

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF May 15, 2023**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 15, 2023. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Wenzelberger has nothing to address.

Zoning

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to accept the new zoning schedule fees highlighted in yellow to the fees written in blue as presented. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Works

- Youth Field Day will be held June 3, 2023.
- New roof on the Municipal building was installed May 7, 2023.

- **Motion** by Amy Richard, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to get 3 proposals to replace the air/conditioning unit in the Post Office. Job is to be granted to the lowest responsible contractor, proposal not to exceed \$8,000. Motion carried unopposed.

Solicitor

- Gary Asteak reported Borough of Stockertown had a hearing before Magistrate Schlegel and the Borough was found not guilty on the prosecution from the Fish and Boat Commission. The case was dismissed.
- Gary Asteak reported the Borough's former Police Chief Schwab has been arrested on two separate sets of charge within the last month and is now pending preliminary hearings on some serious charges which he was charged with, including forgery and impersonation of a police officer.
- The Rod & Gun Club Lease has been completed and submitted to the Rod & Gun for review. This is contingent on obtaining sufficient insurance. The lease is for one year renewable annually.
- **Motion** was made by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Pam Davis to approve the lease as written contingent on approval of insurance coverage. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger stated concern for continued noise late at night coming from one of the nearby industries. The suggestion was to file complaints to DEP. These complaints will be documented and recorded with DEP.
- **Motion** to enter into executive session by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis at 7:55pm. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** to exit executive session by Joe Gosnell and Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski and enter back into regular session at 8:14. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** to increase PD Sargent budget allocation to \$51,000/year by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Renee Cantwell. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** to increase Public Works Supervisor wage to \$54,600/year by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Katie Santiago to increase health care benefit for Public Works Supervisor only to \$2,000 per year. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:16PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on June 5, 2023. Meeting for June 5, 2023 cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **19th** day of **June, 2023**.

President of Council

Attest: _____