

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2014

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Joe Gosnell, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Anita Caughy were in attendance.
- Chief John Soloe was absent.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger asked whether there were any other options to raising the taxes. He was informed that he has been present at every meeting and is aware how much the budget has been cut. He was asked if he has any other suggestions, and he did not.

Council Comment

- Robin Davis stated that there were two piles of snow in front of Mr. Kocher's house on Old Easton Road which needs to be cleared.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, seconded by Robin Davis to approve the Budget Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito seconded by Robin Davis to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Rails to Trails Fund through December 1, 2014. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that the light across from Mrs. Homoki's house has been out for over a year. Also the brush along Bushkill Street across from Einfalt is growing out to the road. PennDot is supposed to take care of that but they never do. He stated that our Public Works used to cut that back and suggested they take care of it.

Agenda

- The General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets were discussed along with the necessity to raise taxes for 2015. Budget sheets were handed out showing three different scenarios for employee raises with the contingency.

- **Motion** by Amy Richard, seconded by Joe Gosnell to raise the tax rate 2 mills for 2015 and to advertise the new rate to be adopted at the December 15, 2014 meeting. Voice vote was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Motion by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Robin Davis to give the employees a 50 cent raise with public works at a 35 hour week for the 2015 year. John Soloe will also be given a 25 cent raise as Police Chief with no increase as the Zoning Officer. Voice vote was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Motion by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Carl Zito to accept the Sewer Budget as presented. Voice vote was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Kathleen Zdonowski asked how the fence was coming along at the North Trail. It was stated that the chain link privacy fence was being put in tomorrow, weather permitting. The only thing missing is the handicap sign. PennDot is holding up the HOP for unknown reasons. Hale Built has to redo the handicap access on Center Street. After these issues are resolved the trail project will be complete with Hale Built.
- Carl Zito stated that he has a \$250 donation towards the fruit baskets. Eric Wenzelberger stated that he has a pledge for another \$100. Amy Richard will then review the list of residents over 75 years of age and order the fruit baskets from Weis.
- Robin Davis suggested sending letters out to the residents advising of the new tax rate. It was agreed to put the information in the next Newsletter.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:13 PM.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the 15th day of December, 2014.

President of Council

Attest:_____