

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2022**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Renee Cantwell, Pam Davis and Kimberly Holden-Forsyth. Joe Gosnell was unable to attend.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Chief Eric Schwab and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.

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 Cindy Hower, Seconded by Renee Cantwell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2022, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2022, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- The accounts payables were reviewed by council. Kimberly Holden-Forsyth questioned an amount paid to Home Depot. She was advised that it was for a new door on the Quonset hut at the sewer plant. Ms. Holden asked if prices were obtained for the replacement. She was advised that Home Depot was the cheapest and that the replacement was necessary and included the whole frame because it was rotted. Chief Schwab insisted that the door replacement should be submitted to the Borough's insurance company since someone damaged equipment inside of the building. Amy Richard stated that she was advised by Ken Zemencsik that there was no evidence of someone damaging the door to get into the building. Council did not feel that the insurance company should be involved with replacing a rotted door. Mrs. Talijan of Jubilee Drive stated she felt that the Borough should try to submit the claim to the insurance company. Amy Richard stated that the door was replaced due to being rotted out which was a repair and maintenance issue. The Borough would not, and should not submit a claim to the insurance company for that, adding that the deductible would be more than the door. The cost of the steel door along with the framing was \$858.95. Katie Santiago of Hope Street stated that she has replaced many doors in her house and that the cost of this door was very reasonable. Council members also felt that it was a reasonable price for the door and frame. Ms. Richard stated that Council was asked to approve the payables and that she would like a motion if there were no other comments.

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Kimberly Holden-Forsyth to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 2, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Amy Richard read out the Resignation of Mayor Zemencsik which stated:
 “I regret to inform you that I have to resign my position as Mayor of Stockertown due to circumstances beyond my control. It has been a pleasure serving Council and the Borough these past 4 years.
 I will continue to strive to make Stockertown Great Again.”
- Amy Richard asked for a motion to accept the Mayor’s resignation.
- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to accept the resignation of Mayor Kenneth Zemencsik effective May 2, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard stated that Council needed to appoint a new Mayor. She stated that Russ Matthews’ name was suggested but that she has not heard from him, nor had he attended any meetings for years. Rosemarie Wenzelberger had requested consideration. Ms. Richard stated that Ms. Wenzelberger has served on Council for many years and had provided the office with a letter of intent. There were no other interested appointees.
 Mr. Daily asked what the procedure was for replacing the Mayor. Amy Richard advised him that Council gets to appoint someone who will finish out the term until December, 2023. A question was asked as to whether there is a deadline to appoint a new Mayor. Solicitor Asteak stated that Council has 30 days to appoint or the matter will go to Court.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to appoint Rosemarie Wenzelberger as Mayor to serve until the 1st Monday in January after the first municipal election. Amy Richard asked for a voice vote to approve the appointment.

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Amy Richard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pam Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Hower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Gosnell (absent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Zdonowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Cantwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kim Holden-Forsyth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The vote was 5 Yea, 1 Nay and 1 Absent. Amy Richard congratulated Rosemarie Wenzelberger and welcomed her back to Council.

Police

- Chief Schwab read out the calls for service from 4-1-22 to 4-29-22. He stated that there were two felony investigations that are under further investigation, 4 traffic enforcement summonses; 1 other traffic related incident along with miscellaneous items for a total of 29 calls for the month of April.
- Chief Schwab requested that all of the police vehicles get serviced and inspected by a reputable station. Amy Richard informed him to let her know where he would like his vehicles serviced, as opposed to where he had been taking them.

Public Works

- Amy Richard asked if anyone knows of someone who would like to work for the Borough as a permanent part-time Public Works laborer, to please let the office know. She stated that the Borough marque is still not operational to post the position and employment agencies were not successful in providing applicants.

Agenda

- Senator Boscola's office requested the use of Borough Hall 1 or 2 days a week until November for Community Outreach Services. A representative from her office advised that they would be providing their own computers and flyers. They would also work with the Borough's schedule. Amy Richard asked if anyone had any questions or issue with them using Borough Hall. She asked for a Motion to approve the use of Borough Hall.
- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Kimberly Holden-Forsyth to allow Senator Boscola's office to use Borough Hall as a Community Outreach Center until November of 2022. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed Council that the Borough has received the signed Lease renewal from the Post Office. The new Lease will begin on September 1, 2022. The annual rental rate and renewal is as follows:
 - September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2027 – Annual Rate \$16,104.00
 - September 1, 2027 – August 31, 2032 – Annual Rate \$17,715.00
 - September 1, 2032 – August 31, 2037 – Annual Rate \$19,487.00

Solicitor Asteak reminded everyone that the figures are based on the appraisal the Borough received for the fair market value of the rental property.

Public Comment

- Robert Eckhart, Jr. of Lincoln Avenue thanked Council for resolving the noise problem coming from Buzzi Unicem. He stated that he does not hear the vibrator every 30 seconds so that is progress and he appreciates whatever was done to resolve it.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Renee Cantwell, Seconded by Pam Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:05 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on May 16, 2022

The May 16, 2022 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on June 6, 2022.

The foregoing was approved the **6th** day of **June, 2022**.

President of Council

Attest: _____