

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH  
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING ON  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

**Attendance**

- Amy Richard called attendance for the meeting. Council Member in attendance on line were: Amy Richard, Council President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Vice President, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Pam Davis, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito
- Mayor Ken Zemencsik, John Soloe, Zoning, Joe Renko of Hanover Engineering, Solicitor Gary Asteak and Asst. Chief of Police, Eric Schwab were in attendance.
- Amy Richard asked if there was anyone else on the line who would like to be recognized for the meeting. There were no responses.

**Role was taken and meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard at 7:30 PM**

**Amy Richard announced that meeting was being recorded.**

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2020, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Virtual Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2020, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 4, 2020. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor Report**

- Mayor Zemencsik had nothing to report

**Police**

- Asst. Chief Eric Schwab read out the calls for service report for the month of April. He stated that there was 1 Criminal Mischief; 1 Narcotics; 1 Harassment; 4 Suspicious Circumstances; 6 Assist other Agencies, along with Miscellaneous calls for a total of 43 Calls for Service for the month of April, 2020.

- Asst Chief Schwab stated that St. Luke's Hospital has sent over care packages to the Police Department.
- Asst. Chief Schwab also informed Solicitor Asteak that Act 17 has been passed which covers law enforcement under Heart and Lung if an officer goes out due to coronavirus.

### **Public Works**

- Amy Richard informed Council that the Sewer Plant just had the influent tanks cleaned again and that there was more grease than ever before along with paper products that are not flushable. Most of the problem is from up on the hill and this will continue to cause problems in the sewer lines after we hook up to Easton Sewer Authority. The DEP has put out a letter addressing this problem. Copies are available in the Borough lobby. I implore residents to spread the word to their neighbors to stop flushing garbage down the sewer lines. This is for bathroom waste only.

### **Solicitor**

- Solicitor Gary Asteak stated that Council has before them this evening, two proposed Ordinances. The first Ordinance is to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the second is to amend the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Both Ordinances were duly advertised in the Express Times on April 10, 2020 with Proof of Publication. They were filed with the Northampton County Law Library and posted on the Borough's website and at the Borough Office, all available for public inspection. He stated that this is a Virtual Meeting being conducted in accordance with Bill 841 enacted by the Legislature. The meeting has been duly advertised as a virtual meeting to commence this evening at 7:30 PM. The information for the public to participate in the meeting was provided on the Borough's website and Marque. The Borough's website also stated that if there were any public comments they could be submitted by email or mailed to the Borough office prior to the meeting. Solicitor Asteak stated that he is aware of only one written comment by Sean Dooley. Amy Richard stated that she is not aware of any other written comments as of 4:00 PM that day. Solicitor Asteak stated that both of these Ordinances were sent to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Stockertown Planning Commission in accordance with the municipality's code for comment and we have received comments back from both. These comments have been provided to Council and made part of the record.

## Public Comment

- Sean Dooley of 205 Main Street stated that he wished to speak with respect to his letter he submitted to the Borough on May 4, 2020 as a resident of the Borough and not as the Planning Commissioner. Mr. Dooley presented his concerns regarding the changes in the proposed Zoning and SALDO Ordinances as to ramification to existing property owners not conforming to the new Zoning laws. His second concern is the tax base being decreased with the limit of homes and that cost being shared by everyone in the Borough. Council was provided with several alternate proposals prepared by Mr. Dooley to review. The question of legality of the new Ordinances was asked. Solicitor Asteak stated that he reviewed the Ordinances for legality and that there is nothing illegal with the new Ordinances. Amy Richard asked Sean Dooley if he had anything further to add. He stated no, and that he thanked Council for the opportunity to present his views. Ms. Richard thanked Sean Dooley for his extensive time and work which was put into this presentation. She stated that this is something that can be adjusted at any point in the future if it becomes necessary. Council feels that these changes are something which need to be addressed now.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger questioned the waiver request for the roads to go from 36' to 30'. Amy Richard asked that Joe Renko of Hanover Engineering address this issue. Mr. Renko stated that this request is not unreasonable since the existing roads are now 30'. He did recommend leaving the Ordinance as is and let individuals come in and ask for a Waiver on a case by case basis.
- Amy Richard stated that if there are no further comments or questions, she would like to have a Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1 Amending the Code of Ordinances of Chapter 250, Zoning, R-1 Residential Area and Bulk Regulations, etc.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Ordinance 2020-1. Motion granted unopposed.

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**ORDINANCE 2020-1  
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF  
STOCKERTOWN, CHAPTER 250, ZONING, R-1 RESIDENTIAL  
AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS, MU MIXED USE DISTRICT  
AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS, NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE  
RESTORATION, AND STEEP SLOPE DEFINITIONS, STEEP SLOPE  
RESTRICTIONS, AND EXCEPTIONS TO STEEP SLOPE RESTRICTIONS.**

- Amy Richard asked for a Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-2 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 213, Subdivision and Land Development, etc.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to adopt Ordinance 2020-2 Amending Chapter 213, Subdivision and Land Development. Motion carried unopposed.

**ORDINANCE 2020-2  
AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF  
STOCKERTOWN, CHAPTER 213, SUBDIVISION AND LAND  
DEVELOPMENT, STREET DESIGN PROVIDING FOR CURBING  
AND SIDEWALK ON BOTH SIDES OF ALL STREETS.**

**Agenda**

- Resolution 2020-2 Appointing Scott J. Brown and Jacob Schray of Hanover Engineering as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officers has been presented to Council for approval. Amy Richard asked for a motion to approve the Resolution.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Resolution 2020-2 appointing Scott J. Brown and Jacob Schray of Hanover Engineering as the Borough's Sewage Enforcement Officers. Motion carried unopposed.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on May 18, 2020  
The May 18, 2020 Meeting was cancelled.  
The June 1, 2020 Meeting was cancelled.

The next Council Meeting will be held on July 6, 2020

The foregoing was approved the **15th** day of **June, 2020**.

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President of Council

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