

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

The November 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 9, 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 was one member 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. Mann seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Minutes:

The meeting Minutes for the October 12, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Ordinance No. 20-07 – Bond - Sewer Utility Equipment and Repairs – Second Reading/Public Hearing

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 that due to a publishing error, it is necessary to re-adopt the ordinance that was adopted in October. As a reminder, Ms. Hovan said that the ordinance funds urgent equipment for the sewer utility. 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. Juncosa and carried.

Resolution No. 2020-64 as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt 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

Resolutions

The following Resolutions, as filed in the Borough Clerk's Office were approved on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncos and carried unanimously:

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2020-65 Submission of 2020 Best Practices Checklist
2020-66 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. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried unanimously.

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

Discussion – Future of Stockton School Property

Mayor Nemeth explained that he and Ms. Hovan had a meeting with School Board Representative Jim Gallagher regarding the district’s desire to turn the Stockton School property to the Borough. He said that the Board needed to take formal action, which could occur early in the new year and wanted to take the temperature of the Council regarding the acquisition. Ms. Hovan and Mr. Butler discussed the need for a title search, insurance, etc. Regarding future uses, Mr. Mann offered a group home or another type of service use. Mr. Messina said that he would like to be part of a committee to explore future uses. Mayor Nemeth said that he would communicate Council’s interest to Mr. Gallagher.

Discussion – Hunterdon County Economic Development Program

Mayor Nemeth reported that the County has an open program with funds available for each town to utilize for economic development purposes. After some discussion, it was determined that requesting funding for the welcome sign project could be a good use of the money. Mr. Vandegrift said that he would ask for updated quotes for submission.

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. Bergquist and carried.

Mayor’s Report/Council Liaison Reports – Mr. Lipsen asked if there was an update regarding speeding on Woolverton and Mayor Nemeth said that the Delaware Township Police conducted a speed study that indicated just a small percentage of speeder but that they were continuing to monitor the area.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on December 14, 2020, 7 pm via Zoom.

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Executive Resolution No. 2020-67 (NJS – 10:4-12b(7) Litigation- Water Billing
Resolution No. 2020-67 to enter executive session and to adjourn at the session's conclusion was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried unanimously. The meeting was finally adjourned at 8:18 pm on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk