



STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL Special Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2024 – 7:00 pm
ZOOM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:** This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by a notice sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and The Trenton Times, posted on the Borough Website, on the window of Borough Hall, and filed with the Borough Clerk as required by law.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
Brown, Fisher, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, Mann, Lipsen
4. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Any person desiring to address the Borough Council during periods designated for public comment shall first seek recognition by the Mayor, or presiding officer, and upon recognition shall state their name and address. All comments shall be addressed to the mayor, or presiding officer. Comment will be limited to 5 minutes per comment.
5. **ORDINANCES 2nd Reading:**
 - 24-03 Establishing and Continuing the Stockton Fire Department
6. **RESOLUTIONS**
 - 24-37 LEAP Fire Company Grant Application
 - 24-40 NJ Historic Trust Grant Application for the Stockton School
 - 24-41 Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Delaware Township for Fire Protection and Suppression Services
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8. **NEXT MEETING – April 15, 2024**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF STOCKTON IN
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING,
ESTABLISHING AND CONTINUING THE STOCKTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, for many years the Stockton Fire Company (“Fire Company”), a volunteer fire company organized in the State of New Jersey, has provided fire protection and suppression services in and on behalf of the Borough of Stockton (“Borough”), and the Borough has provided financial and other assistance to the Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, at this time the Borough Council seeks to reaffirm the terms and conditions of its relationship to and with the Fire Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Establishment; title. There is hereby authorized, established and continued the Stockton Borough Fire Department within the Borough to be composed of one company, known as the Stockton Fire Company, for purposes of providing fire suppression and protection services in the Borough of Stockton.

Section 2. Qualifications. No person shall become a member of the Stockton Fire Department and serve as an active fire fighter, unless the person shall meet the following qualifications:

- A. Be at least 18 years of age.
- B. Be a citizen of the United States.
- C. Be in good health and physically able to perform the duties of fire fighter as evidenced by a certificate to that effect by a licensed physician of the State of New Jersey.

Section 3. Attendance and duty required. Every member of the Fire Department serving as an active fire fighter shall, as a condition of service for the Fire Department, perform duty consisting of actual

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attendance at fires and drills as required by the Fire Company in its bylaws, which may be amended from time to time. A record shall be kept of such attendance and duty by the Chief of the Fire Company and reported to the Borough Council annually.

Section 4. Application for membership; election. Every person seeking to join the Fire Department shall make application to the Fire Company, and upon their election to membership by vote of a majority of the unit present and voting, they shall become a member in good standing of the Fire Department after approval of their membership by the Chief and confirmation by the Borough Council.

Section 5. Financial support. The Borough shall annually appropriate such funds to support the Fire Company as it deems advisable, which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, maintenance of workers' compensation insurance on behalf of members and other financial contributions permitted by law.

Section 6. General supervision and control. Members shall be under the general supervision and control of the Borough, except that the appointment or election of the Chief and other supervisory officers shall remain the prerogative of the members of the Fire Company. Representatives of the Borough and Fire Company shall meet as necessary to address operations and management of the Fire Department.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take upon adoption and publication as provided by law.

**RESOLUTION 2024-37
STOCKTON BOROUGH
PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

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WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$7.5 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Township and Stockton Borough are presently served by a volunteer fire company in each of the two municipalities, and have contracts with those volunteer fire companies for purposes of performing fire protection and suppression therein through the Delaware Township Fire Department and Stockton Borough Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the two volunteer fire companies seek to consolidate into a single volunteer fire company to serve both Delaware Township and Stockton Borough, and upon their consolidation, the two local units seek to enter into a shared services agreement to set forth the terms and conditions of the provision of fire protection and suppression services by the local units and the consolidated volunteer fire company; and

WHEREAS, as indicated above, Delaware Township and Stockton Borough propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to consolidate the Delaware Township and Stockton Borough's municipal fire departments into one department, which will benefit the residents of both participating local units; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Township has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Stockton does hereby join with Delaware Township in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$_____ to support implementation of this shared service.

**Stockton Borough Council
Resolution #24- 40**

Authorizing Application for New Jersey Historic Site Management Grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust and Execution of Grant Agreement

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WHEREAS, at this time the Borough desires to further the public interest by obtaining an Historic Site Management Grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust in the amount of approximately \$58,500 to fund the following project: provision of professional engineering services to complete a Preservation Plan Update for the Stockton Borough School, which is ultimately aimed at protecting the historic integrity of the building; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project, the Borough understands that there is a requirement for a 25% local unit matching fund, and therefore, the Borough hereby appropriates \$14,625 for purposes of funding the project if the grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Diane McDaniel, has certified the availability of funds for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Aaron Lipsen, Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to undertake the following on behalf of the Borough, and in furtherance of the grant application and project:

- (a) To make application for such grant;
- (b) If awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State in any amount not less than \$58,500; and
- (c) To execute any amendments to the grant agreement, except that any amendments that increase the Borough's financial obligations shall be subject to the appropriation of available funding as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if awarded the grant, matching funds in the amount of \$14,625 are committed to complete this project within the required time frame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough further acknowledges that:

- (a) The facts, figures and information contained in the application, including all attachments, are true and correct; and
- (b) Any funds received will be expended in accord with the terms and conditions of N.J.A.C. 5:101 and the grant agreement to be executed with the New Jersey Historic Trust; and
- (c) The Borough agrees to abide by the time frame and all applicable federal, State and municipal laws, rules, regulations and ordinances (as applicable) set forth in the grant guidelines and agreement.

Stockton Borough Council
Resolution #24- 41
AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF DELAWARE
FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act,” N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 through 40A:65-35 (the “Act”), authorizes local units of this State to enter into contracts with each other for the joint provision within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockton and Township of Delaware have identified the provision of fire protection and suppression services in both municipalities where working together through shared services under the Act will result in positive outcomes for both municipalities, and the continued safety and welfare of their residents and inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Stockton and Delaware are currently primarily served by separate volunteer fire companies in each of their respective municipalities – the Stockton Fire Company and the Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, Stockton and Delaware each have a contract with the volunteer fire company in their municipality for purposes performing fire protection and suppression therein, and through the Stockton Borough Fire Department and Delaware Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the two volunteer fire companies seek to consolidate into a single volunteer fire company to serve both Stockton and Delaware, and upon their consolidation, the two local units seek to operate a shared service of fire protection and suppression by the local units and the consolidated volunteer fire company; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the parties seek to memorialize the terms and conditions of the provision of the shared service of fire protection and suppression through the Delaware Township Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they do hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Delaware for the provision of fire protection services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. consistent with the foregoing “Whereas” clauses, for an initial term of five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Township, the final terms of which shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor and Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon final execution, a copy of the Shared Services Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Shared Services Agreement, resolution, and other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.