



## STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL Regular Meeting Agenda

**Monday August 18, 2025 – 7:00 pm**  
**ZOOM**

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- 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**
  - Moment of silence: William J. Soriero
- 3. ROLL CALL**

Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Mann, Meltzer, Lipsen
- 4. PROCLAMATION: None**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - DEP-Nockamixon Dam
  - Odenwald Email Re: 2025 Tax Bills Frenchtown
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
  - Stockton School
  - Hunterdon County Recreation Grant
  - Bridge Street Truck Signs
  - MS4 Stormwater Compliance
  - Hunterdon County (Electrical) Cooperative Pricing System-Opt-In Authorization
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**
  - August Report
- 10. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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- 11. ORDINANCES**
- 12. RESOLUTIONS**
  - 2025-66 2024 Audit Certification
  - 2025-67 Park Payment Refund
  - 2025-68 Office Assistant
  - 2025-69 Authorizing Submission Hunterdon County Municipal Park and Recreational Grant Application
  - 2025-XX Meter Installation Hiring Resolution (CFO to provide)
- 13. PAYMENT OF BILLS AND VOUCHERS**
  - 2025-xx Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 14. MAYOR'S REPORT, BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS, & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Contractual-Snow Plow Bids
- Worman Road Attorney -Contractual
- Personnel

**17. POTENTIAL ACTIONS ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**18. NEXT MEETING – September 15, 2025**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION 2025-66**  
**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year (2024) has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the *Municipal Clerk* pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the *Governing Body* of the *Borough of Stockton*, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON (*August 18, 2025*).

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**CERTIFICATION OF GOVERNING BODY OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT**  
**GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM**  
NO PHOTO COPIES OF SIGNATURES

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF *HUNTERDON*

We, members of the governing body of the *Borough of Stockton* of, in the County of (*Hunterdon*), being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected (or appointed) members of the *Governing Body of the Borough of Stockton, Hunterdon County* ;
2. In the performance of our duties, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the Annual Municipal Audit filed with the Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6 for the year (*2024*);
3. We certify that we have personally reviewed and are familiar with, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Report of Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations.”

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public of New Jersey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

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**RESOLUTION 2025-67  
PARK DEPOSIT REFUND**

**WHEREAS**, funds were received for a park rental deposit in the amount of \$150.00; and

**WHEREAS**, funds were mistakenly deposited and now requiring a refund; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a refund check for \$150.00 to Sarah DiAlto, New Hope , PA.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief Financial Officer.

**RESOLUTION 2025-68  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEVON ROBERTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to appoint an Office Assistant for various projects within the borough administrative offices,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Stockton Governing Body appoints Devon Roberts as an Office Assistant at the rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with the term starting August 18, 2025 ending December 31, 2025.

**Borough of Stockton  
RESOLUTION 2025-69**

**Authorizing Submission of the Hunterdon County Municipal Park & Recreation Grant Application**

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Open Space Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Stockton desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$150,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Stockton Borough Park Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is committed to providing a 25% cash match for the project, that is, application

Deadline is August 29, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

Grant Requests Can Be Submitted Up to a Maximum of \$100,000.

Matching Requirement: Applicants must contribute 25% of the total project cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Stockton, which is its governing body, has reviewed the Municipal Park and Recreation Grant Program application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Hunterdon shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Municipal Park and Recreation Grant Program and the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Stockton is willing to use the County Open Space Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Hunterdon for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

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

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of August 29, 2025, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Council of the Borough of Stockton has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Council of the Borough of Stockton is committed to providing a 25% cash match for the project ; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Project contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Council of the Borough of Stockton agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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