

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2026**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY,
MAY 18th at 7:30PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Roll Call

- Council Members present were Peter Dewey, President; Katie Santiago, Vice President; Joe Gosnell; Kathleen Zdonowski, Richard Wagner and Timothy Kratzer. Amy Richard was absent.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger, Secretary/Treasurer Candace Keller were present.

The meeting was called to order by Peter Dewey, President at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried unopposed 6-0.

No public comment on agenda items.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Richard Wagner, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to approve the April 6, 2026 minutes as written. Peter Dewey Yes; Joe Gosnell Yes; Timothy Kratzer Yes; Katie Santiago Yes; Richard Wagner Yes; Kathleen Zdonowski No. Motion carried 5-1.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to approve the General and Sewer Fund Payables as presented. Motion carried unopposed 6-0.
- Treasurer's Report included bank balances.
Cares Recovery Act, \$49,473.20; Debit Card \$1,797.49; Fire Truck Fund \$5187.27; General Fund Checking \$29041.08; General Fund Savings \$206,962.46; Highway Aid (Liquid Fuels) \$115,914.85; MMA (Money Market) \$192,286.84; Police Vehicle Cap Res Fund \$58,869.39; Public Funds Works Cap Reserve \$45058.24; Recreation Fund \$ 4,326.95; Sewer Fund Checking \$67,764.12; Sewer Fund Savings \$16,978.93; Special Events Fund \$420.87; Tax Account \$249,832.81; Total Fidelity Bank \$1,043,914.50; PLGIT Savings \$510,076.96 – Grand Total \$1,553,991.46.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Gary Asteak nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Wenzelberger reported the PSP report will be included at next meeting.
- Mayor Wenzelberger also stated she is resigning from the landscaping committee.

Public Works

- Ken Zemencsik, PW Director reported on a request for permission from 9/11 Alliance to put 2 signs on the 9-11 trail route which travels to Washington, DC. Peter Dewey requested this vote be tabled until next meeting after he receives more information regarding placement of signs. Ken read his monthly report. Quotes were read on the purchase of a trailer to carry lawn mowers \$4995 and quote for a zero-turn lawn mower from Whitehall Turf (Co-Stars dealer) for \$14454.98, including two trimmers.

New Business

- **Motion** by Timothy Kratzer, Seconded, by Joe Gosnell to approve installing fire monitoring system on post office side of municipal building for \$810 from Hi-Tech Security. Motion Carried unopposed 6-0.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to transfer \$4,652.97 (removing trailer purchase of \$4995) from the public works capital savings account fund to the general fund (budget mowing line item). Peter Dewey Yes; Joe Gosnell Yes; Timothy Kratzer Yes; Katie Santiago Yes; Richard Wagner Yes; Kathleen Zdonowski No. Motion carried 5-1.
- **Motion** by Timothy Kratzer, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to approve the purchase of a Scag 72" zero-turn lawn mower from Whitehall Turf Equipment and for \$14454.98. Motion carried unopposed 6-0.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to approve the purchase of rotary drill plus 4 1/2" drill bit from Amazon, which was the least expensive of the three quotes at \$697.99. This drill and bit will be used to install and repair/replace signs in the Borough. Motion carried unopposed 6-0.

Old Business

- Peter Dewey reported on sinkhole updates. A meeting was held on May 22 with Solicitor Gary Asteak, Peter Dewey, Katie Santiago, as well as county, state officials and engineers. Lehigh Valley Live will be hosting this round table discussion on the sinkholes which are plaguing Palmer, Tatamy and Borough of Stockertown and our entire corridor. Ken Zemencsik, PW Director has provided pictures and maps were provided showing locations of sinkholes last logged in this area 2023 dating back to 2004.
- **Motion** by Richard Wagner, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to sign the contract with naStudios. Peter Dewey Yes; Joe Gosnell Yes; Timothy Kratzer Yes; Katie Santiago Yes; Richard Wagner Yes; Kathleen Zdonowski No. Motion carried 5-1.

Public Comment on non-agenda items

- Resident Phil Kleintop commented on a continuing problem of a dirt bike tract and noise violations. The noise has continued, so do the violations continue to be served or asked about a possible cease and desist order? Mr. Kleintop would like answers and follow through. The zoning officer will be notified.

- Resident Eric Wenzelberger reported a concern of a large sign with an arrow missing around the corner up on Main. Mr. Wenzelberger stated his concern for safety with this sign missing. PennDot will be notified in reference to replacing this sign.

Council Comment

- Richard Wagner stated his concerned for high water bill for hydrants with the Borough. It was explained this was for flushing out the water pipes to ensure water pipes were kept clean, etc.
- Richard Wagner also inquired about the PSP and railroad needing to get into the locked gates back by the sewer plant. Ken Zemencsik, PW will assist with this inquiry.
- Richard Wagner inquired about the stone being taken away by Christmas Tree Park. Lezzer was supposed to take care of this, but it has not been done completely at this time. Ken Zemencsik, PW will be looking in to this.
- Joe Gosnell inquired about the letter which was sent out to Eric Schwab. Joe inquired about content of letter. The letter was sent out confirming his dates of employment here at the Borough and no other content.
- Peter Dewey made a public statement that the situation with Fry's Mowing was not at all personal, as they have done a great job for the Borough, however only for budgeting purposes to save funds and in order to utilize our public works for mowing.
- Peter Dewey also thanked Ken Zemencsik for an excellent meeting having a clearer understanding of public works, their day-to-day duties and also thanked him for attending the council meeting tonight, being visible to the residents and answering any questions at hand.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded, by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn meeting at 8:39pm. Motion carried 6-0 unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2026.

The foregoing was approved the 6th day of **July, 2026**.

President of Council

Attest: _____