

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy J. Nemeth at 7:03 pm. 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, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan was also present. There were three 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. Bergquist and carried unanimously.

Discussion - Borough Logo

Mr. Vandegrift introduced Borough resident and artist John Kuiphoff, with whom he's been working on ideas about a Borough logo. In response to a question raised by Mr. Jucosa, Mr. Kuiphoff said that he works on signs part-time for Riverside Signs. Mr. Kuiphoff submitted samples and asked for comment. A brief discussion followed. On direction from Mr. Mann and Mr. Lipsen, Mr. Kuiphoff said that he would revise the drafts and return again for additional comment. Mr. Vandegrift and Mayor Nemeth thanked Mr. Kuiphoff for his efforts and said that they looked forward to seeing the next versions.

Discussion/Possible Introduction of Ordinance No. 19-08 - Energy Aggregation Program

Mr. Mann introduced Ms. Stacia Scaduto of New Jersey Aggregation, who spoke in support of the ordinance and of the efforts of Concord Energy. She said that 50-60 towns were in some stage of adopting similar ordinances and said that locally, Califon, Clinton, Bethlehem, Washington Township, Hopewell, Kingwood, Delaware, Frenchtown and Lambertville were among them. Ms. Scaduto said that the goal of the initiative is to utilize a larger percentage of green energy renewable sources and that residents would have an opt-out option to retain their current option with JCP&L.

On motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, Ordinance No. 19-08 was introduced. The public hearing was set for October 14, 2019, 7 pm.

Minutes – May 13, 2019 Regular Meeting and July 15, 2019 Special meeting minutes were approved on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Mann, with Mr. Messina abstaining due to absence and Mr. Juncosa also abstaining for July 15, 2019. .

Ordinance No. 19-07 – Capital - Fire Equipment

"CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE

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STOCKTON FIRE COMPANY, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF"

Ms. Hovan explained that the ordinance has been drafted to fund the fire equipment apparatus requested by the fire department. A brief discussion followed regarding long-term planning needs and a need for additional information. On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried, the ordinance was tabled until the October meeting.

Resolutions: The following Resolutions, 2019-65 and 2019-66, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and listed below were adopted as follows:

2019-65 Refund of Tax Overpayment
2019-66 Cancellation of Uncollectible Taxes & Utility Fees B11, L8.01

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

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

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

Discussion -Hilltop/Moore Road Improvements

Ms. Hovan provided revised estimates by the Borough Engineer for the Hilltop and Moore Street road project and said that the project was bid twice already, once receiving no bids and once receiving just one and it was over \$100,000 above estimate, and rejected. Ms. Hovan said that after the council directed the project be revised to eliminate the reclamation process that was seemingly prohibitive, the new estimates for standard milling and paving were also high, now approximately \$130,000 more. Ms. Hovan said that additional funding would be needed to continue, and also said that another \$8,500 is needed for repairs to Woolverton Road. After discussion regarding options and priorities, Council agreed to introduce supplemental funding via capital ordinance, in the amount of \$100,000. Ms. Hovan explained the ordinance and said that adoption would be scheduled for the October 14, 2019 regular meeting. Ordinance No. 19-09 was introduced on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

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

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Absent: None
Abstain: None

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Council Liaison Reports

Mr. Vandegrift said that he and Mr. Bergquist were working with the boy scout regarding the park shed project and that the roof is finished, with some materials donated by Niece Lumber and that he had asked for other receipts for the project. Mr. Vandegrift added that Dave Reading from Mt. Amwell had requested permission to erect a sign at the Howell Graveyard and that the Borough will correspond that the sign should be delayed until the new logo is adopted.

Mr. Lipsen said that he is working with Mr. Vandgrift on outstanding items for buildings and grounds projects. Mr. Bergquist said that tree work in the park was scheduled. Mr. Lipsen mentioned the roof leak issue for Borough Hall.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on October 14, 2019 at 7pm. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk