

STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Carl Zito and Pam Davis were absent
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy and Mayor Ken Zemencsik were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, John Soloe and Asst. Chief Eric Schwab were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Kimberly Forsyth, a resident of Stockertown informed Council that she is interested in running for Council in the next election. Amy Richard advised her to submit and letter of interest to the Borough office.

Council Comment

- No Council Comment

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2020, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through June 15, 2020. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Zemencsik had nothing to report

Police

- Asst. Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service from May 1st to May 31st, 2020. He stated that there were 3 Narcotics arrest and one pending; 5 additional arrests; 12 Traffic Summonses; 8 Traffic Warnings; 4 Assist other Agencies along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 67 calls for the month.
- Asst. Chief Schwab informed Council that the Police Department has been approved to receive the Northampton County Grant to purchase a new police cruiser. The

cruiser will cost approximately \$53,000 and the Borough will only have to put in \$6,000 towards the purchase.

- Asst. Chief Schwab requested Council's approval to hire Officer Collin Keiser as a new part-time police officer for the Borough. Officer Keiser is currently a full-time officer for Tatamy for the past 2 years and would like to add some part-time hours with Stockertown. He has been highly recommended. Amy Richard asked Council if they had any additional questions and, if not, she would like to have a Motion to hire Officer Keiser.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to hire Officer Collin Keiser as a part-time Officer for the Borough of Stockertown as of this date. Motion carried unopposed.

Zoning

- Zoning Officer John Soloe informed Council that letters have gone out to address the properties with high grass violations.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Gary Asteak informed Council that Newpro has filed an Appeal of the Borough's new Zoning and SALDO Ordinances. He stated that Newpro has also submitted a preliminary plan for the Grandview Subdivision.

Agenda

- Council was provided with a Letter of Interest from Bryce D. Good of Jubilee Drive who is interested in the vacant Planning Commission position. He stated that he has 30 years of experience as an engineer including presenting plans to various planning commission in eastern Pennsylvania. Amy Richard asked Council for any comments and then called for a Motion to appoint Mr. Good to the Planning Commission.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to appoint Bryce D. Good to the Stockertown Planning Commission. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard stated that everything is in place for the sewer plant conversion. The possibility of a Grant still looks good for the Borough which would cover one-half of the funding needed. There is a delay in awarding the Grant due to COVID 19. The original decision date was reported as March which was changed to July and now has been extended to September. We are hopeful that we will get the funding and if not, the Borough will have to obtain a bond to fully cover the project.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit Executive Session and return to regular session at 8:19 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** to appoint Officer Adam Shimer as the new Officer in Charge as of June 15, 2020 with a 50 cents per hour increase. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on July 6, 2020.
The July 6, 2020 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **20th** day of **July, 2020**.

President of Council

Attest: _____