

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2024**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 2024 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

- There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Pamela Davis to approve Council Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Katie Santiago to approve accounts payable for the General and Sewer Funds through October 7, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger reported on an email with Charles Richards from PennDot regarding crosswalks and who is liable. Mr. Richards stated he does not know who is liable if we draw crosswalks and/or add signs. Gary Asteak remarked, "If the state will not accept responsibility, then council won't accept the liability. Adding crosswalks make people think it is safe to cross, when it is not." Council decided not to add crosswalks at this time.

Police

- Halloween - Trick or Treat will be observed on Thursday October 31, 6-8pm.
- Amy Richard reported Stockertown will provide law enforcement to patrol the streets and pass out candy and dog treats to all the Trick or Treaters.
- Borough residents asked to use the Borough parking lot for a Trunk and Treat gathering they organized on FB, to be held on Sunday, Oct 27th. Council approved using the Borough parking lot for the Trunk or Treat event.
- Amy Richard reported no update on obtaining police for the Borough.

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Solicitor:

- Attorney Gary Asteak reported on the RCN franchise contract. Gary is in contact with RCN and in negotiations to renew the franchise. It is not ready for approval at this time.
- Gary Asteak reported on garbage bid contracts submitted. Stockertown Borough received two bid packets for our upcoming contract.
- Republic Services regrettably declined to bid due to automated service issues. Casella Waste Systems offered a bid for a 2-year contract bid of \$284,551-, or 3-year contract of \$427,125.
Gary Asteak recommended Borough Council table receipt of these bids tonight and review the package for conformity of the bid packet and take action at the next meeting. Gary stated this bid is consistent with what other municipalities have received, due to costs, labor, disposal increases.
- **Motion by** Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to table the garbage bid decision until next meeting. Motion carried unopposed.
- Gary Asteak commented on the need and responsibility for cameras to be installed on all school busses, after residents addressed their concerns about cars driving passed stopped busses as they were loading or unloading children. Gary Asteak will send a letter to Nazareth School District and the transportation Company that services Nazareth schools, demanding compliance.

Public Works:

- Amy Richard reported no date has been set for Leaf Pick up. The date will be provided at the next Council meeting.
Public Works summary report as submitted.

Agenda Items:

- Amy Richard reported the budget will be reviewed in an upcoming meeting due to insufficient information from the County Assessment Office. Wednesday's budget meeting will be cancelled.

Public Comment:

- Jeffrey Miller, 407 Main Street reported that School has been in session for 6 weeks, and 9 incidents have occurred with people racing through stop signs of the buses. Mr. Miller reported his children almost got hit. Driver's going so fast cannot capture license plates or pictures.
- Amy Richard will reach out to the PA State Police regarding this 6:30 – 8:30am and 2:30 – 4:30pm timeframe to see what can be done. Attorney Asteak recommended checking with the school districts on this problem. Katie Santiago commented on the benefit of drafting a letter to Nazareth School District to inquire on cameras and start noting who is in violation. A letter of concern will be forwarded.

- Mr. Miller also reported on a 5 minute loading/unloading sign which our public works placed on his property. The garbage company knocked over this sign in February which public works picked up but has not been replaced to date. Amy Richard will have public works address the issue.
- Eric Wenzelberger commented on metal sticking up near the jungle gym. Amy Richard stated she will let Public Works know about the jungle gym issue.

Council Comments:

- **Executive Session:** Personnel
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski for Council to go into Executive Session for personnel matters at 8:20pm. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Pamela Davis, Seconded by Renee Cantwell to adjourn Executive Session at 9:11pm and return into regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- No action was taken from executive session.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:13pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for Monday October 21, 2024 – Cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **4th** day of **November, 2024**.

President of Council

Attest: _____