

**STOCKERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Council Members present were: Council President Amy Richard, Vice President, Kathleen Zdonowski, Cindy Hower, Rosemarie Wenzelberger and Carl Zito. Joe Gosnell and Pam Davis were absent.
- Mayor Paul Zaboy and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Anita Caughy were present.
- Attorney Steven Mills, Chief John Soloe 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

Public Comment

- Eric Wenzelberger of Center Street expressed his concerns regarding the non-completion of the LeFevre Road Bridge. Amy Richard informed him that the County stated at the preconstruction meeting that they were working on several bridges and that they would get to ours as soon as possible.
- Mr. Wenzelberger expressed concerns regarding the speed that people are traveling down Center Street. He also stated that his garbage can is missing.

Secretary / Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Kathleen Zdonowski to approve Council Meeting Minutes of August 6, 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 September 5, 2018. Motion carried unopposed.

Mayor Report

- Mayor Paul Zaboy informed Council that the meeting for the Comprehensive Municipal Plan will be held on September 10, 2018 at the Upper Nazareth Twp. Building.

Police

- Assistant Chief Eric Schwab read out the Calls for Service Report from August 1st through the August 31st. He stated that there was 1 Narcotics Arrest; 10 Suspicious Persons; 13 Traffic Complaints; 71 Traffic Summonses; 38 Traffic Warnings; 2 Criminal Warrants along with Miscellaneous calls for a total of 199 Calls for the month of August.

- The date and schedule for Halloween was discussed. Stockertown will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Amy Richard volunteered to pick up the candy for the Police Department to distribute to the children in the area.

Zoning

- Zoning Officer John Soloe revised the Borough's Fee Schedule to bring it up to the current costs and correct some misprints in the previous schedule. Council had a lengthy discussion with the Zoning Officer regarding the recreation areas in the Borough in accordance with governmental regulations. Amy Richard asked for a Motion to accept the changes to the fee schedule which will then be adopted at the 1st meeting in 2019. Mr. Soloe stated that the Fee Schedule will need to be adopted as a Resolution during the January 2019 meeting, but that the new fees will go into effect immediately.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, Seconded by Cindy Hower to accept the changes to the Borough's Fee Schedule as of September 5, 2018 which will be adopted as a Resolution at the first meeting in January, 2019. Motion carried unopposed.

Public Works

- Amy Richard reiterated the issues with the paving of Bushkill Street by the State's contractor. She informed Council that she had some negotiations with PennDOT regarding the amount the Borough would receive for the turnback. PennDOT has agreed to pay the Borough \$66,000 to take back the road which is substantially higher than originally offered. She stated that we should receive the payment shortly.

Agenda

- The Borough is required to appoint a Representative and Alternate to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Amy Richard asked if there were any volunteers among Council to take on this responsibility. There were no volunteers. Mayor Zaboy stated that if no one on Council wanted to volunteer that he would volunteer for the position. Amy Richard volunteered to be the Alternate.
- **Motion** by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to appoint Paul Zaboy as the Representative to the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Amy Richard as the Alternate Representative. Motion carried unopposed.
- The Borough needs to appoint a contact person for Animal Control. Amy Richard stated that she would like to appoint Eric Schwab as the contact person due the fact that he is in the area more than anyone else. Eric Schwab stated that he would probably be dealing with it anyway and accepted the position.
- **Motion** by Amy Richard, Seconded by Carl Zito to appoint Eric Schwab as the Animal Control contact person. Motion carried unopposed. Amy Richard thanked Eric for taking on this responsibility.

- Two quotes were provided to Council from Bangor Glass Works for two different styles of bullet proof windows for the Borough Office.
 1. Solid glass window with a speaker at a cost of \$1,867.10
 2. Double glass sliding panel window with a lock at a cost of \$3,986.75.

Both styles would be Level III bullet resistant glass. There was a discussion among Council and Chief Soloe as to the safety benefits of each window. Chief Soloe recommended the solid glass window for safety reasons. It was agreed to have the solid panel window installed.

Motion by Kathleen Zdonowski, Seconded by Carl Zito to hire Bangor Glass Works to install a Level III Bullet resistant glass window in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

- A letter from the Department of Environmental Protection Agency was distributed to Counsel which requested an extension of 60 days for them to review the Borough's Act 537 Plan to phase-out the Borough's wastewater treatment facility. Amy Richard commented that the Plan was submitted to them almost flawlessly but for some reason they needed another 60 days.
- Council was provided with a list of current CD rates at Merchants Bank. Merchant Bank has agreed to raise the interest rates on the Borough's Savings Accounts to .75%. Amy Richard asked for permission to move some of the Borough's funds into a short term Special CD to receive a higher interest rate. Council was agreeable.
- **Motion** by Amy Richard, Seconded by Carl Zito to move Borough funds from the Money Market and General Fund Savings accounts to a 13 and/or 21 month CD. Motion carried unopposed.

Adjournment

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

The next regular meeting of Borough Council will be held on September 17, 2018

The foregoing was approved the 17th day of **September, 2018**.

President of Council

Attest: _____