

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH BUDGET
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Pamela Davis, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Joe Gosnell was absent.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy was present.
- Chief John Soloe and Asst. Chief Eric Schwab were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger stated that he does not want his taxes raised. He also inquired as to where the Mayor position was advertised. He was informed that it was advertised on the Borough sign as well as on the board in the foyer.

Council Comment

- There were no Council comments

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2018 with one correction.
 - Under Agenda, Bullet No. 7, remove the “s” from hours. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Pam Davis to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through November 28, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- One letter of interest was received by the Borough Office for the vacant Mayor position. Each Council member received a copy of the letter. The letter was received from Kenneth Zemencsik, a Borough resident and Public Works employee. Council discussed the benefits of Mr. Zemencsik filling the open position because of his knowledge of what was happening throughout the Borough on a daily basis. Kathleen Zdonowski stated that she feels he is more than qualified for the position. There were no other letters of interest submitted; therefore, Amy Richard stated that she would like to nominate Ken Zemencsik for the position. She asked for a Motion to appoint Mr. Zemencsik as the Mayor of Stockertown

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Pam Davis to appoint Kenneth Zemencsik as the Mayor of Stockertown. Motion carried unopposed.
- Solicitor Asteak provided Resolution 2018-9 for Filling a Vacancy in Office of Mayor. The Resolution stated that a vacancy has been created by the death of Mayor Paul Zaboy and that the vacancy was lawfully advertised. Council wishes to fill the vacancy until the first Monday in January 2020.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adopt Resolution 2018-9 FILLING A VACANCY IN OFFICE OF MAYOR, appointing Kenneth Zemencsik as Mayor of Stockertown until January, 2020. Motion carried unopposed.

Zoning

- Zoning Officer John Soloe informed Council that Lezzer Lumber of Center Street, contacted him regarding a water runoff problem on their property. He advised them to contact the County Water Conservation Authority.

Agenda

- The bank balances as of November 28, 2018 were provided to Council. They were as follows:

	Amount
General Fund Savings	\$363,797.83
General Fund Checking	\$ 31,589.14
Sewer Fund Savings	\$ 48,794.01
Sewer Fund Checking	\$ 8,927.22
Real Estate Tax Acct.	\$ 64,888.34
Recreation Fund	\$ 3,103.02
Highway Aid Checking	\$ 31,253.71
Fire Truck Fund	\$ 3,550.28
Escrow Account	\$ 100.00
Debit Card Acct.	\$ 1,793.10
Money Market Account	\$440,292.84

- Council reviewed the General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets. There were no additional changes suggested. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel wage issues.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit regular session and enter into Executive Session at 7:55 PM for personnel wage issues. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit Executive Session and enter back into Regular Session at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Sewer Fund Budget for advertising in the amount of \$210,175.00. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve the General Fund Budget for advertising in the amount of \$569,297.00. Motion carried unopposed.

- Amy Richard informed Council that the December 5th and December 19th advertised budget meetings will be cancelled since the Budget has been approved.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to increase the 2019 Real Estate Tax millage by .25 mills. The new tax rate will be 14.0 Mills. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Pam Davis to approve a one-time contribution for 2018 to the Roth Account set up for Asst. Chief Eric Schwab. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Pam Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on December 3, 2018
 The December 3, 2018 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **17th** day of **December, 2018**.

 President of Council

Attest:_____