

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED: 8/8/16**

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2016**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Council President Nic Messina at 7:07 pm on July 11, 2016. The following members of the Borough Council were present: Mr. Tony Grecco, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mrs. Kate Steffanelli and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mayor Timothy Nemeth was absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan and Borough Attorney Michael Butler were also present. There were no members of the public present.

Mr. Messina read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and led the flag salute.

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

Minutes - the Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved, as amended to correct the omission of Mr. Grecco's name in the roll call, on motion by Mr. Grecco seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried. The Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mrs. Steffanelli, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

Ordinance No. 16-01 – Cable Franchise Renewal – Second Reading/Public Hearing

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 16-01 by title and explained that the BPU review of the ordinance was still pending and that the public hearing would be carried until August 8, 2016. On motion by Mr. Juncosa and seconded by Mr. Lipsen, the public hearing was carried.

Ordinance No. 16-05 – Capital – Permitting for Worman Road Stabilization – Second Reading/Public Hearing

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE SECTION 20 EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING COSTS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STABILIZATION OF WORMAN ROAD AND ASSOCIATED PERMITTING COSTS AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF"

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 16-05 by title and explained that the ordinance would fund permitting costs associated with the Worman Road Stabilization Project. There was a brief discussion regarding the costs of NJDEP permits. Mr. Messina opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried. Resolution No. 2016-55, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No.16-05, was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried.

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

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Ordinance No. 16-06 – Capital – Park Improvements – Second Reading/Public Hearing

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STOCKTON PARK, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF”

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 16-06 by title and explained that the ordinance provides capital funding for park projects. Ms. Hovan said that the funding would be available, once adopted, 10 days following the publication of the ordinance passage. Mr. Messina opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Grecco, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried. Resolution No. 2016-56, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and to adopt Ordinance No.16-06, was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried, with Mr. Grecco voting in opposition. Mr. Grecco said that he wanted it on the record that he didn’t want to move forward on park matters until the parking issues at the park were resolved.

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

Ordinance No. 16-07 – Capital – Open Space and Recreation Plan –Second Reading/Public Hearing

“CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PLANNING, ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, ALSO KNOWN AS SECTION 20 EXPENSES, IN CONJUNCTION THE PREPARATION OF AN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$8,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF”

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 16-07 by title and explained that the ordinance provides funding for the open space plan and said that the funding could be available mid-August as with the park improvements ordinance. Mr. Messina opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or comments the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried. Resolution No. 2016-57, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office and to adopt Ordinance No.16-07, was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried, with Mr. Grecco voting in opposition. Mr. Grecco said that he wasn’t against spending money on the park but that he wanted the parking issues resolved.

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

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Ordinance No. 16-08 – Bond – Glenwood Avenue Improvements – First Reading

“BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GLENWOOD LANE, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 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. 16-08 by title and explained that it funds the Glenwood Avenue Road Improvements Project, of which \$222k is funded by a NJDOT Local Aid grant. Ms. Hovan reported that the current freeze on projects by the Governor does affect Glenwood and that actual work on the project wouldn't begin without governing body authorization and that the bond was already prepared before the freeze was announced.

Resolution No. 2016-58, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to introduce Ordinance No. 16-08 was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Grecco and carried.

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

Resolutions – Ms. Hovan provided an explanatory summary of the resolution offered.

Resolutions No. 2016-59 through 2016-62, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below were adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

2016-59	Chapter 159 – Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund
2016-60	Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant
2016-61	Chapter 159 – Recycling Tonnage Grant
2016-62	Bond Counsel Agreement

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

Claims for Payment – Mr. Grecco questioned if the bill for the sink hole should be sent to the Canal Commission. Ms. Hovan explained that the engineer has been working to resolve the issue as the hole is on Borough land but a portion of the pipe is state property and that the fill was added as a matter of public safety. Mr. Vandegrift inquired of the status of the new trash rack and Ms. Hovan replied that the engineer was working on the design. Mr. Messina said that he met with the new owners of Chet's old property and that he had some ideas for the run off. Ms. Hovan said that it might be helpful to have him speak with the Borough Engineer and Mr. Messina said he would arrange. Without further discussion and on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried, the claims for payment were approved.

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 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

Executive Resolution No. 2016-61 – NJS 10:4-12b (4), NJS 10:4-12b (7)
Resolution No. 2016-61, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office to enter into closed session
was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Returning from closed session, the regular meeting was resumed on motion by Mr. Lipsen,
seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, Council approved a draft
Memorandum of Understanding with the Mt. Rose cemetery association subject to the Borough
Attorney's review and continued negotiations.

Council Liaison Reports – Mr. Grecco said he was at Old Prallsville and Woolverton Roads
cutting a branch and asked to contact the County or Delaware Township to mow the edges and
clean the ditches. Mr. Grecco said that he wanted letters to homeowners of those roads to cut
their grass and clear the edges. Mr. Grecco said he was asked by a resident about a tree at the
corner of Rt. 29 at Ferry and it was determined to be on private property.

Mr. Lipsen reported that the Canal Commission had mowed the sides of the path and that the
woman who tended the gardens would be willing to resume garden work but for more money.
Mr. Grecco suggested that the gardens be mowed. In response to a question by Mr. Lipsen
regarding the flood ratings projects, Ms. Hovan said that she would check with the Borough
Engineer for a status.

Mr. Messina announced that the next meeting would be held on August 8, 2016. There being no
further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded
by Mrs. Steffanelli and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk