

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were: Council President Ms. Amy Richard, Vice President Mr. Paul Zaboy, Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present was Mayor Sherman Metzger, Zoning Officer John Soloe, and Solicitor Gary Asteak.
- Patrolman Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM by President Amy Richard followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

- Sean Dooley, 205 Main Street, expressed his appreciation to the Borough Police for stopping speeders on Main Street, noting the many times he 's heard sirens.
- Joe Gosnell spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission suggesting that Council consider giving some projects to the commission to research. He also invited Council to attend planning meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2011
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayoral Report

- Mayor Metzger stated that sinkholes have been found around the black train bridge near the WWTP as reported at the Bushkill Conservancy meeting. It is thought that the bridge is not safe for train travel.
- A card was received from Rosalie Mondello thanking Council for graduating her to regular employee status.

Public Works Report

- Supervisor Charles Davis provided additional information on the items needed for PW.
- Jetter: Price quotes range from \$15,909- USA Blue Book, to other prices of \$18,827- Costars and \$27,000-unknown. Specifications will be assembled and advertised for bids.
- Lefevre Road: Will require engineering and the bid process. One proposal for the cost of paving only is approximately \$45,000.
- Tar Work: Rental of tar buggy and materials is \$4,500. Lieberman Construction quoted \$3,910 or 85c/linear foot to do crack sealing. A proposal is expected from Chin, Inc.
- Items needed for the parks are wood chips, basketball nets, and a spring for a park piece.
- WWTP Pilot Project: 3 loads of stone (\$936) are needed for the right-of-way to the WWTP. Amy Richard to send letter advising Polymer Products of the anticipated project.
- The WWTP has been inundated with large amounts of inflow with as much as 150,000 gallons a day during the past several weeks of heavy rains. The normal flow rate is 45,000 to 55,000 gallons a day during normal weather. It is suspected that individuals are pumping

water from sump pumps or ground water runoff into the sewer system. Council is considering the use of Keystone Code Enforcement to inspect home owners suspected of directing their ground water into the sewer system.

- The probability also exists that there are compromised sections of sewer lines that are taking on large amounts of ground water, confirming the need to initiate inspection and repair of the fifteen year old infrastructure. The proposed jetter would be used in conjunction with the inspection project as well as clearing blockages which occur throughout the year.
- Council agreed to have Keystone Engineering prepare an I & I (inflow and infiltration) proposal to inspect the sewer lines in the borough with the use of cameras.

Solicitor's Report

- Gary Asteak reported that sewer delinquency letters were mailed on March 11, 2011, requiring recipients to make payment in full or payment arrangements within thirty days or a Municipal Lien will be filed against their property.
- Praxair sent the Borough notification of their renewal permit.

Agenda Items

- Rail to Trails: Paul Zaboy reported that he has not heard from Sherry Acevedo of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc who has been a contact and advisor to the Borough regarding the Rails to Trails grant. There are responses with deadlines that must be met as a condition of the grant contract. He will reach out to other departments for direction and advise on meeting the conditions of the contract.
- Memorial Hall: Council will have Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. prepare specs for the demolition of Memorial Hall excluding the removal of any asbestos. Their fee is to be capped at \$1,000. Council will seek individual proposals for the removal of any asbestos.
- Website samples: Amy Richard provided website samples and quotes for design and production. Quotes were received from WebSiteFreaks, Enter.Net, and PenTelaData. The issue was tabled until next meeting so members could do some research.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn to executive session at 8:48 PM to discuss personnel issues.
Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Jack Fatzinger, seconded by Carl Zito to return to regular session at 9:09 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, seconded by Jack Fatzinger to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.
- Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday April 4, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard
Acting Secretary