

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2023**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Renee Cantwell and Katie Santiago. Pam Davis was absent.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak and Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger were present.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to add several Requests from Sean Dooley to Borough Council.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to add the requests submitted from Sean Dooley to Borough Council to the agenda. Motion carried unopposed.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through January 4, 2023. Motion carried unopposed.
- Statements of Financial Interest were distributed to Council to be filled out and returned to the Borough office
- Bank Balance as of December 30, 2022 were provided and read aloud by Amy Richard. The balance are as follows.

General Fund Savings	\$402,605.09
General Fund Checking	\$ 21,524.94
Sewer Fund Savings	\$103,139.19
Sewer Fund Checking	\$ 4,804.14
Real Estate Tax Account	\$ 2,301.58
Recreation Fund	\$ 3,111.43
Highway Aid Checking	\$ 32,022.63
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 3,561.88
Escrow Account	\$ 14,066.13
Debit Card Account	\$ 2,936.33
Police Reserve Fund	\$ 49,874.20
Public Works Reserve Fund	\$ 48,481.61
Money Market Account	\$179,998.02

## Mayor Report

- Mayor Wenzelberger reported that it is difficult finding officers to staff the Police Department and Amy Richard explained that there is a huge shortage of police officers throughout the area and across the country due to defunding the police and the laws that have been changed which do not support police. The Borough is also plagued by constant negative chatter around the community which is intimidating the potential officers from working for the Borough. Our Police Administrator is working diligently to find upstanding ethical officers and we will not settle for less. The Borough has three new police vehicles and all updated equipment. The police building has been totally renovated and is ready for a new police department. We only need to find officers who will not be intimidated and represent real police officers.

## Zoning

- John Soloe has provided a new Zoning Fee Schedule. Amy Richard stated she would like to table this item until Sean Dooley has an opportunity to review them.
- Council was provided two sets of quotes for a new Zoning Officer. One is from Keycodes Inspection Agency and one from Barry Isett & Associates. Amy Richard stated that she would like to table this item to be able to review the quotes and look further into these agencies.

## Public Works

- Amy Richard stated that Public Works has been very busy cleaning and painting the police department. She stated that the Borough is not putting a large amount of money into this building because it is so poorly constructed and difficult to retrofit or repair. At some point in the future, grant funding may become available to replace the structure with a municipal complex.

## Agenda

- Amy Richard stated that a donation has been made on behalf of the Borough by Entech Engineering to Second Harvest in the amount of \$1,000.00. Entech Engineering is the firm who assisted with the Sewer Interceptor Project.
- Amy Richard read out the request from Sean Dooley to Borough Council
  1. Formal authorization from Borough Council to the Planning Commission to review zoning against new comprehensive plans and identify deficiencies with current zoning. Goal – changes/modification should be adopted. Amy Richard stated that she sees no reason not to let the planning commission do this. It would cost the Borough a substantial amount to have someone outside of the Borough to undertake this task. She stated that Sean Dooley is extremely versed in this area and dedicated to the Borough. Council agreed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to authorize Sean Dooley through the Planning Commission to review the zoning. Motion carried unopposed.

- 2A Sean Dooley would also like a consensus from Borough Council to implement truck restrictions on Lefevre Road. Council all agreed.
- 2B Sean Dooley would like Council to authorize him to reach out to Plainfield Township as a formal Borough representative to ask them if they will join the Borough in implementing truck restrictions. Mr. Dooley is offering to prepare the engineering study to support the restriction at no cost. Council was all in favor of his proposal.
- 3 Sean Dooley proposed to ask Charlie Unangst of Hanover Engineering for a cost proposal to install traffic counters on Bushkill and Center Streets to count total traffic over a one (1) week period, with a break down of semi-trucks vs. other vehicles. Amy Richard stated that she is 100 percent in favor of this. She stated that for those who do not know, there has been a sketch plan submitted for a small flex warehouse off of Bushkill and Center Streets. Council all agreed on this issue.

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to exit the regular meeting and enter into executive session for personnel information only at 8:25 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:34 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

#### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on January 16, 2023  
The January 16, 2023 meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the 6<sup>th</sup> day of **February, 2023**.

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President of Council

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