

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2020**

The June Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:05 pm on June 8, 2020. The meeting was held online using Zoom technology due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Nemeth read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. Michele Hovan called the roll. The following members of Council were present: Mr. Paul Bergquist, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Michael Mann, Mr. Nic and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Borough Administrator/Clerk Hovan and Borough Attorney Michael Butler were also present. There were no members of the public present.

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. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

Minutes:

The meeting Minutes for the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, with Mr. Mann and Mr. Messina abstaining due to absence. The meeting Minutes for the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Request for Adjustment - Water/Sewer Charges - Prallsville Mills (Carried from May meeting)
Discussion continued from May regarding the Prallsville Mills excessively high bill for which they requested relief. As requested, Mr. Greg Ent inspected the meter and determined it to be functioning properly. Mr. Juncosa stated that the usage was extraordinary, equivalent to filling half of an Olympic-sized pool or a hose running for 3 months straight. Discussion ensued regarding precedent and past practices and no action was taken in the absence of clear evidence as to the reason why the reading were so high. Council requested that Mr. Ent return and offer to speak to the property owner's plumber, if possible. Mr. Lipsen suggested, and the balance of Council concurred, that interest should be waived while under investigation.

Ordinance No. 20-02 – Second Reading/Public Hearing -Weight Limits on Certain Streets
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF TRUCKS OVER 33,000
POUNDS GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (CLASS 8) FROM CERTAIN STREETS IN
THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 20-02 by title and explained that signs could be ordered for all once the ordinance was adopted. A considerable discussion ensued regarding the true need for signs on all the listed streets, after which it was decided that Broad, Church, Moore, Railroad and Ferry, Woolverton and Old Prallsville should be top priorities.

On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried, Ordinance No. 20-02 was reintroduced as amended.

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Ordinance No. 20-04 – Water Rates – First Reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CHARGES, RENTALS, RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 20-04 by title and explained that the numbers were verified after questions from the last meeting and were correct, reflecting an increase of 3%. Ms. Hovan stated that the last time the water rates were adjusted was in 2017.

On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried, Ordinance No. 20-04 was introduced.

Ordinance No. 20-05 – Street Repairs – First Reading

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ROAD MATERIALS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH STREETS, 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. 20-05 by title and explained that the funding would be used for minor road issues as need, such as curb repairs, potholes, etc. On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, Ordinance No. 20-05 was introduced.

Resolutions – the following resolution, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office, was adopted on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

2020-48 Temporary Emergency Appropriations

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

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

There were no reports offered by the Mayor or Council.

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Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on June 24th at 6pm via Zoom to adopt the budget, then the regular July Meeting would be held on July 13th, at 7 pm.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk