

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:40 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- There were no public comments

Council Comment

- Joe Gosnell apologized for his absence from the previous meeting due to work obligations.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2018, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- Council reviewed the accounts payables. Joe Gosnell questioned the invoice received from Deiter Bros. Heating and Cooling for a new Defrost Board and Sensor for the Borough's heating system. He stated that these items should be covered under warranty. Anita Caughy stated that she did question Deiter Bros.'s sales representative regarding this charge and they informed her that it was not covered. Mrs. Caughy was able to locate the warranty information during the council meeting and it clearly stated that all parts have a 10 year warranty. She informed council that she would call Deiter Bros. and discuss the matter with them in the morning. Council did not approve payment for Deiter Bros.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve accounts payables for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through December 17, 2018, except Deiter Bros. Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$354.54. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Ken Zemencsik was officially sworn in as the new Mayor of Stockertown. Amy Richard welcomed him to his new position.

Solicitor

- Amy Richard asked Solicitor Asteak to explain the position of the NAZCOG Comprehensive Planning Committee Representative.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak informed Council that they must appoint a NAZCOG Comprehensive Plan Planning Committee Representative. Mr. Asteak stated that the committee meets quarterly. There is also a separate planning committee which meets monthly for the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Asteak stressed the importance to have a Borough Representative attend these meeting to provide input and participate in the process of preparing a comprehensive plan. Amy Richard stated that since everyone has a description of what the position will consist of, she asked Council members to consider volunteering. Amy Richard stated that Mayor Zaboy was attending these meetings but that she would like to give Mayor Zemencsik some time to acclimate himself to his new position before appointing him as the Borough's representative. Mr. Asteak stated that the representative must be an elected official. There were no volunteers for this position; therefore, Council decided to table this issue to a later date.

Police

- Asst. Chief Eric Schwab reported to Council the calls for service between November 1st and November 30, 2018. He stated that there were 17 arrests. Ten of the arrests were for narcotics, 1 for burglary, 2 arrests for forgery. There were 93 Traffic Enforcement Summonses; 64 Traffic Warnings; 30 Building checks on homes during vacations as well as vacant homes; 10 assist other agencies and numerous miscellaneous calls for a total of 284 calls for the month of November.

Public Works

- Public Works reported that there will be no further leaf pick-up throughout the Borough for the 2018 year.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak presented Ordinance No. 2018-2 for adoption which sets the tax rate for 2019 at 14.0 mills on each dollars of assessed valuation. He stated that the Ordinance was duly advertised in the Express Times on November 6, 2018.

ORDINANCE 2018-2

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN FOR THE YEAR 2019.

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Real Estate Tax Ordinance 2018-2 assessing the tax millage at 14.0 mills for the 2019 tax year. Motion carried unopposed.
- Solicitor Asteak stated that he needs authorization to advertise three (3) Ordinances for the hook up to Easton Sewer Authority. The first Ordinance is to adopt an Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement with the Easton Sewer Authority; second Ordinance is to adopt an Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement with Forks

Township; and a third Ordinance to adopt the Rules and Regulations that govern this process. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to advertise the three Ordinances.

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to advertise Ordinance 2019-1 to adopt the Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement with Easton Sewer Authority; Ordinance 2019-2 to adopt an Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement with Forks Township; and Ordinance 2019-3 to adopt the Rules and Regulations. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda

- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to adopt the 2019 General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets as duly advertised per the Ordinance previously approved.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Carl Zito to adopt the 2019 General Fund Budget. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Carl Zito to adopt the 2019 Sewer Fund Budget. Motion carried unopposed.
- Council reviewed the 2019 Calendar which listed the upcoming Council and Budget meetings for advertising.
- Amy Richard proposed adding additional funds to the Capital Fund Accounts for the Police Department and Public Works Department for future purchases.
- **Motion** by Amy Richard, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to transfer \$20,000 to the Public Works Capital Fund Account and \$15,000 into the Police Capital Fund Account. Motion carried unopposed.

New, Old or Unfinished Business

- Chief John Soloe informed Council that he attended a meeting with PennDOT regarding the two bridges located at Rt. 33 and Rt. 191. He stated that PennDOT informed them that there is movement with the bridges and that they will be replaced in the year 2022. PennDOT stated that they intend to maintain two lanes North and two lanes South during the process.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to exit into Executive Session at 8:10 PM for personnel issues. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to exit Executive Session and enter back into regular session at 8:22 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on January 7, 2019

The foregoing was approved the 7th day of January, 2019.

President of Council

Attest: _____