

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021**

The January Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:03 pm on January 11, 2021. 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: Ms. Rebecca Hendricks, Mr. Adam Juncosa, Mr. Aaron Lipsen, Mr. Michael Mann, Mr. Nic Messina and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Borough Attorney Michael Butler, Borough Engineer Paul Ferriero and Borough Administrator/Clerk Michele Hovan 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. Juncosa seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

Discussion – Stormwater Management Ordinance -Paul Ferriero, P.E., Borough Engineer

Mr. Ferriero briefly explained the new NJDEP requirements for updated management plans and summarized the proposed changes to the 2006 version while also noting that the ordinance could be adopted in its entirety as a replacement. Mr. Ferriero said that the primary issue was related to the area of disturbance for major developments that would require stormwater solutions and suggested that a category for minor developments be added. Considerable discussion ensued to the types of development that trigger the requirement, and sensible remedies for when one is required. In response to a question raised by Mr. Lipsen, Mr. Ferriero said that the Borough’s ordinance would not supplant D&R requirements, that they are and would remain separate. Mr. Messina expressed concern about the burden on property owners to install dry wells, etc. as a result of the ordinance and suggested that the threshold be between 1500 and 2000 square feet of disturbance rather than a lower one. After additional discussion and consultation with Mr. Ferriero, the threshold was decided to be 1750 sf of impervious surface area and disturbs less than 2500 sf. Ms. Hovan said that she would prepare the ordinance for introduction at the next meeting.

Minutes:

The meeting Minutes for the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting and the December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Juncosa and carried, with Ms. Hendricks abstaining due to her ineligibility.

Resolutions

The following Resolution, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s Office was approved on motion by Mr. Messina, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried unanimously:

2021-25 FY21 Municipal Alliance Application (Amendment)

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

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Resolution No. 2021-26, as filed and listed below was pulled from consideration due to a lack of need at meeting time.

2021-26 Budget Transfers

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

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

Mayor Nemeth noted that he had reached out to appointees but had not received the replies so he would complete the appointments at the next meeting.

Appointments – Planning Board

Alternate #1 – Unexpired term to expire 12/31/2021

Alternate #2 – 2-year term to expire 12/31/2021

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Mayor's Report/Council Liaison Reports – Mr. Lipsen asked said there was a drainage issue on Old Prallsville and he and Mr. Juncosa and Ms. Hovan discussed reaching out to John Sowsian for repair. Mr. Vandegrift noted that the sign order would be held temporarily while awaiting a funding response from the County Economic Development Committee. In response to a question raised by Mr. Lipsen, Ms. Hovan said that she follow up with the Deputy Clerk regarding the STOP sign order.

Mayor Nemeth announced that the next meeting would be held on February 8, 2021, 7 pm via Zoom.

Executive Resolution No. 2021-27 (NJS – 10:4-12b(7) Litigation- Water Billing

Mr. Vandegrift exited the meeting at 7:51pm due to his need to recuse himself from the issue. Resolution No. 2021-27 to enter executive session and to adjourn at the session's conclusion was adopted on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried unanimously. The meeting was finally adjourned at 8:04 pm on motion by Mr. Juncosa, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk