

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

The November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 7:05 pm. 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.

Ms. Hovan called the roll. The following members of Council were present: Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Michael Mann, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Paul Bergquist was absent. 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. John Kuiphoff presented his latest drawings for a Borough logo, calling the effort "Logo Round 2." Mr. Kuiphoff said that the version were intentionally in black and white, as most applications for the logo's use would be in the same form, such as letterhead, etc. There was a general discussion to provide feedback and Council concluded that he was definitely moving in the right direction. After more discussion, it was clarified that the logo would also be used on welcome signs and other more major applications. Mr. Kuiphoff recommended contacting Riverside Signs for ideas about welcome signs.

Mr. Dave Reading, Executive Director of Mt. Amwell Cemetery Association, said that the group is ready to order its signs for the cemetery and asked how much longer until the logo is approved. Mr. Vandegrift replied that the Borough is hoping to finalize the art without delay but it is still in a design phase. Mr. Reading also reported that "no hunting" signs were put up on the property and he that he was concerned that the neighbor thinks the property is his. Discussion ensued regarding calls and letters and that the property records clearly show the cemetery is not the neighbor's and that it would be acceptable to take down signs. Mr. Reading said that he was uncomfortable and that he wanted the mayor to talk to the neighbor. Further discussion also included that Mt. Amwell planned to erect a border fence in the near future.

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

Minutes – the October 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes were tabled for approved on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Ordinance No. 19-07 – Capital - Fire Equipment – Second Reading/Public Hearing  
"CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE STOCKTON FIRE COMPANY, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF"

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 19-07 by title and explained that it provides funding for fire department equipment as requested. Mr. Vandegrift suggested the ordinance be tabled until the

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next meeting. He said that he was hoping for further movement on the shared service or fire district talks and that maybe there would be some progress before the next meeting. Mr. Vandegrift said that the difference between \$60,000 in one calendar year of funding compared to a few thousand for a shared service is considerable. Mr. Vandegrift also said that he didn't know the actual amount of a shared service but that was the point; that the talks haven't produced options. Mr. Mann said that the Council said that they would pass the ordinance. Mr. Lipsen said that the Council agreed to introduce the funding. Mayor Nemeth said that the talks are planned to continue and that there was a potential issue with unsafe equipment. Mr. Vandegrift said that he wanted the talks to continue but was worried that they won't if the money is appropriated. Mr. Messina asked what would change in another month. Mr. Lipsen said he thought that talks with Lambertville should happen and that Council shouldn't leave the firemen in the dark.

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. Messina and carried. Mr. Vandegrift made a motion to table the ordinance, which was not seconded. Mr. Juncosa make a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-07. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lipsen, and carried. Ms. Hovan was instructed not to process purchases from the Ordinance before the Council so directed. Resolution No. 2019-74, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopted Ordinance No. 19-07 was adopted.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Juncosa, Lipsen, Mann, Messina

Nays: Vandegrift

Absent: Bergquist

Abstain: None

Ordinance No. 19-10 – Water Capital - 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 \$12,000.00 FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF**

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 19-10 by title. She explained the remaining balance in the Water Capital is included in the Ordinance and that a bit more from the current fund is needed to fund the corrosion control contract.

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. Juncosa and carried.

Resolution No. 2019-75, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 19-10, was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

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

**Resolutions:**

The following Resolutions, 2019-76 through 2019-78, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below were adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

2019-76	Best Practices Checklist
2019-77	Temporary Utilities Collector
2019-78	Temporary Office Assistant

Resolution No. 2019-79, intended for Budget Transfers was pulled from the agenda.

Claims for Payment – the claims for payment, as attached, were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried unanimously, with the payment to T&T held until work is determined to be complete.

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

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. Juncosa and carried.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Vandegrift said that Boy Scout Alex Bauer's work on the park shed was complete and that the scout did a very good job. He encouraged all Council members to take a look at the finished shed. Mr. Vandegrift also suggested a letter be sent to him in appreciation. Mayor Nemeth asked if he could come to a meeting and Mr. Vandegrift said that young Mr. Bauer was a busy young man. Mr. Lipsen suggested a letter also go out to Niece Lumber for helping Alex. Mr. Vandegrift also reported that new rails and the new door were on order.

Mr. Mann said that he spoke to the Stockton Market folks and that the rumors about a sporting goods store in the space were untrue but that new vendors were going in.

In response to a question raised, Mayor Nemeth said that there wasn't enough time to consider new holiday lights before the season but that plans should be finalized in time for next Christmas.

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In response to a comment about the energy program, Mr. Lipsen said that he hoped the letters would look official and not like junk mail. He also mentioned that he gave a catalog for holiday lights to Mr. Bergquist.

There was a brief discussion about plans coming together for a tree lighting/holiday celebration. Mr. Mann said that the Prallsville Mills is having a party in December.

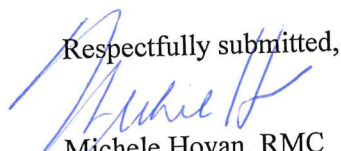
Mr. Vandegrift said that he was gathering information for the replacement shed at the pump station. Mayor Nemeth said that the current holiday lights are stored in the old shed. General discussion about the shed ensued, including plans for removal. Mr. Vandegrift asked about the bluestone curbs and said he would check with the landscape architect about the park master plan to see if there is an update.

Mr. Mann said that at the bottom of Tom Hendrick's land there are dead pine trees. Mayor Nemeth said that he was planning to discuss the issue with Mr. Ent.

Mr. Lipsen asked about the purchase order for Dannucci roofing and Ms. Hovan said that she was certain it was processed but would follow up. Mr. Lipsen asked Mr. Mann if he would be willing to paint a mural for the stormwater management education piece and Mr. Mann said he would be interested in organizing such an effort down the road.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on December 9, 2019 at 7pm. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Clerk