

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2023**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, July 17, 2023 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Pam Davis, Cindy Hower and Katie Santiago. Joe Gosnell and Renee Cantwell were absent
- Solicitor Gary Asteak, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Secretary/Treasurer Candace Keller were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2023 with one correction. Correct date of approval of minutes to today's date of July 17, 2023. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Howell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through July 17, 2023. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Inquired about Grant for Police.

Zoning

- Amy Richard stated that the Zoning Officer is doing a nice job checking into zoning issues.
- There is Zoning Hearing Board Meeting scheduled for August 8, 7pm for 103 Verma Inc. (Texaco Station)

Public Works

- **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded by Cindy Howell to approve hiring someone temporarily up to \$25/hr. to help with tree removal project on the trail and at park and permission to place ad for full time public works employee. Motion carried unopposed.

Solicitor

- Solicitor Gary Asteak will prepare the Resolution adopting Nazareth Area Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan Implementation Agreement to the next council meeting on August 7th for the Borough's review and approval.

Agenda Items

- Police staffing update: Currently there are 6 candidates to be interviewed.
- Dan Monek asked for approval to apply for Northampton County law enforcement grant. **Motion** by Katie Santiago, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve a letter authorizing Dan Monek to apply for grants on behalf of Borough of Stockertown. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Comment

- Tina Unger from Lavender Spa, reported she contacted the State Police regarding truck traffic and concerns. She asked what steps are needed to have the speed limit changed and a traffic study done. Recommendation was made to contact Penn Dot, since Main Street is a state road. She contacted Buzzi Unicem Cement and they are not doing anything about trucks being covered. She is afraid to be out on her porch due to debris flying on her porch. Also, the noise decibel levels are high. Her and her family are concerned for safety, especially for children crossing the street.

Council Comment

- Amy Richard expressed a special thank you to Forks Township Fire Co. for helping residents by pumping flooded basements. She stated her concern that residents may not realize the magnitude of services we receive for \$15,000 a year. Not only does Forks provide fire protection, traffic control (local & Rte. 33), emergency highway assistance, and flood aid. They also come through town on special Holidays for the children. If you break down the math, the cost comes to \$48/year based on 350 homes. The Borough could never buy one truck for less than half a million dollars and would still need to provide volunteers.
"I can only hope when they do their annual fund drive, everyone puts a little extra in an envelope."

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:55PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on August 21, 2023.

The foregoing was approved the 7th day of August, **2023**.

President of Council

Attest: _____