

**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 remarked on report from State Police on monthly calls received on behalf of the Borough.

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. Bid was from Casella for \$284,551 for a 2 year contract and \$427,125 for a 3 year contract.

- **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 Expanded Opportunity Area Resolution # 2024-03 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 reviewed in an upcoming meeting after 2024 assessment is sent by Northampton County Tax Office.

Public Comment:

- Resident Gina Taliyan inquired with council on updates on a police department. Dan Monek, Police Consultant reported on various options in obtaining police coverage. He has received quotes in contracting with other region police departments. Dan also reported on the ongoing search of police candidates who applied to the Borough. All of these options have been a challenge. Mr. Monek also reported of the need for policeman and the numbers coming out of the academy plunging. Discussion continued with the Borough continuing its ongoing search.
- Resident Louise D'Achille inquired on maintenance of the Memorial Park. It is in disarray and asking about how the Borough may keep this Memorial presentable, especially in honor of Veteran's Day. Amy Richard reported on the project for the bridge repairs at Newhart Park taking up many of the hours of public works. Several of the residents in attendance volunteered to help and take care of the weeds, leaves and flats.
- Resident Peter Dewey inquired about crosswalks, PennDot liability of crosswalks already in effect. Our Solicitor Gary Asteak at the last meeting advised the Borough not to take on additional liability regarding new crosswalks.

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.

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- **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: _____