



STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Agenda

February 12, 2024 – 7:00 pm

9 Mill Street, Stockton, NJ (Stockton Fire House)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by a notice mailed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and The Trenton Times, posted on the Borough Website, on the window of Borough Hall, and filed with the Borough Clerk as required by law.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, Mann, Lipsen

4. PROCLAMATION: None

5. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

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6. ORDINANCES 1st Reading:

Public hearing/adoption on Ordinance 2024-01 will be held on March 18, 2024

• **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT UPGRADES TO THE WATER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING \$53,590.32 THEREFORE FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FUNDS

ORDINANCES-2nd Reading Public Hearing/Adoption

None

7. RESOLUTIONS

24-32 Payment of Bills

24-33 Stockton School Renovation Advisory Committee.

24-34 Budget Transfer

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2023

August 15, 2023

*September 18, 2023 (added)

December 18, 2023

January 3, 2024

January 17, 2024

Please note, items listed on the agenda may change prior to the meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

10. OLD BUSINESS

- Worman Road
- Parking
- School
- *Meter Quote(added)

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Appointment: Kathy Brown as Alternate #2 to the Planning Board

12. MAYOR'S REPORT, BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS, & COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – If Necessary

15. POTENTIAL ACTIONS ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. NEXT MEETING – March 18, 2024

17. ADJOURNMENT

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

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NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT UPGRADES TO THE
WATER UTILITY AND APPROPRIATING \$53,590.32 THEREFORE FROM
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FUNDS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Stockton in Hunterdon County (“Borough”) is hereby authorized to undertake work in furtherance of upgrades to the Borough’s water utility, and specifically, the procurement of goods and services necessary to complete repairs to and/or replacement of water utility equipment (collectively, the “Work”) in an amount not to exceed \$53,590.32.

Section 2. The Work authorized by Section 1 of this ordinance shall be undertaken as a general improvement, the entire cost of which shall be contributed and borne by the Borough as a general expense, and no part of said cost shall be specially assessed against any property. The total cost of said Work shall not exceed \$53,590.32 unless this ordinance is amended.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the undertaking of the Work (hereinafter “Purpose”) is not a current expense of the Borough; and that the total estimated cost of said Purpose shall not exceed \$53,590.32.

Section 4. The sum of \$53,590.32 is appropriated for said Purpose from American Rescue Plan funds received by the Borough and now available therefor under a budget or budgets of the Borough previously adopted.

Section 5. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of an inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services as on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

Stockton Borough Council
Resolution #24-32
Authorizing Payment of Municipal Obligations

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton find and declare that certain municipal obligations have come due and are now payable; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton further find and declare that said obligations have been itemized on the annexed schedules, which are hereby attached and deemed part of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize payment of said municipal obligations, in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief Financial Officer and the Treasurer in the amount of \$_____

Stockton Borough Council
Resolution #24-33
Regarding School Renovations Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockton has recently taken ownership of the historic Stockton School; and

WHEREAS, prior to taking ownership, the Borough determined that it would be in its interest to create an advisory committee for purposes of providing advice and consultation to the Borough Council for the School's future use, including its maintenance needs and necessary rehabilitation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the "School Renovations Advisory Committee" shall be to investigate, on Council's behalf, options for the future use of the School, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Mapping overarching maintenance and rehabilitation needs;
- Identifying grant opportunities and mapping application timelines;
- Soliciting ideas from the public for uses;
- Prioritizing components of maintenance and rehabilitation work;
- Creating procurement and contract forms for Council use; and
- Such other tasks as requested by Council in furtherance of use of the School; and

WHEREAS, the School Renovations Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members: up to two Council members plus the Mayor *ex officio* and up to ten Borough residents, and in no case more than four Planning Board members; and

WHEREAS, it is Council's hope that the School Renovations Advisory Committee complete its work expeditiously and continuously, and provide periodic updates to Council as to its findings, recommendations and advice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that there hereby be established (and continued) a School Renovation Advisory Committee, constituted pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution as set forth in the “Whereas” clauses.

**Stockton Borough Council
RESOLUTION 2024-34
Budget Transfer**

WHEREAS, various 2023 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills represent obligations of the prior fiscal year, and were not covered at the time of transfers between the 2023 budget in the last two months of 2023; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and all transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey that the transfer in the amount of \$10,005.33 be made between the 2023 Budget Appropriation and that the 2023 budget transfer is retro-active to 12/31/2023 as follows:

Description	Category	From	To
General Government:			
Public Building & Grounds		\$10,005.33	
Clerk S/W			\$10,005.33