

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017 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.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy was present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Chief John Soloe and OIC Eric Schwab were present.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Comment**

- Chief John Soloe introduced Stephen Searfoss as a prospective new police officer for the Borough. Council welcomed him and asked several questions regarding his experience and previous employment. Chief Soloe stated that he felt Mr. Searfoss would be an asset to the Borough. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to hire Mr. Searfoss.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to hire Stephen A. Searfoss as a new police officer for the Borough of Stockertown. Motion carried unopposed.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2017 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 November 20, 2017. Motion carried unopposed.

**Public Works**

- Amy Richard stated that the new garbage and recycling cans have been distributed throughout the Borough. A letter has been sent out to all residents advising that if they did not receive the cans to contact the Borough office and arrangements would be made to distribute cans to households which were missed.
- Amy Richard discussed the possibility of installing speed bumps on the hill coming down Old Easton Road to slow traffic and make the road safer for residents. The speed bumps will be removable for snow plowing in the winter months. Solicitor Asteak recommended that the speed bumps be in accordance with PennDot standards to avoid any possible liability. Signs will also need to be installed in both

directions. Amy Richard decided to hold the decision until the next meeting in order to obtain estimates for the required speed bumps.

- Amy Richard read an email she received from Jeff Morgan, Borough Engineer, regarding the Borough's hook-up to the Easton Sewer Authority.
- An estimate was received for the preliminary study for the Bog Turtle Habitat. It was estimated to be in the amount of \$3,600.00.

### **Solicitor**

- Solicitor Gary Asteak discussed Senate Bill 251 which would allow municipal police officers to use radar for speed enforcement. He stated that the Borough would have to adopt an Ordinance after the Bill is signed into law.
- Solicitor Asteak presented a draft of the Vehicle Code Ordinance for review.

### **Agenda**

- Council members were provided with a copy of the letter received from the Northampton County Department of Transportation stating that they have denied the Borough's request for a traffic study in order to reduce the speed limit on Main Street.
- The General Fund and the Sewer Fund Budgets were reviewed and discussed by Council. A final Budget Meeting will be held on November 29, 2017 at which time the budget is expected to be approved for advertising.

### **Executive Session**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. for salary discussion. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit Executive Session at 9:05 P.M. and enter into General Session. Motion carried unopposed.

### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:10 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on December 4, 2017

The foregoing was approved the **29<sup>th</sup>** day of **November, 2017**.

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President of Council

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