

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2024**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 19, 2024 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President Kathleen Zdonowski, Renee Caldwell, Pam Davis, Cindy Hower and Katie Santiago.
- Attorney Steven Mills from Asteak Law, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Secretary/Treasurer Candace Keller were present. Council Member Joe Gosnell was absent.

The Meeting was called to order by Council President, Amy Richard at 7:32 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Pam Davis, seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve accounts payable for the General and Sewer Funds through August 19, 2024. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger reported on an ongoing issue of a resident's yard having a pond in her yard during excessive rain. Attorney Gary Asteak responded that this issue is beyond the Borough's jurisdiction, and their problems are a private matter.

Police

- Amy Richard reported that there will be police qualification training sessions at the Stockertown Rod & Gun Club beginning at 8:00am on October 1 & 2. This will be posted on the Borough's Website and sign.
Amy Richard mentioned the Stockertown Rod & Gun Club will be holding a pig roast with entertainment on Saturday, September 7th. It is opened to the public. Tickets are \$30.

Solicitor

- Attorney Asteak reported that he had nothing new.
- **Zoning Officer**
- Amy Richard reported Suzanne Borzak, has resigned from KeyCodes. KeyCodes has assigned Kathy Vossough as our new Zoning Officer. Ms. Vossough will have on site hours on Thursdays for zoning issues.

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- Attorney Steven Mills reported that correspondence was sent to Mark Waldman of A & H Sportswear requesting an easement agreement for emergency access to Lincoln Avenue. Amy Richard reported the bid specifications for the Lincoln Avenue project are drafted and ready to advertise, but are waiting for the agreement to proceed.

Public Works:

- Amy Richard provided a progress report from Public Works
- Ken Zemencsik attended the LVPC Watershed Workshop which focused on storm water drainage systems and future potential improvements. He will also be attending the next workshop.
- Joseph Gosnell reported on complaints he has received of a SUV with NJ plates parked in the Borough's Grant Street parking lot for an extended period of time. He said it is occupying the closest parking spot to the houses, which seniors could be using. This parking lot is intended for short term parking. Attorney Asteak suggested that we consider having vehicles registered through the Borough office.

Agenda Items:

- Amy Richard reported that the bid specifications for the Lincoln Avenue project are ready for advertising and have been reviewed by the Borough's Engineer, Attorney Asteak, public works and Alex Hennings. Attorney Asteak reported that even though we presently do not have the easement in hand, we can proceed with the project bidding process.
- **Motion** by Joseph Gosnell, seconded by Renee Caldwell for approval to advertise the bids for the Lincoln Avenue Resurfacing Project. Motion carried unopposed.
It was noted the bids will be received, opened, and reviewed by Hanover Engineers, then distributed electronically to the Borough.
Amy Richard reported that the current garbage contract is expiring December 31, 2024. The contract has been reviewed and is ready to be advertised for bid. The Borough reserves the right to extend the current contract as an option.
Motion by Cindy Hower, seconded by Joseph Gosnell to advertise for garbage contract bidding, 2 years and 3 years.

Public Comment:

- Resident Louise D-Achille reported that Public Works employees were in the road while painting without cones or signs stating men working ahead.
- Resident Robert Klotz reporting that the Public Works employee was working from the bucket of the front-end loader. Katie Santiago suggested OSHA courses. Attorney Asteak suggested there would be a conversation with Public Works director on safety procedure.
- Resident Kay Morris inquired about a crosswalk or pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection of Main Street and Werkheiser Ave. Amy Richard stated this inquiry will be followed up on.

- Resident Jim Godiska inquired about the status of the police department. Amy Richard reported that the officer search is ongoing.
- Erik Wenzelberger commented on gravel wash-out on the trail from the latest heavy rain.

Council Comments:

- Pam Davis inquired about a car counter piece of equipment put on Winona Street.
- Amy Richard noted that the Borough did not donate \$500 to the Police Bicycle Event per a motion at a prior meeting. The event could not accept cash donations, but rather purchased bicycles. The event was also looking for adult sponsors to ride with the bicycle recipients. The event was to be held in the Allentown area.
- **Executive Session:**
- **Motion** by Pam Davis, seconded by Renee Caldwell for Council to go into Executive Session at 8:10pm. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn Executive Session at 8:34pm and return into regular session. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:35pm. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council is scheduled for Wednesday September 4, 2024 - Cancelled

The foregoing was approved the day of, **2024**.

President of Council

Attest: _____