

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Pamela Davis, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Joe Gosnell was absent.
- Mayor Paul Zaboy and Solicitor Gary Asteak were present.
- Asst. Chief Eric Schwab and Officer Samira Sabbagh were present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street was concerned about the trees which were cut down on LeFevre Road by the Bridge. Amy Richard expressed her displeasure of the removal of the trees and stated that it is totally out of the Borough's control.
- Mr. Earl Kocher of Old Easton Road stated his concerns about the sludge trucks traveling through Stockertown. Amy Richard stated that the Borough has no control where the trucks exit Route 33 and the Stockertown exit is the closest to their destination.
- Morgan Shafer complained that the stones which were pushed up by the snow plows onto Mr. Kocher's property have not been cleaned up by the Borough yet.
- Tom Carlo, a resident of Pen Argyl, informed Council of the sludge truck dispute and the route they are planning to take. He stated that Plainfield Township Planning Board has been working on this issue. Amy Richard informed Mr. Carlo that this issue was being discussed prior to his arrival and that we were looking into the matter.

Council Comment

- No Council Comments

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve Council Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2018 as written. Motion carried unopposed.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve accounts payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through August 6, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.
- An updated Contact List was distributed to Council.

Police

- Asst. Chief Eric Schwab read the Calls for Service Report from July 1, 2018 to July 31, 2018. He stated that there were 2 Narcotics Arrests; 2 Other Arrests; 6 Suspicious Persons; 3 Ambulance Assist; 16 Traffic & Parking Complaints; 166 Traffic Summonses; 29 Traffic Warnings along with Miscellaneous Calls for a total of 289 Calls for the month of July.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Zaboy informed Council that Hanover Township would like to join the NAZCOG in participation with the Comprehensive Plan which would give the Borough a small reduction in the fees and more leverage in applying for grants.
- Solicitor Gary Asteak reiterated what Mayor Zaboy stated and presented a Resolution to be approved by Council authorizing an Application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve the Resolution for Certification for an Application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for the Multi Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unopposed.
- Mayor Zaboy updated Council that the NAZCOG is in a position to proceed with the Animal Control Program. This program would only be for those municipalities who have already agreed to participate. No other municipalities can join until after the trial period succeeds. Mayor Zaboy is concerned about the holding facilities becoming filled and whether the Borough would have to update the holding pen we currently have. Solicitor Asteak stated that the Borough is under no obligation to house any animals. Once an animal is caught it will be taken care of by Pebbles and Paws. According to Solicitor Asteak, the protocol of Pebbles and Paws is to reach out to the neighborhoods, put up signs, Facebook page, make phone calls, and whatever is necessary to find the owner. If an owner cannot be found, they will then foster the dog and eventually put it up for adoption. Shots and medical care will be administered, if needed. If the owner does claim the dog, he/she will be responsible for whatever charges are incurred. Pebbles and Paws will charge 50 cents a head per capita per municipality. This will be a one year trial program.

Public Works

- A work To Do List received from Alex Hennings, Public Works Director, was distributed. Amy Richard inquired as to whether anyone had anything to be added to that list.

Agenda

- Amy Richard informed Council that the Bog Turtle survey was completed and to the benefit of the Borough, there were no bog turtle habitats found. The Borough is now waiting on comments and approval from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of the 537 Plan which was submitted.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on August 20, 2018.
The August 20, 2018 meeting was cancelled.

The foregoing was approved the 5th day of **September, 2018**.

President of Council

Attest:_____