



STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 21, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Held through Zoom

Mayor Aaron Lipsen., called the regular meeting of the Stockton Borough Council to order on April 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Lipsen announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times, was posted on the Borough Website, posted on the door at the Municipal Building and filed with the Borough Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lipsen led those in attendance in the pledge to the nation's flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilperson William Brown, Councilperson Fisher, Councilperson Folz, Councilperson Kate Meltzer, Council President Michael Mann, Mayor Aaron Lipsen, Borough Attorney Lisa Maddox and Borough Clerk, Laurie A. Courter.

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Budget Projections

Mayor Lipsen explained that this was information sent from the boroughs engineer regarding sewer repairs relating to the water infiltration issues. These repairs will help with that and will be less costs in processing the sewer materials down to Lambertville. The lines will be scoped with cameras to try and find the leaks. Maps will also be created of the system.

OEM Report

Mayor Lipsen gave their report and thanked the coordinators for volunteering:

Coordinator and Deputy attended an updated Incident Command Class (ICS200) on March 22nd and 23rd.

Coordinator and Deputy participated in the NAWAS system test, on April 7, 2025

Continue to review the Borough Emergency Operation Plan, with each Annex Coordinator, and update as necessary.

Continue to promote Register Ready and encourage the community to sign up.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Lipsen announced before opening the floor to public comment, an addendum and stated that any questions regarding the applications or licensing process related to cannabis shall be submitted in writing. Verbal interpretations of the RFA, or request for an application will not be given by the borough.

Mike Odenwald-Risler Street -stated about a dead beaver that has been seen along Prallsville Mill was on the road today. Inquired about Mayor Lipsen's opening remark about public comment and participants, but doesn't see any. Mayor Lipsen stated that they have chosen to use the Zoom webinar which allows the public to view. There are no participants list for the public. Mr. Odenwald asked if this is a council wide decision about participant list being hidden. Mayor Lipsen commented that this is public comment and not a Q&A session and to continue on with public comment. Mr. Odenwald responded that they should expect that this will be an open public meeting on Zoom. Mayor Lipsen responded that these questions were addressed at the previous meeting.

Hearing no other members of the public speak up, Mayor Lipsen closed the floor to public comment.

ORDINANCES 1st Reading

Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Brown to introduce Ordinance 2025-02.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**ORDINANCE 2025-02
CALENDAR YEAR 2025****ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$5,739.11 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Stockton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$20,086.89, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Stockton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Folz to introduce Ordinance 2025-03.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

Ordinance 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE A SCHEDULE OF MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon,

State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The following minimum and maximum salaries are hereby established for officers and employees of the Borough of Stockton, beginning January 1, 2025:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Mayor	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00

Council Member	1,200.00	2,500.00
Borough Administrator	4,500.00	18,000.00
Borough Clerk	18,000.00	35,000.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	10,000.00	20,000.00
Office Assistant	3,000.00	9,000.00
Deputy Finance	3,000.00	9,000.00
Purchasing Agent	3,000.00	9,000.00
Tax Collector	8,000.00	13,500.00
Zoning Officer/Flood		
Plain Administrator	5,000.00	9,500.00
Construction Office Control Person	2,000.00	4,000.00
Land Use Secretary	3,000.00	7,000.00
Animal Control Officer	800.00	2,000.00
Recycling Coordinator	200.00	600.00
Licensed Water & Sewer Operator	20,000.00	35,000.00
Water/Sewer Supervisor	1,000.00	7,500.00
Water/Sewer Operator/Assistant	8,000.00/20hr	40,000.00/40hr
Meter Reader (4 Qtr Readings)	1,200.00	2,500.00
Water & Sewer Collector	2,500.00	5,000.00
Building & Grounds Worker	20.00-38.00/hour	
Water & Sewer Worker	20.00-38.00 hour	

Section 2. One person may serve in more than one office or position of employment, when authorized by the Mayor and Council.

Section 3. The amounts shown in Section 1 hereof are the minimum and maximum amounts which can be paid.

ORDINANCES-2nd Reading

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Hunt to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-01; all were in favor.

Public Hearing:

Hunt asked if there was a limitation on what kind of war it's been. Brown added that there is a whole schedule of conflicts listed in statutes that govern veterans' benefits.

Micheal Odenwald stated that he is very familiar with the disabled veteran clause in the State of New Jersey being close to cannabis. This is not related to the application of the RFA. But thinks it's worth noting that any designation of anyone that is going to designate themselves as a disabled veteran for the purpose of the RFA, needs to pass through everything here with respect to the very righteous

advantages that those individuals deserve for being a disabled veteran, but they need to be consistent.

Hearing no further public comment, motion made by Hunt and seconded by Mann to close the public hearing portion, all were in favor.

Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Mann to adopt Ordinance 2025-01.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

**Borough of Stockton
Ordinance No. 2025-01**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "TAXATION", TO ADD AN ARTICLE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, the dwelling house and the portion of the lot that is reasonably necessary for enjoyment whereupon the same is erected, of any citizen and resident of this State, honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances, from active service, in time of war, in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, who has been or shall be declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to have a service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans Administration or its successor to be a total or 100 percent permanent and total disability, and not so evaluated solely because of hospitalization or surgery and recuperation, sustained through enemy action, or accident, or resulting from disease contracted while in such active service, shall be exempt from taxation on proper claim made therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.31, upon review and approval of the required documentation by the municipal tax assessor, the assessor shall allow said exemption from taxation for the tax year in which the claim was filed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32, the governing body of each municipality, by appropriate resolution, may return all taxes collected on property from prior years which would have been exempt had proper claim been timely made in writing; and

WHEREAS, the statutory intent to grant discretion to the governing body of every municipality has been affirmed by court decisions that have held that a municipality had discretion to grant or deny a taxpayer a retroactive refund of property taxes that has been paid for the effective date of the disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to establish a formal policy providing that a retroactive refund of property taxes as set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be limited to the current year of the submission of a proper claim to the tax assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Stockton in Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Article Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption

A refund of property taxes pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.32 shall be granted provided that the applicant submits a complete application to the tax assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30. A retroactive refund shall be limited to the current year of the submission of the application to the tax assessor.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Section 3. Ordinances, resolutions, regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions, and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Mann and seconded by Hunt to approve Resolution 2025-38.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2025-38

Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder

Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020-June 2026

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Substance Use Disorder in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent substance use disorder in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that substance use disorder is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore, has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent substance use disorder in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder through the County of Hunterdon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the South Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of:
GCSUD GRANT FUND \$ 3,980.00
Cash Match \$ 995.00
In-Kind \$ 2,958.00
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 2025-40.

Brown commented that one thing he would like to highlight is that Stockton receives the highest environmental rating possible in terms of protection of valuable habitat and species.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2025-40
PARTICIPATION IN STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act of 1985 (N.J.S.A. 52:18A-196 et seq.) created a State Planning Commission ("SPC") and an Office of Planning Advocacy ("OPA") for the purpose of establishing a cooperative planning process that involves the full participation of state, county and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act states that New Jersey needs integrated and coordinated planning in order to conserve its natural resources, to revitalize its urban centers, to provide affordable housing and adequate public facilities at a reasonable cost, to promote equal social and economic opportunity for New Jersey citizens, and to prevent sprawl and promote the suitable use of land; and

WHEREAS, the SPC released the Preliminary State Development and Redevelopment Plan on December 6, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Planning Board will act as the negotiating entity on behalf of the County's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon County municipalities shall inform the Hunterdon County Planning Board of their participation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton wishes to participate and has provided a CART (Cross Acceptance Response Template) in Exhibit 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Stockton hereby notifies the Hunterdon County Planning Board of its intention to participate in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan and the Borough's submission of the Cross Acceptance Response.

Motion made by Mann and seconded by Hunt to approve Resolution 2025-41.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2025-41

2025 Municipal Budget

of the BOROUGH of STOCKTON County of
HUNTERDON for the fiscal year 2025.

Revenue and Appropriations Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated			
	2025		2024	
1. Surplus	149,400.00		152,625.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	359,895.55		292,230.21	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	17,660.00		15,000.00	
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	561,480.67		549,589.11	
b) Addition to Local School District Tax				
c) Minimum Library Tax				
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	561,480.67		549,589.11	
Total General Revenues	1,088,436.22		1,009,444.32	

Summary of Appropriations	2025 Budget		Final 2024 Budget	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	143,524.75		138,395.00	

Other Expenses	571,192.15		539,181.22	
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	27,767.00		34,193.00	
3. Capital Improvements	90,000.00		43,000.00	
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	120,952.32		119,675.00	
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	# 135,000.00		135,000.00	
Total General Appropriations	1,088,436.22		1,009,444.22	
Total Number of Employees				

2025 Dedicated		Water/ Sewer	Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated			
		2025		2024	
1. Surplus		120,000.00		130,000.00	
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		435,382.00		396,390.78	
3. Deficit (General Budget)					
Total Revenues		555,382.00		526,390.78	
Summary of Appropriations		2025 Budget		Final 2024 Budget	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		70,000.00		53,000.00	
Other Expenses		368,205.00		304,918.78	
2. Capital Improvements		75,000.00		150,000.00	
3. Debt Service		36,677.00		14,372.00	
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		5,500.00		4,100.00	
5. Surplus (General Budget)					
Total Appropriations		555,382.00		526,390.78	
Total Number of Employees					

2025 Dedicated		Utility Budget	
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated	
		2025	2024
1. Surplus			
2. Miscellaneous Revenues			
3. Deficit (General Budget)			
Total Revenues			
Summary of Appropriations		2025 Budget	Final 2024 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages		

Other Expenses				
2. Capital Improvements				
3. Debt Service				
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations				
5. Surplus (General Budget)				
Total Appropriations				
Total Number of Employees				

2025 Dedicated		Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated		
		2025		2024
1. Surplus				
2. Miscellaneous Revenues				
3. Deficit (General Budget)				
Total Revenues				
Summary of Appropriations		2025 Budget		Final 2024 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages			
	Other Expenses			
2. Capital Improvements				
3. Debt Service				
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations				
5. Surplus (General Budget)				
Total Appropriations				
Total Number of Employees				

2025 Dedicated		Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated		
		Anticipated		
1. Surplus				
2. Miscellaneous Revenues				
3. Deficit (General Budget)				
Total Revenues				
Summary of Appropriations		2025 Budget		Final 2024 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages			
	Other Expenses			

2. Capital Improvements				
3. Debt Service				
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations				
5. Surplus (General Budget)				
Total Appropriations				
Total Number of Employees				

2025 Dedicated		Utility Budget			
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated			
		Anticipated			
1. Surplus					
2. Miscellaneous Revenues					
3. Deficit (General Budget)					
Total Revenues					
Summary of Appropriations		2025 Budget		Final 2024 Budget	
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages				
	Other Expenses				
2. Capital Improvements					
3. Debt Service					
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations					
5. Surplus (General Budget)					
Total Appropriations					
Total Number of Employees					

2025 Dedicated		Utility Budget			
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated			
		Anticipated			
1. Surplus					
2. Miscellaneous Revenues					
3. Deficit (General Budget)					
Total Revenues					
Summary of Appropriations		2025 Budget		Final 2024 Budget	
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages				
	Other Expenses				
2. Capital Improvements					
3. Debt Service					

4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations				
5. Surplus (General Budget)				
Total Appropriations				
Total Number of Employees				

Balance of Outstanding Debt							
		General		Water/ Sewer			
Interest							
Principal							
Outstanding Balance							

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Interest							
Principal							
Outstanding Balance							

Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 2025-42.

Roll call: Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann and Meltzer.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

Stockton Borough Council Resolution 2025-42

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 \$290,348.36

MAYORS REPORT, BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayors Report-Mayor Lipsen stated that there is a new mailer on the borough's website available to be printed of the recycling and garbage schedule. They are waiting for the water report due to the DEP changing their format. A new storm water mailer along with the regular mailer will be going out. There is space if any members of council has anything they would like to add.

Community Outreach Council President Mann stated that the community blood drive will be held at the Junior Middle School in Delaware Township on June 8 from 2-8pm. Manns stated that they need volunteers to help with the drive.

Buildings Committee- Hunt reported that they are making progress towards the Mill getting ready for the polls for the upcoming Primary election on June 10th.

Infrastructure Committee- Mayor Lipsen reported that the town has had its first round of mapping of wastewater and stormwater lines. There are several steps to take to review to make sure that everything is on the right page. The Committee is working on some big water and sewer projects and thanked Councilperson Brown for his heavy involvement. Mayor Lipsen added that the mapping has been mostly done for free to the Borough with some minor expenses. The water leak in front of Stockton School will hopefully be being repaired in a couple of weeks. Brown added that they are still soliciting quotes for the repair.

Mayor Lipsen asked for a moment of silence for two community members who passed away last month: Rebecca McCusker was a longtime resident of Stockton, former West Amwell Police Chief, and former member of the Stockton Fire Company; Erin McManus Keyes was a lifetime local resident and former Fire Commissioner of Lambertville, local realtor, and former owner of Tortugas Cucina. Mayor Lipsen gave his heartfelt condolences to their families and friends and thanked them for their service to the community.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Lipsen opened the floor to public comment.

Micheal Odenwald, thanked council for releasing the application (cannabis). Stated that his is complete and ready to be submitted. His site plan is underway. It is designed to aesthetically be consistent with the faces with that of the Prallsville Mill. Mr. Odenwald reflected on the three years since moving to Stockton and attending his first council meeting in May of 2023. He discussed his economic plan that included cannabis. Stated that it is time to collaborate and help the business owner to make a business successful for the town. Stated that he has lost some friends including some of those sitting on council. Stated that he had a child of a local resident mumble to him to not talk to him. This is hard stuff to handle. Stated that he received several calls from friends and industry contacts regarding an announcement on an industry website about the application window for one retail dispensary in Stockton. Added that 18 plus months of being the only one to try and educate the council and prepare everything else required to make it happen and to then have a councilman go on record to find someone to compete against him and stated it was demoralizing. Stated that with all this heavy lifting done by him, to do good for the town, with the facts and figures to see a fellow resident and cannabis Committee chair make an unsolicited outreach to an industry segment when we don't even make an outreach to the public at large. Michael Odenwald: 18 plus months of being the only one to try and educate the council and prepare everything else required to make it happen. To, then have a councilman go on record to find someone to compete against me. Imagine how demoralizing that is. Mr. Odenwald continued on regarding an email exchange with an editor of a newspaper regarding a published story about the town. Mr. Odenwald stated that going forward his attorney will be the point person in pursuing a resolution of support.

Mayor Lipsen addressed comments from Mr. Odenwald and stated that we have given Mr. Odenwald least two, five-minute opportunities to speak during public comment just like everyone else. Mayor Lipsen stated that from the beginning Stockton would be advertising and that it would be a fair and open process to anyone who wanted to apply for cannabis license. Mayor Lipsen added he doesn't think there should be anyone talking about people's children in council meetings.

Eileen Foley-Bridge Street, stated that she wanted to say that she believes that the council has handled the cannabis situation quite professionally, and the way that it should be handled and it should be open for everyone to participate

Hearing no other members of the public speak up, Mayor Lipsen closed the floor to public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Folz, seconded by Mann to approve a resolution to go into executive session, all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION
TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this governing body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Stockton Borough, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - Cannabis Ordinance/Communications - Matters Falling within the Attorney-Client Privilege (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7)).
 - Engineering Special Project Proposals – Contract Negotiations (N.J.S.A. 10:4-4-12b.(7)).”

The discussion is anticipated to take approximately 30 minutes. Action may be taken.

3. It is intended at this time that the above-stated subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion by Mann and seconded by Folz to return to regular session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The council was in Executive Session until 8:37 PM. Mayor Lipsen gave a few minutes before resuming the meeting to give the public a chance to log back in.

ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action is being taken.

NEXT MEETING

May 19, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mann and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Laurie A. Carter

Laurie A. Courter, Borough Clerk