

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2022**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower and Joe Gosnell. Renee Cantwell, Pam Davis and Kimberly Holden-Forsyth were 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 7:30 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2022, 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 July 18, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor Report**

- Mayor Wenzelberger stated that there are still no local police coverage for the Borough. Residents are directed to contact State Police or dial 911 for any emergencies.

**Police**

- Amy Richard informed the residents that there will be no local police coverage while Chief Schwab is appealing his Workers' Compensation Claim. The State Police will be covering the Borough indefinitely.

**Zoning**

- The link to the NAZCOG Comprehensive Plan is available on the Borough website at stockertown.org. Just click where stated or google NAZPLAN.org. Attorney Asteak stated that the Plan is subject to review by the Borough's Planning Commission and any comments made at their next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2022
- Amy Richard stated that quotes have been requested for the review of the Borough's Ordinances to be sure that they are up to date since there is more building activity in our area.

- Amy Richard stated that there are several pending zoning issues. She informed council and residents that the apartments on Lincoln Street have been granted a permit to add two additional apartments to the building. There was a proposal submitted regarding a truck driving training school on Commerce Way as well as an inquiry regarding a Dollar General by Stockertown Beverage. There is no further information on any of these inquiries.

### **Public Works**

- The decommissioning of the WWTP has passed the final inspection by the Department of Environment Protection. We are waiting for DEP to terminate the last permit.
- Amy Richard referenced two emails which were received from Mr. Joseph Murphy of Dogwood Lane expressing concern regarding dead trees along the walking path which could be on the Borough's Right of Way. He requested that these trees be removed. Amy Richard and Ken Zemencsik drove along the area to inspect the trees. Ms. Richard stated that a quote to remove them would be obtained prior to making any decision. She stated that there are many old and diseased trees throughout the Borough that should be trimmed or removed.
- Council and residents were informed that two former public work's employees, Daniel Lawrence and Simon Doddy, are also appealing Worker's Compensation claims.
- The Borough has been issued an Order and Notice of Election for a pending vote for Union representation. Ballots will be mailed to the public works employees and the vote counted by the end of August.

### **Solicitor**

- Solicitor Asteak stated that the Comprehensive Plan has been advertised for adoption on August 1, 2022.
- The County Waste meeting has been re-scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10:00 AM. Solicitor Asteak stated that he has notified them that they are in default of their contract. Attorney Asteak stated that we hope to have more information to report after the meeting.

### **Agenda**

- Amy Richard stated that the Borough plans to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the reconstruction of Lincoln Street. An updated quote has been received from Hanover Engineering in the amount of \$256,928.40. Ms. Richard stated that any additional funds needed will come from the Liquid Fuels Account. Ms. Richard asked for a Motion to approve Resolution 2022-5 authorizing the Borough to apply for the Grant.

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Resolution No. 2022-5 authorizing the Borough to apply for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project. Motion carried unopposed.

**Public Comment**

- Katie Santiago of Hope Street questioned why former employees have filed workers' compensation claims and why do they get to vote on Union representation. Amy Richard informed her that they are appealing the denial of the claims they filed when they were employees of the Borough. She also stated that only Daniel Lawrence is permitted to vote on the Union since he has not officially been terminated. Simon Doddy provided the Borough with a resignation letter; therefore, he may not participate in the union vote.
- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street stated that there is still a loud noise coming from Polymer Products. He also stated that the apartment on the corner of Main and Center Streets continue to leave their trash cans out on the sidewalk which obstructs the view of oncoming traffic.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:56 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on August 1, 2022

The foregoing was approved the 1<sup>st</sup> day of **August, 2022.**

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President of Council

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