

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF September 2, 2015**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Robin Davis, Cindy Hower, Joe Gosnell, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito.
- Mayor Charlie Davis and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Officer Eric Schwab was present and Chief John Soloe arrived at 8:10 PM.

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 stated that someone approached him regarding putting in a crosswalk across Main Street and/or reducing the speed limit for safety. Amy Richard advised him that those suggestions have been looked into previously and because it is a PennDOT road, Penn DOT would need to make any changes.

Council Comment

- There was no council comment.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2015 with one correction. Motion carried unopposed.
 - Under Public Works, 3rd Bullet, change Mr. Richard to Ms. Richard.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Joe Gosnell to approve Accounts Payable for the General Fund and Sewer Fund through September 2, 2015. Motion carried unopposed.
- Amy Richard informed everyone that a former Borough police officer, Officer Joseph Vrabel, had passed away last week.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Davis stated that there was a COG meeting on August 31st wherein the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission discussed their comprehensive plan. He stated that most municipalities have not kept up with their plan. Stockertown opted out of the plan at the time it was presented.

Police Report

- Officer Eric Schwab read out the Call Service Report for the month of August. He stated there were 3 Narcotics arrests, 57 Traffic Summons issued, 43 Traffic Warnings, along with miscellaneous calls for a total of 126 for the month.
- Officer Schwab stated that residents complained about hearing a loud fog horn noise at night so he investigated the matter. He was able to determine that the noise was coming from Hercules Cement when they cleaned out their resonators. The mystery is now solved.

Public Works

- Amy Richard informed all that the road crack sealing will begin the week of September 14, 2015. It has been posted on the Borough sign.
- Several proposals for road paving were distributed to council members for their review. Public Works Director, Alex Hennings, will be at the next meeting to go over the proposals. Also, one or two representatives from the companies with the lowest bids will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss their proposals.
- Amy Richard went over the diagram prepared by Alex Hennings concerning the water puddling on Hillside. Mr. Hennings will also explain the diagram at the next meeting.

Agenda

- Amy Richard informed council that Fry's Lawn Service agreed to continue cutting the Borough's lawns in 2016 for the same fee as 2015. All council members agreed to enter into a new contract with Fry. A new contract will be drawn up and voted on.
- Sally Handlon contacted the Borough requesting to use Borough Hall for Buzzi's Leadership Training. After council discussed the matter, it was agreed to allow Buzzi to use Borough Hall. The Police Department will be provided the schedule to check that the building is locked after each meeting.
- **Motion** by Joe Gosnell, Seconded by Cindy Hower to allow Buzzi the use of Borough Hall for their Leadership Training on the designated dates at no charge. Motion carried unopposed.

Zoning

- John Soloe arrived at 8:10 PM.
- Mr. Soloe stated that A & H was building new offices inside their existing building.
- Mr. Soloe stated that the Shell Station on Commerce will be paving their parking lot. They mentioned the possibility of also paving the street and that they would like to have a conversation with the Borough concerning the paving. Mr. Soloe stated that he has contacted Al Kortz, the Borough Engineer, to be sure the paving of the parking lot is done properly.
- John Soloe mentioned that the dead trees by the ballfield will need to be cut down so they will not fall and damage the Borough's fence. Quotes will be obtained to remove the trees.

Old, New & Unfinished

- Joe Gosnell was concerned about the dumping of recycling material into the Borough’s garbage bin located at the LeFevre garage. Amy Richard informed him that signs are in the process of being completed. The garbage bin will be moved and a sign will be placed by the garbage bin informing residents that it is for Borough use only.
- Joe Gosnell stated that a neighbor questioned whether it was legal to park a car up on the curb in front of his house. Chief John Soloe stated that it is illegal to park a car on the curb.
- Carl Zito wanted to know if any decision was made about putting a speed bump on Winona Street. Amy Richard stated that a speed bump would not be installed because Winona is a remote road in the Borough and she does not want to set a precedent for other Borough roads.
- Amy Richard stated that when the crack sealing begins, the roads will have to be cleared of cars. Notification will be given to residents.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Robin Davis, Seconded by Carl Zito to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:27 PM. Motion carried unopposed.

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

The foregoing was approved the **14th** day of **September, 2015**.

President of Council

Attest: _____