

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2023**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 18, 2023 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA APPROVAL** – No additional items were added

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower, to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through December 18, 2023. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor's Report**

**Public Works**

- Amy Richard reported the new John Deere Skid Steer with snow blower attachment was delivered. This equipment will be paid for by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Local Share Account Grant awarded by the Financing Authority's meeting March 16, 2023..
- Amy Richard reported the Public Works Department is all ready for impending snow.

**Solicitor** – No Report

## Agenda Items

- The Zoning Hearing Board heard the Appeal of Dawood Real Estate, aka Valero Gas Station, 307 Main Street requesting to remain open until midnight. The Board's 2 to 1 decision approved the station to stay open until 11pm with additional changes, mainly to lighting.
- Amy Richard asked for a motion to withdraw Resolution #2023-4 grant application due to deadline restrictions.  
**Motion** by Renee Cantwell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to withdraw Resolution 2023-4 grant application. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard reported there are continued drainage issues at the retention pond located on Jubilee Drive. Amy Richard addressed this with the Borough's Zoning Officer, Suzanne Borzak. Suzanne Borzak recommended our Solicitor Gary Asteak draft letters to the owners of this property requesting they clean the debris from the retention pond.
- Amy Richard presented the 2024 General & Sewer Budget for Adoption.  
**Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adopt the 2024 Sewer Budget of \$265,000 as presented. Motion Carried  
**Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adopt the 2024 General Budget of \$722,507.25 as presented. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-5 to fix the 2024 tax rate at 18 mills. This rate and all Borough taxes remain the same as 2023.  
**Motion** by Joe Gosnell fixing the tax rate for the Borough of Stockertown for the year 2024 at 18 mills. Motion carried unopposed.

## Public Comment:

- Peter Dewey inquired about police department updates. Dan Monek, reported this is an ongoing issue affecting many municipalities. Dan Monek stated it is very important to be selective with candidates to assure the Borough avoids problems similar to the past. Amy Richard stated the State Police remain diligent in assisting with the Borough's Police needs.

## Council Comment:

## Adjournment

- **Motion** by Renee Cantwell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:00pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is schedule for Tuesday January 2, 2024.

The foregoing was approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of **January 2024**.

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President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_