

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2020**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2020 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

**Attendance**

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Kathleen Zdonowski and Pam Davis were absent.
- Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy and Mayor Ken Zemencsik were present.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak and Asst. Chief Eric Schwab were present.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Comment**

- Amy Richard, with great enthusiasm, reported to Council that the Borough was awarded a Nine Hundred Thousand (\$900,000.00) Dollar Grant for the Interceptor Project to connect Stockertown to the Easton Sewer Authority. She informed council that the Borough requested a \$1.2 Million Dollar Grant but that we are very happy with receiving \$900,000. Joe Gosnell thanked Amy Richard for all her hard work in making this happen. Amy Richard praised the Engineers for the great job.
- Carl Zito questioned if anything has been done about the high grass issues in the Borough, specifically Winona Street. Amy Richard stated that there are several properties which need to be addressed and that she would look into it.

**Secretary / Treasurer Report**

- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020, as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through August 17, 2020. Motion carried unopposed.

**Mayor Report**

- Mayor Zemencsik had nothing to report.

## Police

- Acting Chief Schwab reported that the narcotics activity in the Borough has seemed to stop for now, after the last 3 arrests. He informed Council that Weis Market has donated a pallet of water and a pallet of Gatorade to the Stockertown Police Department.
- Acting Chief Schwab introduced PA State Constable Gordon Crowell of Forks Township. Constable Crowell stated that he understands the hardship of a small department getting the tools they actually need every day. He stated that local law enforcements need to work together. He wanted to thank the Stockertown Police Department for what they do for everyone in the area. In order to help the Stockertown Police Department he donated a check in the amount of \$555.00 for the purchase of an Intoximeters Alco Sensor FST which was needed for the police car. Council all thanked Constable Crowell for his generous donation.

## Public Works

- Ken Zemencsik informed Council that Public Works has the flooding issues under control at the Waste Water Treatment Plan after the tropical storm flooded out the area. There was also a discussion of purchasing a new lawn mower. Mr. Zemencsik informed Council that Alex Tires is now selling and servicing lawn mowers. They will look into the matter and discuss it further at a later date.

## Agenda

- The H2O grant on the agenda has been discussed advising everyone of the \$900,000 award.
- Ryan Hottenstein, the Borough's Financial Advisor for the Bond issues for the sewer project was planning to attend this meeting but was not feeling well. He has provided a few bullets points to update Council on the status on the bonds which are listed below.
  - Financing process remains on schedule with the first draft of the Preliminary Official Statement "POS" circulated in July.
  - We will be sending the POS and credit information to rating agency and Bond Insurers this week
  - Bond Counsel will be circulating draft Ordinance and Bond Purchase Agreement for the working group's review this week
  - Council Approval of borrowing scheduled for Council's meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> (Bond Counsel will take care of all advertising requirements)
  - Pricing Bonds September 23<sup>rd</sup> (Interest rates locked in)
  - Close 2020 Bonds October 21<sup>st</sup> (Borough Receives funds)
  - Rates remain excellent (lower than previously reviewed)
  - Overall financing plan is on schedule with Borough receiving funds October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Amy Richard stated that it is good news that our bond issue is in motion and that the Borough has been awarded the \$900,000 Grant. She asked if anyone had anything else to discuss. Eric Wenzelberger asked what the balance of the loan would be and Ms. Richard informed him that we will not know the total balance until the project

is completed. She hopes to have much stronger figures by the next meeting as to what amount the Borough will need to borrow now that we know the amount of the Grant.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on September 9, 2020

The foregoing was approved the **9<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2020**.

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President of Council

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