

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Robin Davis was absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Chief John Soloe and Asst. Chief Eric Schwab were present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Comment

- Rosemarie Wenzelberger stated that she was not happy that Center Street was not plowed from curb to curb and that everyone did not get their cars off of the street for snow removal.
- Joe Gosnell reported that the junction box on the pole located at the intersection of Rt. 191 and Main Street was broken again.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2018, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through January 15, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.
- A flyer from Northampton County was distributed advertising their Electronics Recycling Collection Events for 2018. There will be five events in 2018. Amy Richard stated that she will attach the flyer to her January Newsletter.
- An updated Contact list of Borough Officials was distributed to Council.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Charlie Davis had nothing to report

Police

- Chief Soloe informed Council that he will be interviewing an individual to be employed on an as needed basis as an Animal Control Officer. He stated that she has worked in surrounding jurisdictions. He will advise Council of his decision once he receives additional information.

- Chief Soloe emphasized the importance to comply with Borough Ordinance with respect to keeping the sidewalks clear of snow, especially for the handicapped and children in the area.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Gary Asteak stated that we began the process of reviewing the vehicle code provisions of our Code of Ordinances last year. After several revisions he presented the proposed Ordinance No. 2018-1 which is a revision of Chapter 228 of the Code of Ordinances addressing speed limits, stop intersections and parking, and also setting forth the penalties for violations thereof. He stated that the Ordinance was duly advertised in the Express Times on December 19, 2017 and filed in the Northampton County Library. Attorney Asteak stated that we are now ready for public hearing and to take a vote for adoption.
- Amy Richard asked if there were any questions.
- Joe Gosnell questioned what the outcome was of lowering the speed limit to 25 mph on Main Street. He was advised that PennDot declined to perform a traffic study on Main Street, which is necessary to change the speed limit; therefore, the speed limit must remain 35 mph as mandated by PennDot.
- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street asked for clarification of the section of the Ordinance wherein an individual is able to pay the Borough for a violation. Attorney Asteak explained that the Ordinance provides that certain violations can be paid to the Borough Office. If they fail to do so within 5 days, then the violation will be forwarded to the Magistrate’s Office for prosecution.
- Eric Wenzelberger once again reiterated his concern for removal of the snow emergency signs on Center Street.
- Joe Gosnell commented that he would like to allow parking on the 400 block of Main Street. He stated that several neighbors have approached him on this subject.
- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-1 amending Borough Ordinance Chapter 228, Vehicles and Traffic:
 - Section 1 – Speed Limits
 - Section 2 – Violations and Penalties
 - Section 3 – Parking time limits
 - Section 4 – Violations and Penalties
 - Section 5 – Stop Intersections Designated
 - Section 6 – Snow Emergency Routes
 - Section 7 – Establishment of No-Parking Zones
 - Section 8 – Violations and Penalties
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded Cindy Hower to adopt Ordinance No 2018-1 as presented to Council. Vote went as follows:

		Yea	Nay
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion carried by a 4 to 2 Vote of Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-1

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN, CHAPTER 228, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, SPEED LIMITS, ARTICLE II, PARKING TIME LIMITS, ARTICLE V, STOP INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED, ARTICLE VI SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES, ESTABLISHMENT OF NO PARKING ZONES, SIGNS AND PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Agenda

- Amy Richard updated Council on the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) lawsuit. She stated that the Borough is still in litigation pending the permit that DEP is holding over the Borough to create a new sewer plant by the end of 2019. DEP is now fully aware of our commitment to connect to the Easton sewer lines. The lawsuit has now been Stayed until October 1, 2018 which will give us ample time to complete our 537 Plan and have it approved at which time they will drop the lawsuit. Amy Richard stated that as she obtains more information, she will pass it on.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit into executive session at 8:10 PM for personnel issues. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to exit executive session and enter into regular session at 8:13 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:14 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on February 5, 2018.

The foregoing was approved the 5th day of February, 2018.

President of Council

Attest: _____