

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 9/8/14**

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Stephen Giocondo at 7:01 pm on August 11, 2014. The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Nic Messina, Mr. Tim Nemeth, Mrs. Kate Steffanelli and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Neal Esposito was absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. Borough Engineer Dennis O'Neal and Water/Sewer Supervisor Greg Ent arrived at approximately 7:30pm. There were no members of the public present.

Mayor Giocondo read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and led the flag salute. Mayor Giocondo opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mrs. Steffanelli, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

Minutes – the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Nemeth, seconded by Mr. Lipsen, with Mrs. Steffanelli and Mr. Vandegrift abstaining due to their absence.

Ordinance No. 2014-4 – Second Reading/Public Hearing – Bond – Water Utility
"BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,500 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY"

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 2014-4 by title and explained that it would fund known steps and expenses relating to the water contamination issue at Well #3. In response to a question raised by Mr. Vandegrift regarding waiting until the engineer and water/sewer operator arrived for the update, Ms. Hovan stated that the expenses estimated for the ordinance's purpose were the "known" expenses and that the update would cover what was in progress. Ms. Hovan said that if the costs change due to the remediation steps required, a new ordinance might be needed. Mayor Giocondo opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Nemeth, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

Resolution No. 2014-55, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No.2014-4 was adopted on motion by Mr. Nemeth, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lipsen, Messina, Nemeth, Steffanelli, Vandegrift
 Nays: None
 Absent: Esposito
 Abstain: None

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 9/8/14**

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014**

Resolution(s):

The following resolutions, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below, were adopted on motion by Mr. Nemeth, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried:

2014-56	Acceptance of 2013 Municipal Audit
2014-57	Acceptance of Audit Corrective Action Plan

Roll Call: Ayes: Lipsen, Messina, Nemeth, Steffanelli, Vandegrift
 Nays: None
 Absent: Esposito
 Abstain: None

Discussion: Parking issues (ongoing)

Mayor Giocondo announced that the parking issues discussion would be suspended unless circumstances so warranted the ongoing discussion to be added monthly again.

Claims for Payment

The Claims for Payment, as attached, was approved on motion by Mr. Nemeth, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried, after a brief discussion about lawn cutting services.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lipsen, Messina, Nemeth, Steffanelli, Vandegrift
 Nays: None
 Absent: Esposito
 Abstain: None

Borough Engineer Dennis O'Neal and Water/Sewer Operator Greg Ent arrived at the meeting to update council on the water issue. Mr. Ent said that the second round of testing showed negative E-coli and coliform levels and said another round was due for analysis in the next week. Mr. Ent reminded those present that the well was offline and would remain so until the system was determined to be clear. Mr. Ent and Mr. O'Neal discussed steps taken to remove and clean the system. The steps included the installation of a new pump and continued sampling. Mr. O'Neal said that the investigation has been centered on ruling out contamination sources one by one and that the responsible cause had not been entirely identified. Mr. Ent suggested valve replacements for Well #4 as a preventative measure. Ms. Hovan asked if Mr. Ent could submit a proposal for the preventative items so that Council could consider the funding for them. Mr. Lipsen suggested improvements to the notification steps and Mr. Ent said he would distribute information to residents regarding the Reverse 911 alert system administered through the County.

Mayor's Report – none

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 9/8/14**

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014**

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Nemeth said that he had placed a call to the State Police regarding the Delaware Township policing option but had not yet connected with them.

Mr. Lipsen reported that Mrs. Steffanelli discovered wasps in the park and that he closed the playground, hoping to re-open by week's end. Mr. Lipsen said that he ordered a new supply of fence posts. Mr. Messina offered to help remove the trash cans on the tow path as directed by the Canal Commission. Mr. Lipsen said that he was able to touch up some paint in the office and was working on other improvements for the park and for the building. Mr. Lipsen added that the gardens on the tow path needed to be weeded and that he donated brochure holders to the office. Mr. Lipsen said that he welcomed ideas and suggestions for other projects.

Mayor Giocondo announced the next meeting would be Monday, September 8, 2014. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm on motion by Mr. Nemeth, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk