

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 12/11/17**

**REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:06 pm on September 11, 2017. Mayor Nemeth read the “Sunshine Statement” indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and led the flag salute.

The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Don Vandegrift. Mr. Tony Grecco, was absent. It was noted that Mrs. Steffanelli had formally resigned from Council. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There were no members of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public for comments. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

Minutes – Mr. Lipsen requested that the words “at the Stockton School” be added to the sentence about the profanity incident. The meeting minutes of the October 9, 2017 Regular Meeting, as amended, were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried, with Mr. Messina abstaining due to his absence.

Ordinance No. 17-07 – First Reading (Land Use – amendments to Parking Requirements)
Ms. Hovan read Ordinance by title and explained that its intent was to remove certain restrictions from the current code for parking in the C-R zone because of the inability of business owners to provide or add parking to the area, triggering a need for a parking variance that proposed commercial investors have little chance of overcoming. An extended discussion followed. It was noted that the changes would not affect new construction or development. It was also noted that as a land use ordinance, the step after introduction is to refer it to the Planning Board for comment and consistency with the Borough Master Plan. In response to a comment, Mayor Nemeth said that while the ordinance would impact future proposals on the Stockton Market property, the ordinance was being proposed for broader reasons, and to encourage commercial activity in town. Mr. Vandegrift strongly supported eliminating unreasonable restrictions, even for changes of use except for new construction to attract businesses.

Resolution No. 2017-65, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and to introduce Ordinance No. 17-07, was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried, with Mr. Lipsen abstaining.

Resolutions – the following Resolution, as listed below and as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office, was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried unanimously:

2017-66 Contract Payment #1 and Final – Glenwood Lane Road Improvements
Roll Call: Ayes: Juncosa, Lipsen, Messina, Vandegrift
 Nays: None
 Absent: Grecco
 Abstain: None

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Claims for Payment – On motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried, the claims for payment were approved.

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

Meeting Open to the Public – Hearing no comments or questions, motion to close the meeting to the public was set forth by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Lipsen and Mr. Vandegrift discussed proposals for the Bridge Street garden areas that ranged from \$2,000-\$10,000. Mr. Lipsen proposed adding mulch to the areas prior to spring planting and said that he cut down the areas himself recently. Mr. Lipsen also discussed a need to address tree issues in the park and suggested allocating \$8,000 in the 2018 budget for the work. Ms. Hovan said that she would obtain the current running balance in the parks and recreation account. Council members also discussed the pothole at the bridge that is on D&R property and asked Ms. Hovan to work with the engineer to address. Mr. Juncosa asked if the Borough decided to purchase new holiday lighting for the streetlights. Mayor Nemeth reminded Council members that the cost for new lights was prohibitive.

Next Meeting

Mayor Nemeth announced the next Council meeting will be held on December 11, 2017, at 7:00PM. There being no additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm on motion by Mr. Messina, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk