

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED: 3/11/19**

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

The February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 7:11 pm on February 11, 2019. 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.

Ms. Hovan called the roll. The following members of Council were present: Mr. Paul Bergquist, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Michael Mann and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Nic Messina was absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There were four members of the public present.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Eric Trautman, 5 Woolverton Road and President of the Stockton Fire Department distributed invitations to the annual fireman's banquet to be held on March, 2, 2019. Mr. Rick Hendricks, Solebury, and Chief of the Stockton Fire Department, distributed the organization's annual budget request and asked for time at the next meeting to present in greater detail. Chief Hendricks briefly spoke about replacing the 1986 and 1990 fire trucks that each have significant engine issues with one new truck.

Mr. Bill Johnson, 3 Ferry Street, said that he and his neighbors have had long standing issues about drainage and that he's written and has talked to the Borough Engineer – and former Councilman Andrew Giantassio before that – and that there still is no resolve. Ms. Hovan said that she recalled the message and had spoken to the Borough Engineer about it but could not recall the outcome, then, and promised to research the issue.

Mr. Tom Sherman, 4 Ferry Street, asked about pot holes in the park entrance and also asked if the plan for the park was complete. Mr. Vandegrift said that the Borough recently received the survey and that a RFP was going out in the near future.

There being no additional questions or comments, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried unanimously.

Minutes – January 7, 2019 Reorganization/Regular Meeting – the meeting minutes for the January 7 meeting were approved on motion, as amended, on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

Ordinance No. 19-01 – Capital – Repairs to Sewer Pump Station/Second Reading/Public Hearing  
CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE STOCKTON BOROUGH SEWER UTILITY, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF

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**\$80,000.00 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF**

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 19-01 by title and explained that the funds would be used for diagnostic work and repairs to the pump station. Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or concerns, the meeting was closed to the public on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

Resolution No. 2019-30, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 19-01 was adopted on motion by Mr. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried unanimously.

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

Ordinance No. 19-02 – Minimum/Maximum Salaries

**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**

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 19-02 by title and asked that it be carried/re-introduced as there was a typo in the listing for the utility collector. Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. On motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, the public hearing was carried to the March meeting.

Resolutions – the following resolutions, Nos. 2019-32 and 2019-33, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below, were adopted on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried. Resolution Nos. 2019-34 and 2019-35 were pulled from the agenda.

2019-32	Dedication by Rider – Open Space Trust Fund
2019-33	Consent to Sublease – American Tower Lease Agreement
2019-34	2019 Salaries
2019-35	Appropriation Reserves

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

Claims for Payment – the claims for payment, as attached, were approved on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Bergquist carried unanimously.

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Nays: None  
Absent: Messina  
Abstain: None

Correspondence: Annual Report for Howell Graveyard

Ms. Hovan explained that the first annual report for the Howell Graveyard post-acquisition was received and that the Council should expect to receive one each year going forward.

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

Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Vandegrift introduced the subject of welcome signs into the Borough and said that the Council might consider the project as part of the park plans or in the 2019 budget.

Mr. Juncosa said he was concerned there might be a water pressure issue and Ms. Hovan said she would ask Mr. Ent if there was a known problem.

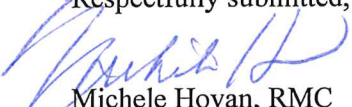
Mr. Lipsen reported that he met with an Eagle Scout candidate regarding rehabbing the storage building in the park and said that the Borough would need to remove the squirrels from the roof.

Mr. Lipsen said that the scout might need funding assistance. Ms. Hovan said that fundraising is commonly part of the Eagle Scout project requirement list. Mr. Lipsen reported that the STOP sign on Railroad needs to be straightened and decal replaced. Ms. Hovan said she would speak to John Sowsian about it.

Mr. Juncosa said that he would compile a list of potholes to fill and will put the locations on a map.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on March 11, 2019 at 7pm. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Clerk