

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 2/8/16**

**REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The Reorganization/Regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Attorney Michael Butler at 7:10 pm on January 4, 2016. Mayor Nemeth read the “Sunshine Statement” indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and led the Flag salute.

Oath of office was administered by Attorney Butler to the following elected officials:

Nic Messina – Borough Council Member – three year term to expire 12/31/18;
Aaron Lipsen – Borough Council Member – three year term to expire 12/31/18.

Roll call: Anthony Grecco-present, Adam Juncosa-present, Aaron Lipsen-present, Nic Messina-present, Kathryn Seffanelli-present, Donald Vandegrift-absent, Mayor Timothy Nemeth-present. Deputy Clerk Donna Griffiths was also present. There were no members of the public present.

Nomination of Council President – one year term through 12/31/16

Mayor Nemeth opened the floor to nominations for Council President. Mr. Lipsen moved the nomination of Mr. Messina as Council President with a second by Mr. Grecco. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried on voice vote for the appointment of Mr. Messina as Council President for a one year term to expire 12/31/16 – all in favor.

Remarks by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth

Mayor Nemeth remarked that he is looking forward to a good, New Year further acknowledging the continued efforts of the Council subcommittees that have been working well together and handling matters more efficiently.

Resolutions

The following Resolutions Nos. 2016-01 through 2016-25, as listed below and filed in the Borough Clerk’s Office, were presented for approval. Resolution 2016-06 was voted on via separate action. Motion was made by Mr. Juncosa with a second by Mr. Messina for the adoption of Resolutions 2016-01 through 2016-25 with the exception of Resolution 2016-06. Motion carried on voice vote – all in favor.

2016-01	Consent Agenda
2016-02	Schedule of Regular Meetings
2016-03	Rules of Order
2016-04	Official Depositories
2016-05	Official Newspapers
2016-06	Appointments
2016-07	Temporary Budget
2016-08	Interest & Penalty Rates for Delinquency Charges

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2016-09	Defense of Tax Appeals
2016-10	Stipulations and Rollback Appeals
2016-11	Authorized Signatories
2016-12	Tax Collector Refund Authorization
2016-13	Annual Tax Sale
2016-14	Fee for Insufficient Check Funds
2016-15	Investment of Funds
2016-16	Risk Management Consultant
2016-17	Statewide Insurance Fund Commissioner
2016-18	Borough Attorney
2016-19	Planning Board Attorney
2016-20	Bond Counsel
2016-21	Borough Engineer
2016-22	Maintenance of Tax Maps
2016-23	Borough Auditor
2016-24	Borough Planner
2016-25	Public Agency Compliance Officer

Resolution 2016-06 – Appointments

Proposal was received from Animal Control & Investigative Services LLC for animal control services for 2016. It was agreed to amend the appointment list to include the re-appointment of Tim Davis as the Animal Control Officer through 2/8/16, the next Council meeting, at such time as discussion can continue on the needs for animal control services for 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Messina with a second by Ms. Steffanelli to approve the resolution with the aforementioned amendment. Motion carried on voice vote – all in favor.

REGULAR MEETING

Resolutions:

Resolution 2016-26 – Budget Transfers – Motion made by Mr. Juncosa with a second by Mr. Grecco for the approval of the budget transfer resolution as presented. Motion carried on voice vote – all in favor.

Resolution 2016-27 – Request to NJDOT for Mid-Block Crosswalk – Discussion ensued regarding the resolution as presented relative to specific declaration being made for the need of the crosswalk at the Todd/Cravings Restaurant properties.

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It was the consensus of Council that safe crossing is the underlying goal for all of the businesses and properties within this area and specific reference to the Todd/Cravings Restaurant properties should be removed from the resolution.

It was agreed that a request be made to the NJDOT for a review of traffic patterns and for a proposal from them as to the most suitable location for an east-west crosswalk in the area between Woolverton Rd./Rt. 523 and the local businesses on Rt. 29 north. It was suggested that block and lot numbers be used as reference points in the request to NJDOT. A revised resolution is to be prepared for action at the next Council meeting.

Claims for Payment

Motion was made by Mr. Lipsen with a second by Mr. Juncosa for approval of the bill list as presented. Motion carried on voice vote – all in favor.

Council Liaison Reports

Council member Grecco advised that he will be following up with the snow plow contractor to go over problem areas, and to discuss previously received complaints.

Council member Juncosa expressed concern with the condition of Hilltop Drive. Council member Grecco advised that an estimate for repairs had previously been received, but clarification as to the quote/bid process for the repairs needs to be discussed. Request was made to schedule this matter for further discussion at the February meeting.

Question was raised by Council member Grecco as to the status of the construction of the headwall on the towpath which is supposed to begin in 2016. No updated information has been received. Council member Lipsen requested that discussion of the FEMA Community Rating System be added to the February meeting agenda.

Open Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next, regular meeting of Council will be held on February 8, 2016, at 7:00 PM.

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There being no further discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lipsen with a second by Ms. Steffanelli to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Griffiths, RMC
Deputy Borough Clerk