

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2022**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Renee Cantwell, and Kimberly Holden-Forsyth. Pam Davis was absent.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Mayor Ken Zemencsik and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Approval**

**Public Comment**

- John Seibert of Patriot Lane questioned Council regarding an issue of removing fallen trees in the Little Bushkill Creek in Plainfield Township. He was quickly advised that the matter is an ongoing Criminal Investigation which is not to be discussed and should not be public knowledge. Attorney Asteak asked him where he got his information. Mr. Seibert stated that he heard it around town. The matter was closed.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Renee Cantwell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through February 21, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor Report**

- The Mayor had nothing to report

**Police**

- Chief Schwab was not present at the meeting.

**Public Works**

- Public Works Director, Ken Zemencsik informed Council that the Jetter for the sewer lines has been ordered. He advised them that he was able to negotiate a lower price than was quoted that included additional items.
- Ken Zemencsik stated that a "5 Minute Loading and Unloading" sign has been installed on the 400 block of Main Street to assist the residents in unloading their cars before moving them to a safe location.

- Ken Zemencsik stated that he is obtaining quotes for additional signs throughout the Borough to replace the old wooden signs with similar signs that were ordered for the two ends of the Borough. Reversing the name of Metzgar Park back to Lincoln Park was discussed as well as Newhart Park. Also obtaining a bench or memorial plaque for Paul Zaboy who had dedicated his time as Mayor and Council Member to the Borough for many years was also discussed. Attorney Asteak stated that he would contribute to a bench for Paul Zaboy. These issues have been tabled for a later time.
- Council Members and the Mayor had received a letter from a resident complaining about the parking situation at The Goat Pub. The letter stated that cars park too close to the road and obstruct the view for cars pulling out onto Main Street. Chief Schwab reported that he had previously addressed the issue. Apparently, the cars are once again parking too close to the road and blocking the view. Amy Richard asked Mayor Zemencsik to inform Chief Schwab that the issue continues and for him to resolve the matter.

### Council Comment

- Amy Richard informed Council that she received a proposal from Hanover Engineering for an estimated cost to reconstruct Lincoln Street to provide an egress out of town in case of emergency. The estimated cost with contingencies, inspection and oversight is \$213,129.84. This issue will be revisited in the Spring. Ms. Richard stated that she is going to apply for a Grant which is due March 15<sup>th</sup> for this project.
- Kimberly Holden-Forsyth stated that during the last snow squall, PennDot had stopped salting the roads right at the Stockertown line. She was advised that unfortunately they have been doing that for years. Amy Richard stated that she would contact the PennDot representative.

Amy Richard asked for a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. She stated that she did not anticipate any action would be taken after the session.

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to enter into executive session for personnel issues at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 8:06 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

### Adjournment

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:06 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on March 7, 2022

The foregoing was approved the 7th day of March, 2022.

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President of Council

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