

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 9/11/17**

**REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:12 pm on August 14, 2017. 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.

The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Tony Grecco, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, and Mr. Don Vandegrift. Mr. Nic Messina and Mrs. Kate Steffanelli were absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There was one member of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public for comments. Michael Mann, 6 Wilson Drive, said he was there to ask Council for support to appear on the November ballot. Ms. Hovan explained that the County Democratic Chair is tasked to provide a name to the County Clerk. A very brief discussion followed. 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.

Resident Request for Sewer Utility Bill Adjustment: Mayor Nemeth explained that the Borough received a request from Mr. James Gallagher asking for a reduction in his sewer bill since a pipe burst in his home that caused the additional water use and it was not discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Mayor Nemeth explained that there is no mechanism to grant the reduction and Ms. Hovan added that years ago, there was one and it was mainly in the form of pool credits and it was administered on the honor system only, an unfair practice to the other system users. Mayor Nemeth said that his wife suggested to the Gallaghers that they pursue if remedy is available through their homeowner’s insurance.

Minutes – the meeting minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Grecco and carried. The meeting minutes of the June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Juncosa, with Mr. Messina and Mrs. Steffanelli abstaining due to their absence.

Resolutions – the following resolution, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office, were adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

2017-57	Extension of 3 rd quarter grace period
2017-58	Contract Payment #1 – Glenwood Lane Road Improvements
2017-59	Dedication by Rider – Storm Trust

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

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Claims for Payment – On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, the claims for payment were approved.

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

Discussion – Licensing and Keeping of Dogs Ordinance (carried from 6/12/17)

Ms. Hovan recapped the subject by explaining that the current ordinance contained a maximum number of dogs and that there may be a better option than the current limit of three. Mr. Juncosa suggested that the maximum number be removed entirely and Mr. Vandegrift suggested that it be kept as is. Mr. Vandegrift said that years ago a breeder lived near his house and there were issues but some were unable to prove. An extended discussion followed regarding health issues and resident responsibility. Mr. Grecco agreed with Mr. Juncosa's suggestion that the limit be lifted. Ms. Hovan said that she would work on a draft ordinance so documenting the suggestions.

Discussion – Request for approval of fireworks display

Ms. Hovan said that a request was received from Garden State Fireworks to conduct a fireworks display at the Prallsville Mills, noting that the celebration was for the company president's daughter's wedding. Considerable discussion followed regarding public safety and resident notifications. Ms. Hovan was directed to send a letter to the company supporting the display and requiring that the NJ State Police, Stockton Fire Department and Delaware Township Police be notified, with notices provided to the Stockton and Delaware Township municipal offices for resident awareness.

Meeting Open to the Public – Hearing no comments or questions, motion to close the meeting to the public was set forth by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Vandegrift discussed a proposal for carpeting in the offices. There was a discussion regarding the necessity to carpeting the back room. After additional dialogue, Mr. Vandegrift said he would contact the vendor with additional questions and would proceed with a cap of \$3,000 for the work. Mr. Grecco said he was working on potholes. Mr. Lipsen asked for a meeting from the recreation subcommittee. Mr. Grecco inquired of the status of the bridge signs and provided Ms. Hovan with additional NJDOT contact information. Mr. Vandegrift wondered if GPS technology was directing traffic to/from the bridge area. Mr. Lipsen asked if something could be done about motorcycle noise.

Next Meeting

Mayor Nemeth announced the next Council meeting will be held on September 11, 2017, at 7:00PM.

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There being no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk