

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2013**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Council Vice President Paul Zaboy, Sr., Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Joe Gosnell, Ms. Cindy Hower, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Ms. Kathleen Zdonowski was absent.
- Mayor Charlie Davis was present.
- Borough Solicitor Gary N. Asteak, Acting Public Works Supervisor Paul Zaboy, Jr. (PJ), and Secretary Chris Burmood were in attendance.
- Police Chief/Zoning Officer John Soloe arrived at 8:04 pm.
- Officer Brown was present to preserve the meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM by Council President Amy Richard, followed by the pledge of allegiance.**

**Public Comment**

- Eric Wenzelberger, of 111 Center Street, advised that he measured the distance of the curb area in front of 115 & 117 Center Street and found it to be 37 feet. He then asked if a line could be painted to separate this into two 18.5 foot parking spaces. Ms. Richard and PJ said this could not be done.

**Council Comments**

- Mr. Zito asked if there was a speed limit on Commerce Way. PJ advised there are no speed limit signs. Ms. Richard opined that as a Borough road, it should fall under the 35 mph limit.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting, as written. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the General Fund Payables through May 30, 2013. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to approve the Sewer Fund Payables through May 30, 2013. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to approve the Rails to Trails Fund Payables through May 30, 2013. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.

**Public Works Report**

- PJ advised that we are still experiencing binding at the wastewater treatment plant in the sand filter due to the large algae bloom in pond 2/3. It's requiring tilling nearly daily. Flows after tilling this morning were in the 30,000s, but just prior to the meeting were down around 21,000 gpd. This is about ¼ the expected rate.
- PJ advised that he has been researching a non-toxic biodegradable solution. He has been trying to contact the owner of Bio Science, Inc., a company in Allentown that specializes in municipal wastewater products. PJ advised he has remained in contact with Kevin Franks, the WWTP operator, and had his endorsement to look into this. Paul Zaboy, Sr., suggested that we verify that any products from Bio Science, Inc. be approved by DEP for use.

### **Public Works Report, cont'd**

- PJ stated that we received a really good quote on FDR for Commerce Way and LeFevre Road from Recon. We currently have quotes from Midland, Recon, and Vestal. There was a problem with the quote from Lehigh Valley Site for the overlay, as their quote was for far less material than required. He had another paving company representative scheduled to come out Tuesday to evaluate the scope of the project and provide a quote. He also suggested that just on the bad spots, we could pull out 6 inches of asphalt on a Monday morning and repave it that day. Mr. Asteak stating that the Borough has the right to shut down the road in order to maintain it.
- PJ indicated a concern over fueling the equipment used to build the trail. He did some research and got a quote for Fuel Cell to deliver off-road diesel for \$3.18 per gallon. That's less than purchasing it at Shell, not counting the cost of an auxiliary tank.

### **Solicitor Report**

- Mr. Asteak stated "all is well".

### **Agenda Items**

- Ms. Richard advised that we are at the juncture to conduct the CodeRED "all call", which will verify the database, and test the speed of the call and the ability of the infrastructure to handle the volume of calling. Several persons mentioned a problem with the CodeRED Android application.
- The traffic study prepared by Keystone Consulting Engineers recommends against the proposed 4-way stop at the intersection of Faith Avenue and Jubilee Drive. Mr. Asteak advised that it is written in such a way as to set up the Borough for liability in the event the recommendations are not adhered to. Recommendations include posting of speed limit signs and increased patrolling by police, as well as an educational outreach to the Long's Development residents. Mr. Gosnell stated he was "deeply chagrined" by the results. Mr. Kocher asked about posting signs on Old Easton Road, as the limit is 20 mph. Both Mayor Davis and PJ advised that the limit on Old Easton Road is 25 mph.

### **Police Report**

- Chief Soloe had nothing of consequence to report.

### **Zoning Report**

- Mr. Soloe advised that he had discussed the sidewalk blocking issue with Jody Stahley, owner of Widow's Tavern. Mr. Asteak recommended a formal enforcement notice be given to Ms. Stahley.
- Ms. Richard advised that the mulch piles to the rear of Joshua Tree had mostly been removed.

### **New, Old, or Unfinished Business**

- With respect to the recreational trail, Public Works is progressing on the stormwater inlet and new piping, with installation nearly complete. Mr. Zaboy contacted Paikes Enterprises regarding the stormwater discharge to the rear of their building. The rental equipment for trail construction is due to be delivered Friday. Trail construction will begin next week at Center Street. Mr. Zaboy had a conversation last week with the owner of MT Auto, who advised he will be obtaining legal representation. The owner of the property will be going on an extended vacation in July and will not be reachable. Mr. Zaboy will be attending a conference on trails Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Mr. Zaboy also recommended extending the trail through Christmas Tree Park. Ms. Richard asked if the designer, Len at URDC, had provided any input for this. Mr. Zaboy stated that it is included in the existing design and that we can go ahead and install it.

**New, Old, or Unfinished Business, cont'd.**

- Ms. Hower asked about the monument/plaque for Sherman Metzgar Park. Mr. Zaboy advised that perhaps we could coordinate that with the purchase of similar designed signage for the trailhead. He stated it could take a while if we did that, as there are stringent criteria for trail signage, but the result would be matching signs. Mrs. Wenzelberger asked about a timeframe for the signage. Mr. Zaboy advised that it would likely be sometime in the Fall after completion of the trailhead.

**Motion** at 8:29 pm by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Carl Zito, to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and legal issues. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.

**Motion** at 9:01 pm by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to exit Executive Session and return to regular session. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.

**New, Old, or Unfinished Business, cont'd.**

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, Sr., seconded by Joe Gosnell, to extend an offer of employment to Wade Robinson, as a Public Works laborer at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, with the usual probationary period. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, seconded by Paul Zaboy, Sr., to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. Motion carried unopposed. Ms. Zdonowski was absent for the vote.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:30 pm. The foregoing were approved the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

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President of Council

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