

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Attorney Steven Mills from Asteak Law Office, Chief John Soloe and OIC Eric Schwab were present. The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:30 PM

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Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street commented that a crossing guard would be helpful at the Main and Center Street intersection during Halloween as in the past. Amy Richard stated that a resident volunteered that service in the past and was unable to do it this year. Chief Soloe stated that there were numerous flares used and reflective Halloween bags were handed out to the children. Chief Soloe strongly recommended “snap lights” be used next year for safety.
- Robin Davis commented to Chief Soloe that she realizes that he has recommended on several occasions that Halloween be held on a weekend afternoon for safety. She asked him if he has heard any comments from residents to change Halloween. Chief Soloe stated “No”. Ms. Davis stated that if residents request to have Halloween changed then they would consider it.
- Earl Kocher of Old Easton Road questioned why the Saw Mill Golf Course was able to hook-up to the Borough’s Waste Water Treatment Plant. John Soloe stated that they had paid the required hook-up and permit fees to tap into the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Kocher wanted to know why they were allowed to tap in. Amy Richard advised him that the hook-up would have been approved at the time the sewer plant became operational which was in 1994. The golf course has requested to upgrade the amount of EDU’s to enlarge the facility and the answer they received was, no there is no additional capacity. Mr. Kocher continued to insist on a reason why they were allowed to hook-up when the golf course is not in the Borough. Ms. Richard stated that Mr. Unger, who was council president at the time, would have approved the hook-up. Mr. Unger was also the sewer inspector and plumber for the whole system. Several comments were made by each Council member as to the conflict of interest Mr. Unger presented to the Borough at that time when he was making all the decisions. He was personally responsible for approving the use of 6” main pipes for the sewer lines instead of the required 8” pipes. Mr. Kocher still feels that the golf course is not paying its fair share and should be made

to do so since they do not pay taxes to the Borough. Ms. Richard informed him that the tax records show that there is a portion of the golf course in Stockertown Borough and they are paying real estate tax to the Borough for that portion. They also pay their sewer bill each quarter.

- Amy Richard informed Council of her conference call with the Department of Environmental Protection, Borough Engineers and the Borough's attorney regarding the 537 Plan for the sewer plant which is being prepared by Entech Corporation. The Plan is in its final stages a month earlier than expected. The only hold up at this point is that the DEP is now requiring that a study be performed to check for the potential of "Bog Turtle habitats" in the area. Amy Richard feels that this is just another unnecessary expense to hold up the progress.

Council Comment

- There were no Council comments.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017 with one correction. Motion carried unopposed.
 - Under Agenda, Fourth Bullet, correct "Rosemary" to "Rosemarie".
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve accounts payable for the General and Sewer Funds through November 6, 2017. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis had nothing to report.

Police

- Chief Soloe read out the Calls for Service Report for the month of October, 2017. He stated that there were 4 Arrests, 5 Borough Ordinance violations, 4 Animal Complaints, 4 Ambulance Assists, 5 Drug Task Force Assists, 160 Traffic Summonses, and 27 Traffic Warnings, along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 273 Calls for October.
- Police Standard Operating Procedures for Body Camera and Racial Profiling were approved. The procedures were reviewed by the Borough's Insurance Company.
- Officer Eric Schwab stated that the residents were happy with the reflective Halloween bags which were handed out to the children.

Public Works

- Amy Richard stated that she has observed along with Alex Hennings, Director of Public Works, that after the completion of paving of the Borough roads, cars have been driving at excessive speeds, especially on Old Easton Road. Ms. Richard suggested the possibility of installing bump strips on Old Easton to slow down the drivers. According to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code drivers have 500 feet to bring their speed down to 25 mph. Bumps would have to be installed at least 500 feet from Main Street. There was then a discussion of installing rumble strips also.

Solicitor

- Attorney Steven Mills stated that the Grease Trap Ordinance was ready for approval. It has been duly advertised and ready for adoption.
- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adopt the Grease Trap Ordinance 2017-1 as advertised. Motion carried unopposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN ESTABLISHING CONTROL OF FATS, OIL & GREASE TO AID IN THE PREVENTION OF SANITARY SEWER BLOCKAGES, OBSTRUCTIONS AND OVERFLOWS FROM THE CONTRIBUTION AND ACCUMULATION OF FATS, OILS AND GREASES INTO SUCH SEWER SYSTEM FROM INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING FACILITIES, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, PERMITS, REQUIREMENTS, RECORD KEEPING, INSPECTIONS, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Agenda

- The proposed 2018 Borough calendar was distributed to Council for their review to be adopted at a later time.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:14 P.M. for legal matters. It was stated that no decisions would be made after the session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to exit Executive Session and enter into Regular Session at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion carried unopposed.

Council decided to cancel the Budget Meeting scheduled for November 15, 2017.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on November 20, 2017.

The foregoing was approved the day of .

President of Council

Attest:_____