

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2022**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Renee Cantwell and Kimberly Holden-Forsyth. Pam Davis was absent.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard, at 7:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Amy Richard advised that the Borough Office received a letter from KEJA Properties regarding reducing their sewer charges by 1 EDU. This matter was discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Richard asked for a Motion to add this matter to the agenda.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kim Holden-Forsyth to add the letter received from KEJA Properties, LLC regarding the reduction of their sewer charges by 1 EDU. Motion carried unopposed.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2022, as written. Motion carried with one objection by Kim Holden-Forsyth. Ms. Forsyth stated that items were missing and that the Borough Secretary was not discreet with issues in the Minutes. The Borough Secretary stated that she wrote what was said at the meeting. All relevant issues were included in the Minutes.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through June 20, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Wenzelberger stated that Chief Schwab is still not on duty due to his thumb injury.

Police

- There were no calls for service provided. Kim Holden-Forsyth suggested that the Borough ask the State Police for a report on all calls they responded to. Amy Richard stated that she would look into that.

Zoning

- The Borough office was advised by John Soloe that the tall grass issues in the Borough have been resolved. Joe Gosnell stated that he is concerned about the overgrown bushes at 203 or 204 Main Street. He claimed that they are blocking the sidewalk and that a letter must be sent to the residents to cut them back. The zoning officer will be advised.

Public Works

- Amy Richard stated that the sewer plant is ready for inspection by the Department of Environmental Protection. This is the final stage.
- Amy Richard informed Council that Public Work's employee, Simon Doddy, has handed in his Letter of Resignation.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Asteak informed Council that Hanover Township has requested approval to become a member of the NAZCOG. He stated that this request must be approved by a Motion. The Articles of Incorporation do provide that other municipalities may be added if all members unanimously approve. Kim Holden-Forsyth asked what the benefits were to adding them. Amy Richard asked if there was anything negative with them being added. Attorney Asteak stated that by having another voice at the table would be a benefit to the Borough. Amy Richard requested a motion for approval.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Renee Cantwell to approve Hanover Township becoming a member to the NAZCOG. Motion carried unopposed.
- Solicitor Asteak stated that the next item he has is not listed on the agenda but is just for informational purposes. He stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the garbage company to discuss the level of services in the Borough in light of the multiple complaints the Borough office is receiving.

Agenda

- Solicitor Asteak addressed the letter dated June 10, 2022 from KEJA Properties which was provided to Council as their formal request to adjust the EDU amount on their sewer statement for 108-110 Bushkill Street. This property at one time had five units but was converted to 4 units prior to KEJA purchasing the property. Representatives of KEJA attended the last Council meeting to discuss this issue. They were advised by Attorney Asteak to send a letter with their request. The matter was discussed and council approved the reduction by 1 EDU. The property was purchased with 5 EDUs, therefore there will be no refund issued but future statements will reflect 4 EDUs.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to reduce 108/110 Bushkill Street from 5 EDUs to 4EDUs pursuant to the property owner's request in their letter dated June 10, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

Council Comments

- There were no council comments.

Executive Session

- Amy Richard asked for a Motion for an executive session for personnel matters. She stated that there may be action taken after the session.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit regular session and enter into executive session at 7:54 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 8:17 PM. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to increase Public Works Director, Ken Zemencsik’s salary by \$2.00 per hour. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to increase the Borough Secretary’s salary by .80 per hour. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022
The July 6, 2022 Council Meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the **18th** day of **July, 2022**.

President of Council

Attest:_____