

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak and OIC Eric Schwab were present. Chief John Soloe advised that he would be late for the meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street expressed his appreciation for the branch pick-up throughout the Borough.

Council Comment

- Robin Davis questioned whether anything was being done with the school house? Amy Richard stated that she wished the Borough had bought that property. The property is owned by Edward Ruland and she knows of no plans to renovate the property.
- Robin Davis suggested that a shield be put on the strobe light at Hercules. Charlie Davis stated that the light is there for the safety of aircraft and a shield could not be used to block the light.
- Joe Gosnell suggested that the residents get a non-emergency code red call concerning the gypsy moth spraying. Anita Caughy stated that she would try to ascertain when the spraying would occur and send out an "all call" to notify residents.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2016 with one correction.
 - Under Mayor Report, Line 4 add "of" to size of the parking lot.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 2, 2016. Motion carried unopposed.

- Amy Richard read the recap of the electronic recycling event on April 16, 2016. A total of 641 cars came to the event with items to recycle. There were 541 cars polled and out of those cars polled, there were 6 residents from Stockertown who took advantage of the event.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that he and Officer Eric Schwab attended the Bushkill Township Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Awards were presented to deserving scouts for their achievements. He stated that it was a very enjoyable event.

Public Works

- A work performance report was prepared by Public Work's Supervisor, Karl Hennings, and distributed to Council for their review. Extensive work was performed at the sewer plant along with line striping of all the Borough parking lots. Amy Richard explained the abundance of snail eggs which hatched along the banks of the sewer beds. Public Works had to scoop all the pink gel up and torch them before they clogged up the sand filter which was just tilled.
- Additionally, branch pick-up; maintenance of the trail; refurbish and repair of the basketball courts and many other projects were listed.
- Amy Richard stated that she put a temporary stop to the study by Entech Engineering regarding the OPTAER SAGR Plan for the ammonia limits at the sewer plant because the DEP would not confirm that the current limits would continue after the five (5) years stated in the current Permit. She does not want to go forward with the study until she gets some confirmation from the DEP regarding the limits before the Borough expends hundreds of thousands of dollars for this plan.
- Mayor Davis stated that public works did a nice job with putting stone down for the parking lot at the ball field. There is still additional parking needed.
- Joe Gosnell questioned Officer Schwab whether a police officer patrols Strykers Road during the soccer meets to protect the children crossing the street. Officer Schwab stated that they do patrol the area regularly.
- Amy Richard stated that the "one day only" street cleaning will be scheduled in May. The exact date will be posted on the Borough's digital sign.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak stated that he has not heard any further information on the County trail project.

Agenda

- Council discussed changing the electric generating company to GDF Suez Think Energy after they had a chance to review the information distributed at the last council meeting. Amy Richard telephoned Mr. Searcy to clarify certain aspects of the agreement including their penalty charge. She was advised that Think Energy charges a flat rate of \$50.00 per month for the unused portion of the contract if the contract is cancelled early. There are no additional charges. Ms. Richard asked for a Motion to accept GDF Suez.

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to switch the electric generating company from PPL to GDF Suez Think Energy with a two (2) years contract. Motion carried with a majority vote. Voting went as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- The proposal which was received from Merchant Bank outlining their services for the Borough was distributed to Council for their review. Amy Richard reiterated the fact that National Penn was bought out by BB&T Bank and now would be a good time to consolidate all the Borough accounts into one Bank. Ms. Richard asked for a Motion to transfer all funds to Merchant Bank and close the accounts with National Penn. The sewer loan will stay with National Penn Bank/BB&T.
- Motion by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to transfer all bank accounts from National Penn Bank to Merchant's Bank. Motion carried with a majority vote. Voting went as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rosemarie Wenzelberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Zito	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Old, New or Unfinished Business

- Amy Richard had a discussion with Lee Clewell of the Rod & Gun Club who asked if the Borough could propose a plan to build and/or extend a pavilion onto the existing building located at the Rod & Gun Club ball field. She explained her idea to Council and stated how it would benefit the patrons who use the field and protect them from the sun during the hot summer months. This building could be used for storage as well as a pavilion to get out of the sun. Ms. Richard is proposing that the public works crew perform a majority of the work. She will get back to council once estimates for the size of the structure and cost are received. Council was receptive to the idea.

Police

- Chief John Soloe advised he would be late for the meeting. He still had not arrived at this point, therefore, OIC Eric Schwab read the Call Service Report from April 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016. He stated that there were 4 arrests; 4 harassment complaints; 118 traffic summonses; 32 traffic warnings, along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 191 calls for the month of April.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Robin Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:21 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on May 16, 2016.
Council Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2016 was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **6th** day of **June, 2016**.

President of Council

Attest: _____