

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

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 Katie Santiago to approve Council Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Katie Santiago to approve accounts payable for the General and Sewer Funds through November 4, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor's Report:

- No Report

Police

- Dan Monek reported on ongoing search for Police coverage for the Borough.
- Amy Richard reported that the State Police responded to 28 calls on behalf of the Borough for the month October.

Solicitor:

- Attorney Steven Mills reported on the RCN franchise contract. Solicitor is still in contact with RCN and in negotiations to renew the franchise with possible free internet.
- Attorney Steven Mills reported on garbage bid contracts submitted. Stockertown Borough received two bid packets for our upcoming contract. Only one was in conformity. That bid was from Casella for \$284,551 for a 2-year contract and \$427,125 for a 3-year contract.

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- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to accept the bid from Casella Garbage Service 3 year contract for \$427,125 (\$142,375 per year). This represents a monthly increase of \$1104.83 from present contract. Motion carried unopposed.
- Attorney Steven Mills reported that the Expanded Opportunity Area Resolution # 2024-03 must be tabled until next meeting
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Public Works:

- Amy Richard reported everyone has a copy of the work projects for the month.
- Ken Zemencsik, Public Works Director reported the Leaf Pick up dates are November 4 – November 27th.

Agenda Items:

- Amy Richard reported the budget will be discussed in an upcoming budget meeting after 2024 assessment is received from Northampton County Tax Office.

Public Comment:

- Resident Gina Talijan inquired on updates on a police department. Dan Monek, Police Consultant reported on various options in obtaining police coverage. Mr. Monek has received initial quotes from several area police departments. Dan also reported on the ongoing search for police candidates who applied to the Borough. Mr. Monek also reported on the need for policeman everywhere, and the numbers of those coming out of the academy are plunging. Discussion continued with the Borough Council.
- Resident Louise D’Achille inquired on maintenance of the Veteran’s Memorial on Main Street. Several residents in attendance volunteered to get it ready for Veterans Day.
- Resident Peter Dewey inquired about crosswalks. Our Solicitor Gary Asteak at the last meeting advised the Borough not to take on additional liability regarding crosswalks on Main Street.

Council Comments:

- **Executive Session:** Personnel
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Katie Santiago for Council to go into Executive Session for personnel matters at 8:32pm. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded by Cindy Howell to adjourn Executive Session at 9:13pm and return into regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Amy Richard to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:15pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2024.

The foregoing was approved the **18th** day of **November, 2024**.

President of Council

Attest: _____