

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2022**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Renee Cantwell, Pam Davis and Katie Santiago. Kathleen Zdonowski was absent.
- Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Mabelle Kresge were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Amy Richard informed Council that she needs to add three items to the agenda for their approval.
 1. Review of the Vehicle Code Ordinance prepared by Attorney Asteak
 2. Discussion of the tree removal in front of Emil Lukas' property, and
 3. Executive Session
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to add the three items to the Agenda. Motion carried unopposed.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through October 3, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Wenzelberger had nothing to report.

Zoning

- Amy Richard stated that she spoke with Zoning Officer, John Soloe, regarding the amendment to the Vehicle Code Ordinance and that he is in favor of all of the revisions. John Soloe also informed Ms. Richard that he had been in touch with the owner of the school house property several times with regard to cleaning up around the area.

Public Works

- Public Works is in the process of cleaning the police garage. The garage and offices will get a new paint job. They are putting new locks on the doors which cannot be jimmed open like the old door.
- Leaf Pickup will begin November 1, 2022 and continue through the month as long as the weather permits. Only leaves should be in the piles and the piles should be placed at the end of the property so the hoses can reach them.

Agenda

- Amy Richard informed those present that the Borough has received a check for the Fireman's Relief Fund in the amount of \$6,443.26 which will be forwarded to Forks Township Fire Company.
- The Borough has received \$1,042.28 for our Recycling Grant which is slightly higher than last year.
- Amy Richard asked the Council members to look over the amended Vehicle Code Ordinance. She stated that she does not want to push this Ordinance through unless everyone was 100 percent comfortable with the wording. Ms. Richard stated that Attorney Asteak will be going out of town and that if everyone was agreeable with the Ordinance, she would like to authorize him to advertise it before he leaves. Once it is on the record, the public will then have a chance for comment when Attorney Asteak returns. The new issue in the Ordinance has to do with unattended vehicles on private property. Amy Richard stated that she needs a Motion to send the Vehicle Ordinance to Attorney Asteak for advertising. She stated that if anyone was not comfortable with the Ordinance, that it can be tabled to a future meeting.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to send Ordinance 2022-1, Amending the Code of Ordinances of Stockertown, Chapter 228, Vehicles and Traffic to Regulate unattended Vehicles on Private Property, Overnight Parking of Commercial Vehicles, Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Districts, Parking of Commercial Vehicles on Public Streets, Sleeping/Residing in Motor Vehicles parked in Driveways and Streets, Prohibited Hours for Commercial Deliveries and Storage on Public Highways to Attorney Asteak for advertising. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street asked for clarification of the Vehicle Code Ordinance. There was a discussion of hiring Constables to help enforce the new Ordinance until the new Police Department is up and running.

Council Comment

- Amy Richard stated that Dan Monek is assisting the Borough with its new Police Department. All possible candidates will be thoroughly vetted.
- Amy Richard was very grateful that the intersection at Rt. 191 and Main Street has been improved. She stated that PennDot plans to repave all of Main Street and Rt. 191 in the August of 2023. Public Work's Director, Ken Zemencsik stated that PennDot has also been clearing out the area at the end of Bushkill Street by the Bridge and could possibly be putting a new bridge in.
- Amy Richard informed Council that plans have been rescinded from Lezzer Lumber. The new plans show construction of a warehouse. No one was happy about that

information. Amy Richard stated that the Borough cannot stop them if they meet all the necessary requirements.

- Amy Richard stated that Sean Dooley approached her concerning a tree in the Borough's right-of-way which is dead. Sean Dooley and his new neighbor who purchased Emil Lukas' house are willing to help pay the cost of having it removed. Mr. Dooley is asking if the Borough would chip in with the cost of having it removed. Ms. Richard stated that the tree is completely on the Borough's right-of-way and is hanging over the power lines. Ms. Richard stated that there have been nonstop complaints about dead trees in the Borough and along the trail. She stated that the tree on Lefevre that Mr. Dooley is requesting help with is right on the street and could take down power lines in a storm. Estimates are being obtained. She suggested that public works could possibly put in some time with hauling away the tree and possibly the Borough contributing towards the cost. The matter will be discussed further when estimates are received.
- There were no further comments. Amy Richard asked for a motion to go into executive session.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis to enter into executive session at 7:51 pm. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 8:03 pm. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to hire Mabelle Kresge as the new Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on October 17, 2022.
The October 17, 2022 meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the 26th day of **October, 2022**.

President of Council

Attest: _____