

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 8/14/17**

**REGULAR MEETING  
June 12, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:05 pm on June 12, 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. Tony Grecco, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Don Vandegrift. Mrs. Kate Steffanelli and Mr. Nic Messina were absent. Deputy Borough Clerk Donna Griffiths was also present. There was one member of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public for comments:

Stan Prater, JCP&L Area Manager Northern New Jersey, appeared before Council. Mr. Prater provided an overview of a new LED street light program that JCP&L is offering to municipalities. Discussion ensued regarding available options, needs, and costs to the municipality for the replacement of the lights. Mr. Prater will provide an inventory and cost analysis for replacement of the lights.

Motion was made by Mr. Vandegrift with a second by Mr. Juncosa to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes.

Minutes – May 8, 2017 Regular meeting – carried to July meeting.

Ordinance No. 17-06 – Amendment to Ordinance No. 17-01 – No Smoking in Stockton Park – Second Reading/Public Hearing / Resolution No. 2017-53

Mayor Nemeth read the ordinance by title. Motion was made by Mr. Vandegrift with a second by Mr. Juncosa to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes. Hearing no comments or questions, motion to close the public hearing was set forth by Mr. Juncosa with a second by Mr. Vandegrift. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-06 and Resolution No. 2017-53 was made by Mr. Vandegrift with a second by Mr. Juncosa. Roll call: Mr. Grecco-aye, Mr. Juncosa –aye, Mr. Lipsen-aye, Mr. Vandegrift-no. Motion carried.

Resolutions – the following resolutions, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office, were adopted as follows:

- 2017-54 Refund – Tax Overpayment – Block 7 Lot 20
- 2017-55 Liquor License Renewal – Strackhouse Restaurant LLC
- 2017-56 Liquor License Renewal – Tilch Fine Wines LLC

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Motion was made by Mr. Vandegrift with a second by Mr. Juncosa to approve the resolutions as presented. Roll call: Mr. Grecco-aye, Mr. Juncosa-aye, Mr. Lipsen-aye, Mr. Vandegrift-aye. Motion carried.

Proclamation – Relay for Life

Motion was made by Mr. Lipsen with a second by Mr. Juncosa authorizing the Mayor to sign the Proclamation declaring June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> as Relay for Life of Hunterdon County Days. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes.

Claims for Payment – On motion by Mr. Lipsen seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, the claims for payment were approved; all in favor.

Discussion – Revisions to Licensing and Keeping of Dogs Ordinance

Carried to July meeting.

Meeting Open to the Public – Motion was made by Mr. Juncosa with a second by Mr. Lipsen to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried – all ayes. Hearing no comments or questions, motion to close the meeting to the public was set forth by Mr. Lipsen with a second by Mr. Vandegrift. Motion carried – all ayes.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Nemeth related that concern has been expressed by some residents regarding the future use of the Stockton School. He advised the residents that discussion of the use of the property is premature at this time.

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Grecco related there is some road repair work that needs to be done on Railroad Ave. He will solicit quotes for the repair work. Mr. Vandegrift expressed concern with damaged, bluestone curbing on Bridge St. He suggested that the damage be evaluated and consideration be given to using an alternative, longer lasting material such as granite or stamped concrete, for the repairs.

Mr. Grecco requested a follow-up letter or phone call to the NJDOT regarding the installation of the sign prohibiting trucks on the bridge. Previous requests have gone unanswered. He also requested follow-up with the NJDOT regarding the status of the installation of the Rt. 29 crosswalk.

Mr. Lipsen is working on the weed situation in the Bridge St. flower beds and will look into pricing for mulch for the playground and the flower beds.

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Next Meeting

Mayor Nemeth announced the next Council meeting will be held on July 10, 2017 at 7:00PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45PM was made by Mr. Juncosa with a second by Mr. Lipsen. Motion carried on voice vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Griffiths, RMC  
Deputy Borough Clerk