

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Amy Richard asks for a moment of silence with respect to the attacks on the people of France.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger questions what was being done about Commerce Way. Amy Richard informed him that pot holes are filled on a regular basis. Quotes to concrete the road are being obtained. Unfortunately nothing can be done until Spring.
- Gary Asteak stated that he is now representing the new owner of the Shell Station on Commerce and that he has offered to contribute \$10,000 towards repaving the road.

Council Comment

- Robin Davis stated that the bulb in the light post in front of the municipal building needs to be replaced. Mrs. Davis also wanted to congratulate Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Kathleen Zdonowski and Amy Richard on winning the election. She stated that they have a good working group on council and she hoped that would continue.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2015 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through November 16, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis advised John Soloe that several residents have complained to him about the sign at Widow's Tavern. Mr. Soloe stated that the matter is being addressed. He is hopeful that it will be resolved within a week.

Police

- Chief Soloe stated that the Borough's website now has a section under Police to assist residents. Anita Caughy explained how the website works. There is a section for residents to fill out a form and either mail or email it to the police to check on the elderly and also a form to complete to have a police officer check on homes when residents are on vacation.

Zoning

- John Soloe stated all was quiet.

Public Works

- Alex Hennings prepared a work report for council to review. Joe Gosnell stated that he is very impressed with the amount of work that is being completed.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak received the signed garbage contract from Waste Management for an extension of one year. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to sign the extension of the contract.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to sign the one year extension of the garbage contract with Waste Management at the same rates. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda

- The General Fund and Sewer Fund were the main items on the Agenda. Amy Richard stated that the Borough received the notice of the total assessed value for tax purposes for 2016 in the amount of \$26,038,800.00. Each item was reviewed by Council.
- The Budget shows a cut of \$2,500.00 from last year. Amy Richard stated that there is nowhere else to cut and that costs keep going up. It would be prudent to consider increasing taxes next year by a quarter or half of a percent. All council members agreed not to increase taxes this year but would have to consider a tax increase next year due to the rising costs to run the Borough which is out of everyone's control.
- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to accept the General Budget for 2016 for advertising.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to accept the General Fund Budget for 2016 for advertising in the amount of \$534,493.05. Motion carried unopposed.
- The Sewer Fund Budget was then reviewed. Amy Richard stated that the sewer fees have not increased for years and we do not intend to raise them. We do not have many items which can be cut; it is pretty much bare bones.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to accept the Sewer Fund Budget for 2016 for advertising in the amount of \$210,150.00. Motion carried unopposed.

- Amy Richard stated that Aflac will be terminated at the end of December. Everyone will have the option to continue the coverage on their own.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 PM for a short personnel issue. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit Executive Session at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The Budget Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2015 has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the 7th day of **December, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____