

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2024**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 2024 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Katie Santiago, Pam Davis, Joe Gosnell, and Renee Cantwell.
- Attorney Steven Mills, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Candace Keller, Borough Secretary were present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard at 7:35 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to add the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution and the 2025 Calendar Review. Motion carried unopposed.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Katie Santiago to approve accounts payable for the General and Sewer Funds through December 4, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor's Report:

- Nothing to report.

Police

- Dan Monek reported on a meeting he had with NASD's police chief, Mr. Patope where he addressed Jennings Transportation Co's lack of surveillance cameras on the busses and their inability to monitor traffic violations. They discussed the bus stop by Nazareth Beverage and the possibility of a change. Mr. Monek was also told that the NASD will not assist with obtaining crossing guards for Stockertown. Jennings Transportation will be sending Ms. Quinn (NASD representative) to observe the bus stop at Stockertown Beverage.
- Amy Richard reported that she spoke to a member of the NASD, Kathryn Roberts regarding the same issues of cameras, bus stops, and help hiring crossing guards.

- Amy Richard also went to the bus stop at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Main and observed many tri-axel speeding through this area. She saw one go right past the bus with its lights flashing. The bus had not come to a stop yet. Amy also noted a school bus travelling from Forks Township into Stockertown, going as fast as the trucks. She will again ask PSP for a truck inspection set up as soon as they are able.
- Amy Richard reported a letter was written before the Thanksgiving holiday to the property owner on Hillside where a van has been parked for several weeks impeding the line of sight. The van has since been moved.

Solicitor:

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell to authorize execution of the RCN Cable Franchise Agreement Ordinance 2024-02, Seconded by Cindy Hower. Attorney Steven Mills also noted RCN will be offering free internet services as part of this 10-year contract. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathy Zdonowski to adopt Resolution 2024-5 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Seconded by Joe Gosnell. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Works:

- Public Works employees attended an LTAP class for winter and snow maintenance.

Public Comment:

- Peter Dewey inquired about moving forward with meetings with Tatamy Police and Slate Belt Regional. Amy Richard reported that Council was waiting for the budget process to be finished before moving forward with sit-down meetings.

Agenda Items:

- Amy Richard presented the budget with final adjustments.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Katie Santiago to approve advertising of the 2025 General Fund Budget for \$715,501. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathy Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve advertising of the 2025 Sewer Fund Budget for \$270,196. Motion carried unopposed.
- Candace Keller, Secretary reported on complaints made by residents and nearby municipalities of noise coming from Polymer plant. Before reporting this further, Candace reported she called Polymer company and they discovered it was one particular piece of equipment (their dust collector). They made adjustments to this machinery and according to the feedback, the problem has, at least temporarily, been solved.
- Candace Keller presented the proposed calendar for the year. The dates have been reviewed and will be presented for advertising and final approval.

Council Comments:

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:48pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024. The foregoing was approved the **16th** day of **December, 2024**.

President of Council

Attest: _____