

**BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
APPROVED:**

**REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2020**

The July Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton was called to order by Mayor Timothy Nemeth at 7:05 pm on July 11, 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 and Mr. Donald Vandegrift. Mr. Adam Juncosa and Mr. Messina were absent. Borough Attorney Michael Butler and Borough Administrator/Clerk Hovan were also present. There were 2 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. Bergquist seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Request for Adjustment -Water/Sewer Charges - Prallsville Mills

Ms. Beth Japchen, Executive Director of the Prallsville Mills and Trustee Michael Hagerty were in attendance to discuss the issue of an unusually high utility bills. Ms. Hovan recapped the prior discussing and said that Water/Sewer Director Greg Ent had inspected the meter multiple times and could not determine equipment failure or the source of the issue.

Ms. Japchen said that the bill in question was particularly odd because the facility had been closed. Mr. Hagerty said that an underground leak was repaired in 2019 and Ms. Japchen said that they continuously monitor the bills. Mayor Nemeth said that Council had discussed the issue several times and did not understand the cause of the spike either and suggested that the Council offer some assistance to resolve. In response to a question raised by Mr. Lipsen, Ms. Hovan said that Mr. Ent had confirmed the readings. Mr. Vandegrift asked the difference between the spike and the normal usage which was \$960 versus \$2900. On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried, a decision to adjust the bill to \$964.38 without interest during the period of investigation was made.

Minutes:

The meeting Minutes for the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting and the June 24, 2020 Special Meeting (Mr. Juncosa and Mr. Vandegrift abstaining due to absence) were approved on motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried.

Resolutions – the following resolution, as filed in the Borough Clerk’s office, was adopted on motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Mann and carried.

2020-53 Liquor License Renewal - Strackhouse Restaurant LLC

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

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Mr. Lipsen asked if the parking lot plan included access for a helicopter as requested by the fire department and Mr. Vandegrift said that there was an area in the northwest corner. Mr. Lipsen suggested that the master plan be approved with public input and Mr. Vandegrift said that it would be scheduled, and that the planning board was to review it next.

2020-54 Contract Award - Stockton Park Parking Lot.

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

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

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor Nemeth said that the August meeting would be skipped this year, consistent with prior years and if there are any issues that come up there would be an alternate plan.

Mr. Lipsen asked if there could be an executive session to discuss land acquisition and on motion by him, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried, the Council entered executive session as directed by Mr. Butler. On motion by Mr. Vandegrift, seconded by Mr. Bergquist and carried, the session was ended. Mayor Nemeth reconvened the public session.

Mayor Nemeth announced the next meeting would be held on September 14, 2020. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm on motion by Mr. Bergquist, seconded by Mr. Vandegrift and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Hovan, RMC
Borough Clerk