

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019**

The May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 7:09 pm on May 13, 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 and Chief Financial Officer Diane McDaniel were present. There were two members of the public present.

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. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried unanimously.

Minutes – April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting – the meeting minutes for the March 11 meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa, and carried.

Ordinance No. 19-03 – Exceed Cap Limits/Establish Cap Bank – Second Reading/Public Hearing  
"ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK"

Ms. Hovan explained that the ordinance permits the cap adjustment for cost-of-living and establishes a cap bank in future cycles. 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. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried. Resolution No. 2019-47, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 19-03 was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

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

Ordinance No. 19-04 – Sewer Capital – Pump Station Improvements – First Reading  
"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  
\$100,000.00 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE  
FINANCING THEREOF"

Ms. Hovan explained that the ordinance funds the estimated balance required for emergency repairs. 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. Juncosa, seconded by Mr.

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Lipsen and carried. Resolution No. 2019-48, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 19-04 was adopted on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

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

Ordinance No. 19-05 – Sewer Rates – First Reading

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-08 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER CHARGES AND RENTALS FOR THE USE OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON" ADOPTED BY THE STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL ON MAY 12, 2008”

Ms. Hovan explained that the ordinance reflects a 3% increase to sewer rates. 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. Resolution No. 2019-49, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt Ordinance No. 19-05 was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

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

Public Hearing/Adoption of 2019 Municipal Budget

Ms. Hovan and Ms. McDaniel provided budget highlights, notably an overall two cent per \$100 in assessed value increase to keep pace with rising costs without compromising the Borough's priorities. The Borough Council commended Ms. McDaniel for her extraordinary efforts with the budget. 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. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried. Resolution No. 2019-50, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt the 2019 Municipal Budget, was adopted on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

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

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**Resolutions:**

The following Resolutions, 2019-51 through 2019-53, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below were adopted as follows:

2019-51 Professional Services – Special Counsel – on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

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

2019-52 Professional Services – Landscape Architect - Mr. Lipsen inquired if the Council desired to seek more bids. There was no ensuing discussion. The Resolution was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

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

2019-53 Contract Award – Emergency Repairs to Sanitary Sewer Manholes on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Lipsen and carried.

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. Vandegrift seconded by Mr. Juncosa carried unanimously.

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

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. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

Council Liaison Reports

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Mr. Bergquist reported that work was ongoing at the Howell Graveyard with tree clearing and vegetation removal well underway. He added that the Mt. Amwell project folks are hoping to install a fence and may ask the town to share in the cost. Mr. Lipsen asked about fencing types for historic purposes and some discussion followed. It was agreed that the Mr. Reading from Mt. Amwell should discuss fencing plans first with the zoning officer.

Mr. Lipsen reported that he met with Eagle Scout candidate Alex Bauer regarding his park project and said that he may be seeking reimbursement for some of his costs. A brief discussion followed. Mr. Vandegrift said that he conceptually could see a match up to \$500. Mr. Lipsen said that he is still working on shed issues, including colors. Mr. Lipsen also reported that he was able to locate the missing "no parking" signs for Bridge Street. Mr. Lipsen then discussed items on a prepared list for projects in the park, borough hall and the pump station.

Mr. Mann discussed an informal meeting to revitalized the Environmental Commission and requested that Council consider a plastic bag ban similar to the one passed in Lambertville. Discussion followed regarding the recent history of the Environmental Commission, ANJEC grants and the intended areas of focus. Mr. Mann said that there was interest now and that the group could be advisory. Mr. Vandegrift suggested that the group identify projects that they would like to pursue.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on June 10, 2019 at 7pm. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC  
Borough Clerk