

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 24, 2020**

A Special Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 6:02 pm on June 24, 2020. The meeting was held online using Zoom technology due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Nemeth read the "Sunshine Statement" indicating the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Ms. Michele Hovan called the roll. The following members of Council were present: Mr. Paul Bergquist, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Michael Mann, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Juncosa and Mr. Vandegrift were absent. Borough Administrator/Clerk Hovan, Borough Attorney Michael Butler and Borough Chief Financial Officer Diane McDaniel were also present. There were no 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. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

Ordinance No. 20-03 – Exceed Cap Limits/Establish Cap Bank - Second Reading/Public Hearing
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 20-03 by title and explained that the adjustment to the cap amount is utilized in the budget preparation annually. 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. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

On motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried, Ordinance No. 20-03 was adopted.

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

Ordinance No. 20-04 – Water Rates – Second Reading/Public Hearing
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE
PRESCRIBING CHARGES, RENTALS, RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE
MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FOR THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ms. Hovan read Ordinance No. 20-04 by title and explained that the adjustment was for 3% and that sewer rates were not increasing. 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. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Messina and carried.

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On motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried, Ordinance No. 20-04 was adopted.

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

Ordinance No. 20-05 – Street Repairs – Second Reading/Public Hearing

CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ROAD MATERIALS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOROUGH STREETS, 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 read Ordinance No. 20-05 by title and explained that the funding would be used for the Bridge Street curb repairs and other minor road work as may arise. 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. Lipsen, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

Public Hearing/Adoption of 2020 Municipal Budget

Ms. Hovan and Ms. McDaniel presented budget highlights, mainly that the budget was flat, adding that the County budget was flat too. Ms. McDaniel said that the overall rate would be \$2.078, slightly up from \$2.07 in 2019 due to a very nominal school tax adjustment. Mayor Nemeth thanked Ms. Hovan, Ms. McDaniel and the finance committee for their hard work on the budget.

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or concerns, the meeting as closed to the public on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

Resolution No. 2020-52, as filed in the Borough Clerk's office and to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget, was adopted on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

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

Mayor Nemeth opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions or concerns, the meeting as closed to the public on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

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Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on July 13, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm on motion by Mr. Messina, seconded by Mr. Bergquist, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk