

go into the next newsletter regarding Memorial Hall and estimates to raze the building will be obtained.

Secretary/Treasurer Report – Jane Mellert

- **Stratix Systems** – Jane Mellert met with Ben Guerin an Account Representative with Stratix Systems. Mr. Guerin prepared a current expense comparison for the existing Ricoh copy machine with the cost of leasing a new machine. Ms. Mellert noted she spoke to Chief John Soloe and he purchased a copy machine for the Police Department. The Police Department is no longer in need of the current Ricoh copier.
- **Web Site** – Costs will be obtained for a Borough web site.
- **2010 Sewer Fund Reports** – The Revenues and Expenditures in Comparison To the Budget and Expenditure Detail reports were copied to the Council and Mayor for review.
- **Moving Permit Samples** – Samples of moving permits from Upper Nazareth, Lynn, and Washington Township were presented for review. The current Borough moving permit needs to be updated in order to provide additional information to the Earned Income Tax Collector and School District Office.

- **2011 Budget Meetings** – The second 2011 Budget Meeting will be held on October 13, 2010.

- **Adjournment**
 - **A motion was made by Carl Zito to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 PM. The motion was seconded by Jack Fatzinger and passed by unanimous vote.**

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane A. Mellert, Secretary
Borough of Stockertown