

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2022**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell and Renee Cantwell. Pam Davis was absent.
- Attorney Steve Mills, Mayor Rosemarie Wenzelberger were present.
- Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy was absent. Minutes were taken by Renee Cantwell.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL

- Nothing was added to the Agenda.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022, as written. Motion carried unopposed.

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through August 30, 2022. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor had nothing to report

Police

- No Comments

Zoning

- There was a complaint sent to Lezzer' s Lumber regarding dust. Lezzer' s has put down some spray calcium to address the problem.

Solicitor

- No Comments

Agenda

- The Borough has received two letters of interest for the Council vacancy. Katie Santiago presented her reasons for her interest in the council seat. Russ Matthews then presented his reasons for his interest in the council seat. Katie Santiago received the appointment by Motion of Council
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski to nominate Katie Santiago based on her attendance at regular meetings and her interest in the Borough, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to appoint Katie Santiago as the new Council member. Motion carried unopposed.
- Information was received from Lisa Boscola's office regarding a Flat Rate Business Privilege Tax which the Borough can enact upon businesses in the Borough. Amy Richard suggested that this issue be discussed in the future due to the current economics and adverse impact it might have on business at this time.

Public Comment

- Louise D'Achille of Center Street asked why the owners of the former Stockertown Elementary School are allowed to add apartments to the building. She has concerns regarding the current state of the building. Amy Richard stated that certain conditions must be met before construction and that she would contact the Zoning officer.
- Jonathan Hyde of Crown View expressed his concern regarding Mr. Long's lot on Crown View. The weeds and grass are not being attended to. The issue will be referred to the attention of the Zoning Officer.
- Peter Dewey of Birch Street questioned the status of the police department. He wanted to know why a large concrete block was placed in front of the police department door. Amy Richard advised him that the block was placed there because the officer, who was not on duty, forced entry into the building.
- Rebekah Goldenberg asked how long it will be before the Borough has police coverage.
- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street stated that Palmer Products is still making excessive noise. He also stated that garbage cans are being left on the sidewalk all week on Main Street and are obstructing the view of traffic.
- Laura Jimenez of Old Easton Road asked if a police officer will still be following the school buses in the morning.

Council Comment

- Amy Richard informed everyone in attendance that Officer Shimer has resigned today.
- Joe Gosnell stated that 403 Main Street has trimmed their bushes but they have trash in their yard which spills into the street. Residents in the area would like to know what can be done about the trash.

- **Motion** Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to enter into executive session at 7:54 P.M. Motion carried unopposed
- **Motion** by Cindy Hower, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to exit executive session and enter back into regular session at 8:06 P.M. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to hire three new public works employees, 1 at \$17.00 per hour and 2 at \$20.00 per hour. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mayor Wenzelberger swore in Katie Santiago as the new Council member.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Cindy Hower to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on September 7, 2022
 The September 7, 2022 meeting was cancel.
 A Special Council Meeting has been advertised for September 12, 2022.

The foregoing was approved the 12th day of September, 2022.

President of Council

Attest:_____