



STOCKTON BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 18, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Aaron Lipsen., called the regular meeting of the Stockton Borough Council to order on September 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Lipsen announced that this meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times, was posted on the Borough Website, posted on the door at the Municipal Building and filed with the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman William Brown, Councilman Peter Folz, Councilman Thomas Hunt, Councilman Ken Kozuhowski, Council President Michael Mann, Mayor Aaron Lipsen, Borough Attorney Michael Butler, Borough Deputy Clerk Tiffany Crivelli.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lipsen led those in attendance in the pledge to the nation's flag.

PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Diane and Norman Torkelson
- b. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Lipsen opened the floor to public comment.

Timothy Leonard, 45 Worman Road, asked for update on Worman Road repair and explained that he gets stuck in his property on a monthly basis due to the condition of the road. Mayor Lipsen explained that the repair should commence next year. The design is mostly done and needs to be sent for approval by the NJDEP.

Pat Slack, 7 Risler Street, inquired about the electricity in the borough park and lack of lawn mowing maintenance of areas of the park grounds. Also, requested an update on the transfer of title for the Stockton School property.

Jennifer Reynolds, 4 Risler Street, inquired whether she was personally permitted to contact the Borough Engineer about Worman Road.

Hearing no other members of the public speak up, Mayor Lipsen closed the floor to public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. February 22, 2023, Regular Session – Tabled
- b. March 20, 2023, Executive Session Minutes - Approved
- c. April 17, 2023, Regular Session Minutes – Tabled
- d. May 15, 2023, Executive Session Minutes - Approved
- e. June 19, 2023, Regular and Executive Session Minutes – Approved
- f. August 15, 2023, Regular and Executive Session Minutes – Tabled

ORDINANCES

Introduction – First Reading – Ordinance 2023-05

Mayor Lipsen read Ordinance No. 2023-05 by title.

Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____ to introduce Ordinance 2023-05.

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

No Public Comment on First Reading.

Public hearing set for October 16, 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Resolutions #23-80.

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Resolutions #23-81

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Resolutions #23-82.

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Resolutions #23-83.

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Resolutions #23-84.

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Resolutions #23-85.

Roll call: Brown, Folz, Hunt, Kozuhowski, and Mann.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Stormwater Management**

Mayor Lipsen explained that the Borough is working with Delaware Township and the USDA on addressing stormwater runoff from Delaware Township down into the Borough.

- **NJDOT**

Mayor Lipsen explained that the Borough met with the NJDOT to address issues concerning the new potential crosswalks, road maintenance, and potential upgrades to storm drains along Route 29.

NEW BUSINESS

- **None**

CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mail from Kathy Brown, 7 N. Main Street, regarding items from August 24, 2023, Council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT, BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Lipsen mentioned JCP&L program to assist in changing lights to more energy efficient models. Mayor Lipsen thanked Tony Watkins for his \$50.00 donation to the Borough, Adrienne Walsh of Canal Music Studios for her donation of a public speaker system, and Elaine Johnson for her donation of paint that will be used for the flagpole in the Borough Park. Mayor Lipsen also mentioned a new obligation for landlords to provide a lead paint inspection upon each annual registration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Lipsen opened the floor for public comment.

Jennifer Reynolds, 4 Risler Street, inquired about whether the Borough had a hotel tax.

Pat Slack, 7 Risler Street, inquired about stormwater mitigation and for a status on the Borough's collaboration with Delaware Township to address stormwater runoff coming from the Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

RESOLUTION

TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this governing body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of Stockton Township, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - Personnel (Clerk's Office)
 - Property Acquisition – Stockton School Property.
 - Contract Matters – Engineering need for stormwater compliance.

The discussion is anticipated to take approximately 1 hour. Action may be taken.

3. It is intended at this time that the above-stated subject matter will be made public when the matter has been resolved.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion by _____ seconded by _____ to exit Executive Session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The committee was in Executive Session from _____ PM to _____ PM.

ACTION ON ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at _____ PM.