

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:03 pm on November 19, 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. Michael Mann, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Don Vandegrift were present. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There were two members of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Michael Hefler, Lambertville, said that he's worked with Citizens Against the Pipeline and HALT, said he was working to gain support for an energy aggregation program whereby towns affected by the pipeline would band together and bid for distribution through renewable energy sources that could send a message to PennEast that the towns were working to reduce reliance on natural gas. Mr. Hefler said that the firm of Gable & Associates developed an analysis and estimates the costs would be at or less what is charged by JCP&L. Mr. Vandegrift questioned reliability, particularly in solar markets and asked if the studies addressed that concern and also general questions about renewable markets. Mr. Hefler said that he met with Lambertville, Delaware Township, Alexandria and West Amwell today. Mr. Vandegrift suggested that a meeting be organized once the program details were more refined and said that someone from Stockton would attend. Mr. Hefler thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and for their public service.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

Minutes – the meeting minutes of September 10m 2018 and October 8, 2018 were adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa, with Mr. Messina abstaining on the minutes for October 8, 2018 due to absence.

Ordinance No. 18-06 -- Bond -- Hilltop Drive and Moore Street Road Improvements --  
Second Reading Public Hearing

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO HILLTOP DRIVE AND MOORE STREET, APPROPRIATING \$325,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 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. 18-06 by title and explained that the ordinance funds the improvements to Hilltop Drive and Moore Street and that due to a publishing error, it had to be published again so that it could be adopted.

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. Mann and carried.

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Resolution No. 2018-63, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 18-06, was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried unanimously.

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

Ordinance No. 18-07 – Capital – Water Utility – Second Reading/Public Hearing

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE STOCKTON BOROUGH WATER UTILITY, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND \$10,000 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF”

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 18-07 by title and explained that funds were required for urgent utility work on S. Main and in other areas of town.

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. Bergquist and carried.

Resolution No. 2018-64, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 18-07, was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 18-08 – Capital – Park Improvements – Second Reading/Public Hearing

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE STOCKTON BOROUGH WATER UTILITY, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$5,000.00 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND \$10,000 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF”

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 18-08 by title and explained that funds from the ordinance would fund priorities for park improvements.

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. Mann, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

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Resolution No. 2018-65, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 18-08, was adopted on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried, Ordinance No. 18-08 was introduced with the public hearing scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution(s)

The following resolution, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below, was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously:

2018-66	Municipal Alliance Application
2018-67	Submission of Best Practices Checklist
2018-68	Snow Plowing Contract
2018-69	Budget Transfers

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

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

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

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Nemeth announced the tree lighting was scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Prallsville Mills and that there was a recent discussion about how to improve communication and relations between the Mill and the town, and the fire department. Mr. Mann said that he was willing to serve as the liaison for those future discussions. Mr. Vandegrift noted that the Mill should be contacted for input regarding park improvements too. Mayor Nemeth said that he also spoke with Ex-Chief Paul Steffanelli about a possible new idea to form a river town fire district.

Mr. Lipsen reported that the fire department wanted to turn over responsibility of disposing of Christmas trees and said he would contact T&T Tree Service about possibly donating services for the removal. A brief discussion followed and it was determined that approximately only 20-30

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Christmas trees are collected annually. In response to a question raised by Mr. Lipsen, Mr. Juncosa said that the County completed the road work on CR523 and that they replaced the drainage basin. Mr. Lipsen also discussed a need to address the ash tree borer disease and that the pothole by the bridge was worsening. Mr. Messina said that the pothole was on Bridge Commission property.

Mayor Nemeth asked what was good for all for a reorganization date and it was decided that Reorganization would be on Monday, January 7, 2019 and the Regular January meeting would be held at the same time.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on December 10, 2018, at 7pm. There being no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Clerk