

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2019**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Pamela Davis, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Kathleen Zdonowski was absent.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy and Mayor Ken Zemencsik were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Chief John Soloe and Officer Xavier Einhorn were present.

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 concern about something he heard regarding Video Gaming Terminals being installed at truck stops. John Sole advised him that it would be State regulated, if it happens. Solicitor Asteak informed Mr. Wenzelberger that there are only 5 allowed throughout the State and that Northampton County has already opted out of this program.

Council Comment

- Carl Zito stated that the trail is a mess. Amy Richard informed him that public works has been attempting to stay on top of the trail but that due to so much rain many areas are being continuously washed out. She also stated that the men have been steadily working on the Borough garage since construction of the new garage will begin shortly.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger expressed her appreciation for Council allowing the SYA to use Metzger Park for their annual Easter Egg hunt.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell; Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2019, with one correction. Under Council Comment, 1st line Karl should be spelled "Carl". Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through May 6, 2019. Motion carried unopposed.

- A Letter received from Northampton County Office of the County Executive was distributed to Council regarding Northampton County Historic and Cultural Assets Plan Regional Community Workshops. They were informed that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission is urging Council members to attend the May 8, 2019 workshop.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Zemencsik informed Council that there is a proposal to build 400 apartments along Sullivan Trail in Forks Township. He stated that there are individuals who would like to oppose the project. Solicitor Asteak stated that the Borough does not want to tell another town what to do and he would not expect them to tell Stockertown what to do to. He also stated Forks Township is cooperating with Stockertown with the sewer lines. Amy Richard stated that she would not want to “tick” anyone off by opposing any project that they are proposing.

Police

- Chief John Soloe read out the Calls for Service report from April 1 to April 30, 2019. He stated that there were 17 Arrests, 12 of the arrests were for Narcotics; there was 1 Township Ordinance; 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents; 4 Suspicious Persons; 79 Traffic Summonses; 14 Traffic Warnings; 83 Building Checks; 2 Arrests for Warrants along with Miscellaneous calls for a total of 254 Calls for the month of April.

Zoning

- John Soloe advised Council that there is a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting scheduled for May 28, 2019 for a Change of Use Variance at Ralph’s Radiator. The proposal is for a used car lot. The Variance would allow parking the cars on the existing blacktop area only. This meeting is open to the public.
- Mr. Soloe informed Council that Mrs. Homoki has put the contract of sale for her property on hold.

Public Works

- Public Works has scheduled the Borough yearly Branch Pick-up date for May 20th with a rain date of May 21st.
- Copies of the drawing of the new Borough Garage Pole Building were distributed to Council to give them an idea of what the new Garage would look like upon completion.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak presented Ordinance No. 2019-4 for approval by Council which has been duly advertised and posted for public inspection at the Borough office.

ORDINANCE 2019-4

Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Stockertown, Chapter 228, Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, General Provisions and Parking, to Prohibit the Parking of Unregistered or Uninspected Vehicles Upon any Street or Alley within the Borough of Stockertown.

- **Motion** by Carl Zito; Seconded by Joe Gosnell to Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-4 Amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 228, Vehicle and Traffic. Motion carried unopposed. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed Council that she has completed the updates for the Emergency Management Plan. She requested Mr. Asteak to prepare a Resolution to Adopt the Updated Emergency Management Operations Plan. Ms. Richard asked for a Motion to authorize Mr. Asteak to prepare the Resolution to be adopted at the next Council meeting.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell; Seconded by Pam Davis to Authorize Solicitor Asteak to prepare a Resolution to adopt the Updated Emergency Management Operations Plan. Motion carried unopposed.

Agenda

- Council discussed a date for the Borough Yard Sale. Chief John Soloe raised several concerns about the traffic throughout the Borough and especially on Main Street causing dangerous conditions. After discussing several options, Council agreed to no longer hold a Borough Wide Yard Sale. Resident can have their own individual yard sales to avoid the excessive backup on Main Street. Yard Sales are limited to 3 per year with no permit requirements.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Carl Zito; Seconded by Pam Davis to enter into Executive Session for personnel issues at 8:06 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Pam Davis to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on May 20, 2019.
The May 20, 2019 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **3rd day of June, 2019.**

President of Council

Attest: _____