

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 11/14/16**

**REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 7:04 pm on September 12, 2016. The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mrs. Kate Steffanelli and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Grecco and Mr. Nic Messina were absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan, Borough Attorney Michael Butler, Chief Financial Officer Diane McDaniel and Borough Engineer Dennis O'Neal were 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. Mayor Nemeth 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. Juncosa and carried.

Minutes - the Minutes of the August 8 Regular Meeting were approved, as amended, on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried, with Mr. Messina and Mrs. Steffanelli abstaining due to absence.

Discussion - Sewer Pump Station Damage due to power surge: Mr. O'Neal provided Council with the summary of events and associated timeline for repairs for the pump station electrical issues caused by the reverse surge by JCP&L on August 14<sup>th</sup> after the August 12<sup>th</sup> power loss. Mr. O'Neal reported that the system was back online and credited Mr. Greg Ent for his diligent work to rally contractors and determine the issues and resolves and also credited Mr. Bob Ent as well. Ms. Hovan stated that she opened the insurance claim for the repair costs. Mr. O'Neal reported that JCP&L has been cooperative and that he and Ms. Hovan believe that the Borough will be compensated directly by them. Ms. Hovan said that she would update Council regarding the claims. Mr. O'Neal reported that sinkhole in the park was worsening and that another hole approximately 40' from the canal was observed. Mr. O'Neal continues to work with Canal Commission regarding source identification and responsibility and remedy. Mr. O'Neal reported that the Wilson Drive trash rack design was nearly complete. Mr. O'Neal also reported that there was an issue with the Brookville Hollow water service line outside of town on private property and that Mr. Ent is discussing resolve with the property owners.

Mayor Nemeth reported that he and Ms. Hovan met with the Lambertville Rescue officials and discussed funding expectations. Considerable discussion ensued regarding future obligations as well. On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously, it was decided that the amount of \$1,000 would be contributed to the squad for 2016 out of the \$17,000 funding appropriation for emergency services and that the finance committee should work with the sum of \$3,000 for rescue squad appropriations as they prepare the budget next year.

Mr. Butler reported that he was in contact with Mr. Reading from the Mt. Amwell project regarding the Memorandum of Understanding for the cemetery project and that they were agreeable, in principle, to the \$10,000 cap on legal costs.

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 11/14/16**

**REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Ordinance No. 16-01 – Cable Franchise Renewal – Second Reading/Public Hearing

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 16-01 by title and explained that the BPU review of the ordinance was still pending and that the public hearing would be carried until October 10, 2016. On motion by Mr. Juncosa and seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, the public hearing was carried.

Ordinance No. 16-08 – Bond – Glenwood Avenue Improvements – First Reading  
(Re-introduction)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GLENWOOD LANE, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 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. 16-08 by title and explained that it funds the Glenwood Avenue Road Improvements Project and that while Council adopted the ordinance at the last meeting, a publishing error was discovered and the ordinance had to be re-introduced. Resolution No. 2016-64, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and to introduce Ordinance No. 16-08 was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried unanimously.

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

Ordinance No. 16-09 – Bond – Sewer Pump Station Repairs – First Reading  
(Re-introduction)

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEWER PUMP STATION/EMERGENCY REPAIR, APPROPRIATING \$30,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,000 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. 16-09 by title and explained that it funds the repairs to the pump station based on estimates provided by Mr. Ent and that hopefully, the Borough will be reimbursed through the claims processes now underway. Resolution No. 2016-65, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and to introduce Ordinance No. 16-09 was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried unanimously.

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

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 11/14/16**

**REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Resolutions:

2016-66 Support for Rt. 29 Mid-Block Crosswalk – Mr. Butler explained that the zoning officer reminded via memo that site plan approval was still pending for the improvements made for the parking lot at the crosswalk area and suggested that the resolution be tabled so that Ms. Hovan could send a reminder letter. On motion by Mr. Juncosa seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried unanimously, the resolution was tabled until October.

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

2016-67 Participation in Hunterdon County Cooperative Pricing System – Ms. Hovan explained that the Hunterdon County Co-op has requested that the Borough become a participating member in the system. Ms. Hovan said that the co-op has not been very active in prior years and it appears that is changing, possibly with the benefit of attractive pricing on materials or services that the Borough can use. On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, Resolution No 2016-67, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to execute an agreement for co-op membership with the County, was adopted.

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

2015 Municipal Audit – Ms. McDaniel briefly explained the audit report and fielded questions from Council members. Resolution No. 2016-68 - Acceptance of 2015 Municipal Audit and Resolution No. 2016-69 – Acceptance of Corrective Action Report, both filed in the Borough Clerk's office, were adopted together on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mrs. Steffanelli and carried unanimously.

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

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

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

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 11/14/16**

**REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Council Liaison Reports – Mr. Lipsen inquired if a letter went out to the NJ Water Authority regarding the status of the canal bank repair. Mayor Nemeth and Mr. Vandegrift had suggested that the letter be held back as he contacted them to learn they were reviewing engineering options. Some discussion ensued and Ms. Hovan said that she would contact them for a status update.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on October 10, 2016. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Clerk