

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 2/13/17

**REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2017**

The 2017 Reorganization and January Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 6:05 pm on January 2, 2017. The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Anthony Grecco, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mrs. Kate Steffanelli and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Nic Messina was absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There were no 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.

Oaths of Office

Ms. Hovan administered the Oath of Office to Donald Vandegrift, Borough Councilman, for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Ms. Hovan administered the Oath of Office to Adam Juncosa, Borough Councilman, for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Election of Council President

Mayor Nemeth called for nominations for Council President. Mr. Lipsen nominated Mr. Messina. Mayor Nemeth asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. Mayor Nemeth closed the floor. On motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Grecco, and carried unanimously, Mr. Messina was elected Council President for a term of one year expiring on December 31, 2017.

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. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Grecco and carried.

Remarks by Mayor Nemeth

Mayor Nemeth wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that he looked forward to continued progress for the town, noting park improvements as a key area of focus. Mayor Nemeth thanked the members of Council for the commitment to the community.

Reorganization Resolutions

The following Resolutions numbered 2017-01 through 2017-26, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below, were adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously:

2017-01	Consent Agenda
2017-02	Schedule of Regular Meetings
2017-03	Rules of Order
2017-04	Official Depositories
2017-05	Official Newspapers
2017-06	Appointments
2017-07	Temporary Budget
2017-08	Interest & Penalty Rates for Delinquency Charges

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2017-09	Defense of Tax Appeals
2017-10	Stipulations and Rollback Appeals
2017-11	Authorized Signatories
2017-12	Refunds and Cancellations Under \$10
2017-13	Annual Tax Sale
2017-14	Fee for Insufficient Check Funds
2017-15	Investment of Funds
2017-16	Risk Management Consultant
2017-17	Statewide Insurance Fund Commissioner
2017-18	Borough Attorney
2017-19	Planning Board Attorney
2017-20	Bond Counsel
2017-21	Borough Engineer
2017-22	Maintenance of Tax Maps
2017-23	Borough Auditor
2017-24	Borough Planner
2017-25	Public Agency Compliance Officer
2017-26	QPA Public Bidding Threshold

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

Ordinance No. 17-01 -- Establishing Stockton Park as a Tobacco Free Zone -- First Reading  
 "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 and explained that the ordinance prohibits the use of tobacco products within the Stockton Park, consistent with the discussion at the end of 2016.

Resolution No. 2017-27, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to introduce Ordinance No. 17-01 was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Grecco and carried unanimously.

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

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Resolution Nos. 2017-28 and 2017-29, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below, were adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried unanimously.

2017-28	Acting Zoning Officer
2017-29	Budget Transfers

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

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

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

Discussion -- Open Space and Recreation Plan -- Mr. Vandegrift and Mr. Lipsen reported that the parks committee had approved the draft plan and distributed copies to the full council. Ms. Hovan explained that because the Planning Board does have an Open Space element in the Master Plan, it would be prudent for the Planning Board to review the document as well. A brief discussion followed. On motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mrs. Steffanelli and carried, the Open Space and Recreation Plan was referred for comment and/or action as an amendment to the Master Plan, to the Planning Board.

Correspondence -- Demolition of 18 Mill Street

Ms. Hovan explained that the Borough received notification that FEMA was proceeding with the demolition of 18 Mill Street under the flood mitigation plan. A brief discussion followed regarding the expectations for the property's return to its natural state post demolition.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Lipsen said that he was working on some year-end purchases.

Mr. Grecco said that he was in contact with the snow plowing contractor regarding the season and that he talked to the Stockton Market about the restriction about plowing snow onto Railroad Avenue.

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. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried. Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on February 13, 2017 at 7pm. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Clerk