

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

The September Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:00 pm on September 14, 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 Messina and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Borough Attorney Michael Butler and Borough Administrator/Clerk Hovan were also present. There were 2 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. Messina seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Request for Adjustment -Water/Sewer Charges - 4 Stockton Sergeantsville Road

Ms. Hovan provided a letter from Woodrose Properties requesting an adjustment to the water and sewer charges and also a memo from the Director of Water and Sewers regarding the matter, which indicated that the property had a major leak in their main line that has since been repaired. Mr. Butler said that the letter stated the property owner would pay \$2,000 of the amount due and wants the balance removed. Mr. Juncosa warned of a precedent for providing relief for leaks. Mr. Vandegrift stated that he might be conflicted due to another issue between him and the property owner regarding a tree. Following a brief discussion, no relief was granted as the leak appeared to genuinely be the responsibility of the property owner, however, should the need arise based on new information, Council would revisit the issue.

Minutes:

The meeting Minutes for the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting (Mr. Juncosa and Mr. Messina abstaining due to absence) and the August 17, 2020 Special Meeting (Mr. Lipsen and Mr. Messina abstaining due to absence) were approved on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

Ordinance No. 20-02 – Weight Limits on Certain Streets – Second Reading/Public Hearing

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 explained that the ordinance hadn't been adopted following re-introduction and that the cancellation of the August meeting may have contributed to the confusion.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or concerns, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried. Resolution No. 2020-58, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 20-02, was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

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 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

Ordinance No. 20-06 – Capital - Supplemental Funding - Hilltop & Moore St Road Improvements - Second Reading/Public Hearing

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE HILLTOP DRIVE AND MOORE STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, APPROPRIATING \$85,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND \$90,000 IN GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Hovan explained that this ordinance provides the additional funding required for the project and that the \$90,000 grant from the Commissioner's Office is included in the amount. Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or concerns, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried. Resolution No. 2020-59, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 20-06, was adopted on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

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

Ordinance No. 20-07 – Bond - Sewer Utility Equipment and Repairs - First Reading

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND WET WELL CLEANING FOR THE SEWER PUMP STATION, APPROPRIATING \$125,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000 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. 20-07 by title and explained that it funds critical equipment for the sewer utility, referring to a memo provided by the Director of Water and Sewer.

Resolution No. 20-20-59, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to introduce Ordinance No. 20-07, was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously.

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

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Resolutions – the following resolutions, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office, were adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried. Ms. Hovan briefly explained the resolutions regarding the 2019 Municipal Audit and also explained that she would be reaching out for signatures for the audit affidavit.

2020-60	Certificate of Determination and Award – BAN Sale
2020-61	Acceptance of 2019 Municipal Audit
2020-62	Acceptance of Audit Corrective Action Report

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. Mann and carried unanimously.

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

Discussion - Speed Bumps on Woolverton Road

Mr. Vandegrift said that for a number of years, he's witnessed cars and trucks traveling Woolverton at a high rate of speed and that he's spoken to two residents about it. He said that he is not fully committed to speed bumps as a deterrent but would like to see some traffic calming measure implemented because the road is used as a cut-through. Ms. Christine Trautman, 5 Woolverton Road, agreed, and said that something needs to be done and that it's a long-standing issue. Mr. Charles Soriero, 7 Woolverton Road said that that people have been speeding on the street for years. Ms. Trautman asked if the street could be one-way instead. Ms. Lauren Lutton, 8 South Main Street, asked for greater police presence and joined her neighbors in supporting traffic calming measures. Mayor Nemeth said that Delaware Township Police provide supplemental traffic enforcement to the town and that he would ask them to run radar on the street. Mr. Soriero suggested sign be posted that radar is enforced. Ms. Trautman offered her driveway if the police wanted to stage their radar patrol there and adding that most of the peak speeding occurs in the mornings and early evenings, suggesting that the problem is with commuter traffic. Mr. Juncosa suggested that the police car face Woolverton to slow traffic. Mayor Nemeth said that he would talk to the Delaware Township Chief and that the discussion should continue.

Mayor’s Report/Council Liaison Reports - there were no reports offered but Mr. Lipsen asked if there could be an update at the next meeting regarding the Bodine property.

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Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on October 12, 2020, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk