

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 3/13/17**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

The February Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 7:01 pm on February 13, 2017. The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Anthony Grecco, Mr. Aaron Lipsen and Mr. Nic Messina. Mrs. Kate Steffanelli and Mr. Donald Vandegrift were absent. Borough Attorney Michael Butler, Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan and Borough Engineer Dennis O'Neal were also present. There were four members of the public present.

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.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. Ms. Karen Edwards, 17 Risler Street and Ms. Sara Bizaro, 13 South Main, introduced themselves as members of a subcommittee working on options for the future of the Stockton School. Ms. Edwards said that the group was working on a brochure to distribute to the community, promoting the CHOICE program as well as investigating other uses for the Stockton School building in the event it ceases to be used as a school. Ms. Edwards said the group would like input from the Council once they have had time to think about the options. Mayor Nemeth suggested that the group survey the community, to which Ms. Edwards replied that they intend to. The Mayor and members of Council thanked the women for their time. There being no additional questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Grecco and carried.

Engineer's Report - Water/Sewer System Updates, Road Projects

Mr. O'Neal said that he and the Water/Sewer Operator were busy trying to determine the sources of system due to increases in water output and spikes in the sewer readings. Mr. O'Neal said that the two were unrelated and believes that the installation of a new check valve in the sewer line would prove worthwhile, adding that Mr. Greg Ent was tackling that project. In addition, Mr. O'Neal said that the Borough received a letter from the State and that it is necessary to adjust the pH in the water by May 18th and that he would be providing an estimate for the requisite permitting work. Mr. O'Neal also reported that he received some comments regarding the addition of curb on Glenwood in the upcoming project and said that he strongly believed that doing so would increase flow down Wilson and recommended against. Mr. O'Neal said that adding curbs would be counter to the measures worked on in recent years to decrease the flow in that problematic area. In response to a question raised by Mr. Grecco, Mr. O'Neal confirmed that the sinkhole on Mill Street was fixed. Mr. Grecco suggested that the Borough fill the park entrance path with new gravel and there was a brief discussion regarding private property. Mr. O'Neal said he would ask Mr. Sowsian to bring a load of gravel. Ms. Hovan suggested that the Borough wait until the spring. Mr. O'Neal briefly discussed the trash rack project with the County and Ms. Hovan and Mr. Butler said they would discuss the necessary easements so that they may be executed.

Minutes -- the meeting minutes of the January 2, 2017 Reorganization/Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried unanimously.

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Ordinance No. 17-01 – Establishing Stockton Park as a Tobacco Free Zone – Second Reading/Public Hearing

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON BY ESTABLISHING A NO-SMOKING ZONE WITHIN THE ENTIRETY OF STOCKTON PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 17-01 by title. Mr. Lipsen noted that Mr. Vandegrift was absent and wondered if the hearing should be postponed. Council agreed to proceed and briefly discussed enforcement constraints. Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Resolution No. 2017-30, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and to adopt Ordinance No. 17-01 was adopted on motion by Mr. Grecco, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried unanimously.

Roll Call: Ayes: Juncosa, Grecco, Lipsen, Messina
 Nays: None
 Absent: Steffanelli, Vandegrift
 Abstain: None

Resolution Nos. 2017-31, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and listed below, was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously.

2017-31 FY17 SAGE Authorization – Hilltop Drive/Moore Street

Roll Call: Ayes: Juncosa, Grecco, Lipsen, Messina
 Nays: None
 Absent: Steffanelli, Vandegrift
 Abstain: None

Claims for Payment – the claims for payment, as attached, were approved on motion by Mr. Messina, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously.

Roll Call: Ayes: Juncosa, Grecco, Lipsen, Messina
 Nays: None
 Absent: Steffanelli, Vandegrift
 Abstain: None

Mayor Nemeth announced the following appointments to the Planning Board:

Class IV – John Bonanni– unexpired 4-term to expire 12/31/19
Alternate #1 – Madeline Urbish – unexpired two year term to expire 12/31/18
Alternate #2 — James Gallagher - unexpired two-year term to expire 12/31/17

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Discussion – Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Amwell Project – Mr. Butler reported that the MOU with Mt. Amwell for the Howell Cemetery was nearly complete and he expects the draft to be ready for action at the next meeting. Mr. Butler repeated the terms of the forthcoming MOU; that the organization would fund reasonable legal costs to have the Borough acquire the property and would go to court on the Borough's behalf for the acquisition.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Nemeth discussed a request from Freeholder Matt Holt's wife to place "Crimestoppers-type" signs on Borough property as part of a community watchdog campaign. A brief discussion followed regarding appropriate sites. Mayor Nemeth said that he would obtain a sample sign. Mayor Nemeth also announced that the County Economic Development Director hoped to make a presentation to Council in the time ahead,

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Grecco said that he was having a hard time acquiring weight limits signs for the bridge and that Stockton was the only river town not to have them. Ms. Hovan said that she would follow up. Mr. Lipsen reported that he obtained new flags for the building and inquired of the status of meeting with the water authority about the canal banks. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Lipsen said he would send Ms. Hovan a couple date choices that she could offer.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried. Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on March 13, 2017 at 7pm. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm on motion by Mr. Grecco seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk