

THE BOROUGH OF STOCKERTOWN HELD A MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010, AT 7:30 PM AT BOROUGH HALL.

Attendance

- Councilors present were Mr. Jack Fatzinger, Mr. Carl Zito, Mr. Paul Zaboy, Ms. Amy Richard, Ms. Cindy Hower, Mr. A. Joseph Gosnell, and Mrs. Rosemarie Wenzelberger.
- Also present were John Soloe, and Gary Asteak
- Patrolman J. Vrabel was on duty to preserve the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President Amy Richard

Public Comment

- Earl Kocher, 300 Old Easton Road, questioned availability of approved minutes per his comments at the previous meeting of February 1, 2010. Ms Richard stated that there was a binder of approved minutes from 2008 going forward available for public viewing, and there would be no charge for a copy (several) at this time.

Council Comments

- Paul Zaboy commented favorably on the progress of the office organization.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Carl Zito to approve the minutes from February 15th, 2010. Rosemarie Wenzelberger said Nay, motion carried.

Mayoral Report

- The mayor was not in attendance.
- Paul Zaboy commented on a letter sent to the Mayor from Allentown's Mayor, Ed Pavlowski, regarding illegal guns and controlling them.

Police Report

- There was no report.
- Rosemarie Wenzelberger commented on the reluctance of some residents and businesses to remove the snow from their sidewalks.

Solicitor's Report

- The Ordinance Codification Project was sent to Keystone Consulting, and Zoning Officer John Soloe, and we are awaiting their comments.
- Council is awaiting map revisions from the Comprehensive Plan from Sean Dooley.

Agenda Items

- Council agreed to allow Cornerstone Church to use the ball field with the prevailing rate providing they reasonably schedule their usage around that of the handicap children's schedule.

- To date there has been no reply from Lafayette Ambassador Bank regarding the Borough's credit card usage. All Councilors agreed to limit the Borough to one main credit card and two gas credit cards, in an effort to better monitor the spending and extra charges, and to cancel any remaining cards. Discussion ensued regarding store accounts, the use of purchase orders, and purchase preapprovals. No action was taken.
- No action was taken on the Ikon Copier with regard to changing the contract.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Jack Fatzinger to purchase pallet forks for the skid loader at a cost of \$852.00 to facilitate the moving of chemical totes at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.
- There was discussion regarding Employee Performance Bonds currently held by Travelers Insurance in the amounts of \$25,000 for the Secretary and \$100,000 for other Borough employees. **Motion** by Carl Zito, second by Jack Fatzinger to consolidate Waste Water Treatment Bonds and General Borough Bonds and to increase the amounts of each to one bond for the Secretary/Treasurer in the amount of \$250,000 and one bond for the other employees (Employee Dishonesty Bond) in the amount of \$250,000. Motion carried unanimously.
- Council revisited the Open Records Policy and agreed to name the Secretary/Treasurer as the Open Records Officer. The Officer is responsible for receiving requests and processing them to include the per page charge for copies of 25 cents per page.
- In further discussion the EIT percentage of 1% was verified. An Advisory committee member from the Borough is needed to serve on the Stormwater Management Bushkill Creek Watershed. A meeting with the firm of Vondercrone and Behrens is scheduled for March 10, 2010, at 1:00 PM.
- Applicants for Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor were received from Mr. David Backenstoe and James Zullick. No action was taken.
- Center Point Tank Removal provided the Borough with a report summary of the tank removal and soil test results from the underground fuel oil tank located at Memorial Hall. No contamination was found as a result of the samples taken.

Old Business

- Discussion was held on advertising for a Borough Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Joe Gosnell to advertise for a Borough Secretary/Treasurer to work 35 office hours per week plus meetings not to exceed 38 hours per week. Applicant must be proficient in Quick Books Professional* as well as Microsoft Office* and possess general office skills, good communication skills and attention to detail. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Carl Zito to adjourn to executive session at 8:36 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Carl Zito, second by Paul Zaboy to return to regular session at 9:47 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- **Motion** by Carl Zito, second by Paul Zaboy to hire Curt Scott from Tatamy to make programming changes to the sewer billing data base and combine Sewer and General Government databases at \$95.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Jack Fatzinger to hire Alex Soloe as a part time police officer for the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

- **Motion** by Paul Zaboy, second by Carl Zito to adjourn at 10:06 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of Borough Council will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Richard
Acting Borough Secretary