

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED:**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 21, 2018**

A Special Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:05 pm on May 21, 2018. 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. Paul Bergquist, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Don Vandegrift were present. Mr. Michael Mann was absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan and Chief Financial Officer Diane McDaniel were also present. There were two members of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public for comments. Kate and Jeff Garofalina, 2 Ferry Street, said that they recently moved into town and came to listen. Mayor Nemeth welcomed them to the community and thanked them for coming. There being no other questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Ordinance No. 18-02 – Exceed Cap Limits/Establish Cap Bank – Second Reading/Public Hearing  
"ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK"

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 18-02 by title and explained that the ordinance permits the Borough to utilize up to 3.5% of the cap space with the ability to bank any unused portion for the statutory period. 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. Resolution No. 2018-39, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 18-02 was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Ordinance No. 18-03 – Lease Authorization for Use of the Howell Graveyard – First Reading

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON IN HUNTERDON COUNTY AUTHORIZING, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14, A GROUND LEASE FOR THE HOWELL GRAVEYARD"

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 18-03 by title and explained that the actual lease with Mt. Amwell Project, Inc. would be offered for execution following adoption. Mr. Butler briefed the audience on the graveyard ownership history.

Resolution No. 2018-40, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to introduce Ordinance 18-03 was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Public Hearing/Adoption of 2018 Municipal Budget

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Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public for discussion or comment on the 2018 municipal budget. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Ms. Hovan and Ms. McDaniel provided brief highlights of the 2018 budget, noted the actual increase came in just under 2-cents per \$100 in valuation. Resolution No. 2018-41 – Introduction of Budget, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office, was adopted on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Roll Call:      Ayes: Bergquist, Juncosa, Lipsen, Messina, Vandegrift  
                     Nays: None  
                     Absent: Mann  
                     Abstain: None

Resolution No. 2018-42 – Temporary Planning Board Secretary  
Ms. Hovan said that Christine Rosikiewicz agreed to cover the Planning Board meeting on Election Day since the secretary was unavailable. Ms. Hovan said that the rate of pay would be \$100 per meeting. Resolution No. 2018-42, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

Roll Call:      Ayes: Bergquist, Juncosa, Lipsen, Messina, Vandegrift  
                     Nays: None  
                     Absent: Mann  
                     Abstain: None

Resolution No. 2018-43 – Shared Services Agreement – Municipal Court  
Ms. Hovan presented the received agreement from East Amwell and Delaware Townships that is revised from prior years in that the Court Administrator would be paid directly by East Amwell instead of by Stockton. Ms. Hovan said that the Borough was not at all involved in the negotiations but that Mr. Butler received a copy from the East Amwell attorney one business day ago. Ms. Hovan said that her cursory review reflects an increase to the Borough without the proper justification for it. A brief discussion followed and Ms. Hovan said that she would reach out to the two towns to learn more. Ms. Hovan said that the agreement is supposed to begin by 6/1 and asked for and received authorization to commit prior to the next meeting, if necessary.

Mayor Nemeth left the meeting at 7:43 pm due to a prior commitment and Council President Messina took the gavel. Councilman Messina 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. Vandegrift and carried.

**Council Liaison Reports**

Mr. Lipsen reported that the parks and recreation subcommittee had a good meeting and finalized plans for the Bridge Street gardens, discussed playground fencing, roofing for the storage shed,

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proposed basketball court and parking gravel. The Council discussed garbage issues and proposed solutions for the park, without resolve.

Mr. Messina announced that the next meeting would be held on June 11, 2018, at 7pm. There being no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Clerk