

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2026**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY,
MAY 4th at 7:30PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Roll Call

- Council Members present were Richard Wagner, Peter Dewey, Timothy Kratzer, Katie Santiago.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger, Secretary/Treasurer Candace Keller were present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wenzelberger at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Letter was read by Secretary/Treasurer on behalf of Amy Richard, Council President apologizing for missing the meeting, but she is recovering from a medical procedure.

Agenda

- **Motion** by Peter Dewey, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to amend the agenda request to move the council reorganization to the first order of business. Also requesting to add to new business public works formal designation of bargaining representatives and lastly, the removal of the agenda item council seat appeal. Mr. Dewey would like to put on record his objection to this agenda item for a few reasons which 1. In order to revisit or alter a prior council action proper procedures must be followed, that would include a motion to reconsider on a duly recorded vote, no such procedural basis is identified on the agenda. Also, to follow the sunshine act, the public is entitled to hear a clear notice of the business to be conducted. The vague label of council seat appeal, does not clearly inform the residents of the specific action being possibly deliberated, as such we run the risk of violating the Sunshine Act. Most importantly, the Borough Council is a legislative body. There is nothing in the code that authorizes us to hear or decide an appeal of a council seat appointment at a public meeting. Proper procedures need to be researched and followed by the person raising the concern. Also, for clarification moving forward, a private resident does not have authority to direct borough business or add items to an official council agenda. This is why Mr. Dewey is asking this item being ruled out and removed from the agenda. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- Mayor Wenzelberger questioned the abstention of Councilmember Richard during the April 6, 2026 vacancy appointment vote and referenced guidance she had received from PSAB. Solicitor Asteak advised that the vote had been completed, Timothy Kratzer had been sworn into office, and the result remained in effect.

Council Reorganization

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to proceed with Reorganization of Council. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Richard Wagner to nominate Peter Dewey as Council President. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- **Motion** by Timothy Kratzer, Seconded, by Peter Dewey to nominate Katie Santiago as Vice President. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Gary Asteak stated the meeting is now to be run by newly elected Council President Peter Dewey.

- Peter Dewey asked for nomination and election of President Pro-Tem.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Richard Wagner to nominate Timothy Kratzer as Council Pro-Tem. Roll call, Richard Wagner Yes; Peter Dewey Yes; Katie Santiago; Timothy Kratzer abstained from voting for himself. Motion carried Yes 3 and one abstention.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to nominate resident Candace Dew for Vacancy Chair. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Public Comment

- Candace Dew reported the website needs to be updated with new officers and employee list. Also, Candace remarked on signs and website having two different dates of incorporation of the Borough of Stockertown. Road signs with "Welcome to Stockertown" are printed with 1902, however under letterhead it states established 1901. The Borough will be changing signs and all correspondence to 1901.
- Herbert Koenig, Main Street stated his extreme displeasure and being told he could not run for council, which he stated was a lie, due to his relation to Council President, Amy Richard.
- Eric Wenzelberger reported loud noises coming out of Polymer Products. This continues to be an ongoing problem despite attempts to correct this matter. The new Zoning Officer, Jim Macort is present and spoke on this issue. With council's approval, he will move forward with code enforcement in this matter.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Peter Dewey to table approval of the April 6, 2026 minutes due to defects. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- **Motion** by Peter Dewey, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to approve the General Fund Payables, and Sewer Fund accounts payable as presented with the exception of Keycodes Inspection Agency, Candace Keller Wellness Reimbursement, Fry's Four Season. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Solicitor Report

- Solicitor Gary Asteak reported on RTK appeal by Eric Schwab have been satisfied and the remaining RTK request has been withdrawn.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Wenzelberger reported the PSP 9-1-1 call for service report in January (20), February (23) and March (16). Total calls for the three (3) months were fifty-nine (59).

Public Works

- Report as presented. Ken Zemencsik, PW Director is coordinating with Entech to begin GIS Mapping. Newhart Park repairs were made at the bridge area. Continued monitoring Sink Holes by interceptor and met with Engineer accordingly. Proposal was given on purchasing a zero-turn lawn mower from Whitehall Turf for \$14039. Discussion on mowing will be tabled.

New Business

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Peter Dewey to advertise for Borough Manager Ordinance. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- **Motion** by Timothy Kratzer, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to remove Keycodes as the Borough IPMC and UCC provider. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Peter Dewey for Keystone Engineering to proceed with Borough IPMC & UCC provider. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- Peter Dewey reported on the PW formal designation of bargaining representatives. Public works employees have already voted in favor of union representation under the Pennsylvania Public Employee Relations Act (Act 195). Once employees select representation, the Borough is legally required to meet and confer in good faith with that representative. Designating a negotiating team so the Borough can comply with State Law. Any agreement(s) will still come back to full council for review and approval at a public meeting. Appointments are needed for two members and one alternate to the negotiating team. Solicitor Gary Asteak will automatically be a member of this team.
- Katie Santiago nominated Peter Dewey for Seat 1 primary public works bargaining representative. There were no other nominations.
- Peter Dewey nominated Katie Santiago for Seat 2 primary public works bargaining representative. There were no other nominations.
- Katie Santiago nominated Richard Wagner for Alternate primary public works bargaining representative. There were no other nominations. Nominations are closed.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to approve the above listed collective bargaining representatives: Peter Dewey Seat 1; Katie Santiago Seat 2 and Richard Wagner Alternate. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Old Business

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to sign contract for NA Studios to establish new website for \$6400. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Council Comment

- Katie Santiago reported on getting more information on new voice to text to assist with meeting minutes.
- Employee handbook last updated in 2024. Needs to be updated and per Gary Asteak, the Borough may make changes. The personnel handbook updates do not have to go through Paychex.
- Katie reported on a webinar she would like to attend virtually. Any CE needs to be approved by the council for payment.

Motion by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Peter Dewey for Katie to take a PSAB webinar on subject of contract negotiations at a cost of \$45. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

- Richard Wagner inquired about the issue of sinkholes in the Borough. Gary Asteak recommended we address this issue, especially where sewer lines are involved. Richard also stated concern about a dirt bike/motorcycle driving around Newhart Park and disturbing Borough grounds. Jim Macort, Zoning Officer offered his phone number to offer assistance.

Richard Wagner inquired about needing stone at the driveway back to the kwanza hut and also mulch needed on playgrounds.

Richard also stated concern where Lezzer Lumber proposed driveway will be, also regarding noise of trucks, etc. Some of these items will be brought up at the next planning commission meeting.

Peter Dewey commented on the resignation of Kathleen Zdonowski on the Planning Commission Board and they need to fill vacancy(ies).

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Timothy Kratzer to enter into executive session for legal matters at 9:21pm. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.
- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Richard Wagner to come out of executive session and back into regular session at 10:17pm. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

- Peter Dewey requested a motion to prepare and furnish a letter to Eric Schwab verifying his years of service of employment with the Borough of Stockertown.

Motion by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Richard Wagner to prepare letter to Eric Schwab verifying his years of service. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Peter Dewey requested a motion to contract services with DBM Consulting, LLC to inventory contents of the Borough police station.

Motion by Timothy Kratzer, Seconded, by Katie Santiago to contract DBM Consulting, LLC to inventory the police station. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

Peter Dewey requested a motion to approve the proposal from Hi-Tech Security for \$1520, not to exceed \$1520, contingent upon matching the monitoring fee for burglar and fire alarm security services. This security system is for Borough Hall and includes 1 Vista Control Panel, 12 VDC 7amp/hr battery and 1 Honeywell LTE Cellular Communicator. Includes complete installation w/1 Year Warranty.

Motion by Katie Santiago, Seconded, by Richard Wagner to approve the purchase, as proposed from Hi-Tech Security System for the Borough Hall building. Motion carried unopposed 4-0.

- **Motion** by Timothy Kratzer, Seconded, by Richard Wagner to adjourn meeting at 10:23pm. Motion carried 4-0 unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026.

The foregoing was approved the **1st** day of **June, 2026**.

President of Council

Attest: _____