

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2020**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JULY 20, 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, Pamela Davis and Rosemarie Wenzelberger. Carl Zito was absent.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy and Mayor Ken Zemencsik were present.
- John Soloe and Acting 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 Holden Forsyth of Main Street inquired about renting the Stockertown Ball Field.

Council Comment

- There were no Council Comments

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Council Meeting Minutes of June 15, 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 July 20, 2020. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Zemencsik had nothing to report.

Police

- Acting Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service from June 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. He stated that there were 6 Arrests 2 were felony; 4 Narcotics; 3 Suspicious Persons; 64 Traffic Summonses; 20 Traffic Warnings; 4 Assist other Agencies, along with Miscellaneous calls for a total of 130 for the month of June.

- Two Resolutions were presented to Council for approval for the Police Department to apply for the Northampton County and Monroe County Gaming Grants. These Grants would be used for security equipment for the Emergency Management Bldg. and for the new Public Works Garage. Amy Richard called for a Motion to approve each Resolution.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Pam Davis to approve **Resolution No. 2020-3** Supporting Application to the Pennsylvania Gaming Local Share Account for Monroe County under the Commonwealth Financing Authority by the Borough of Stockertown. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve **Resolution No. 2020-4** Supporting Application to the Pennsylvania Gaming Local Share Account for Northampton County under the Commonwealth Financing Authority by the Borough of Stockertown. Motion carried unopposed
- Richard Tobias attended the Council Meeting to present a check from the Northampton County Youth Field Day Foundation to the Stockertown Police Department in the amount of \$1,084.00 to enable them to purchase new ballistic shields. Council thanked him for the generous donation.
- Council was informed that Stockertown has been awarded the Grant for a new police vehicle and that the new vehicle has been ordered.

Zoning

- Amy Richard questioned John Soloe regarding a request by members of the Stockertown Rod & Gun Club to lease property formerly owned by Mrs. Obulaney which is accessed through the Gun Club. This tract of land is land-locked. The Gun Club was interested in this property mainly for archery with no rifle shooting in that area. John Soloe stated that a Lease would have to be negotiated. Amy Richard stated that Council will have to have further discussions on this matter.

Public Works

- Amy Richard informed the public that the H2O Grant will make their decision on August 17, 2020 as to whether the Borough will receive a Grant for the Interceptor Project with Easton Sewer Authority. Bonds are also being looked into at this time and rates are currently low.

Agenda

- Signal Service provided their two-year agreement for maintenance and repair of the Borough's traffic signals. The Agreement stated that fees would remain the same as the previous years. Amy Richard asked for Council's approval to sign the new Agreement.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve entering into an additional two year agreement with Signal Services for the maintenance and repair of the Borough's traffic signals at the same rate as the previous years. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard acknowledged receipt of a Letter of Intent received from Kimberly Holden-Forsyth for the next available Council seat.

- Council discussed the current incentive days afforded to the Police Department. There are certain days that they felt were not mandatory for a police presence in order to be considered incentive days. After discussion between Council and Acting Chief Schwab it was decided to remove New Years Day, Good Friday and Black Friday from the list.
- Secretary, Anita Caughy informed Council that an email was just received prior to the start of the meeting inquiring what municipalities would continue to participate in the Pibbles Paws Safe Haven contract. The terms of the new contract will remain the same for the 2021 fiscal year. Council agreed to have Stockertown continue with the program.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Pam Davis, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on August 3, 2020.

The foregoing was approved the **3rd** day of **August, 2020**.

President of Council

Attest: _____