

New Stanton Borough Council meeting
April 3, 2014

The April 3, 2014 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistik. The meeting was held at the Municipal building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present were Scott C. Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow, Dean Clark, and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilman Thomas Smith was absent.

Dean Clark addressed Council and thanked them for all the get well cards and especially their prayers.

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to pay bills in the amount of \$9,867.44. Motion carried.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2014 Council meeting. Motion carried with Dean Clark and Brandon Clawson abstaining.

Council additions to the agenda

There were no additions to the agenda

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Agenda

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark approving Resolution 2014-779 appointing Christine Yoder as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to send \$200.00 the Youngwood Fire Department in memory of Lance Wentzel. Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion about the request from the Rollin Oldies.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to accept the request from the Rollin Oldies. Motion carried.

Council President moved to the April 16, 2014 meeting the update of ID badges for Council and Employees, PW Computer etc.

Council President moved the sale of the Chevy truck to executive session.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to advertise the Community Yard on June 7, 2014. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about putting up the no parking during the yard sale. Mr. Steele stated that if we put the signs up we should put them on the curves.

Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were two (2) finished permits for the month of March resulting in fees of \$185.00.

Mr. Steele stated that I gave everyone a copy of a letter from the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association requesting that we supply them with a dump truck to clean up over by the creek.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark that the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association can use the Borough Truck with one of our volunteer drivers from Public Works to operate the truck on May 3, 2014. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele stated that he gave everyone a price list of speeding signs that the gentleman who was at a meeting a couple of weeks ago stated that he would purchase.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that one of the items under my report, you have already taken care of and that is the resolution for an alternate member for the Zoning Hearing Board, and the other one Mr. President you may want to report on a little later about the meeting we had with some members of the Fire Department. The Firemen have to go back and look at their specifications before it goes out for bid.

Engineer

Emil Bove, Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the SPC grant that the Borough applied for to replace the traffic signal lights at the intersection of Center Avenue and Paintersville Road.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the roads listed on his road program.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to install a speed hump on Thermo Village Road as part of the road project. Motion carried.

Fire Department Liaison

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard gave a report from the Fire Department on the number of calls.

Recreation Board

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that we can still take a few more boys and girls ages 10 and under for our ball teams. We had our clean up at the Park and the Easter Party will be April 13, 2014 from 2 to 4 at the Fire hall.

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PennDot project Liaison

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark stated that he did make a call to Barry Lyons of PennDot and he was in meetings all day. Councilman Bussard stated that he did attend the meeting with PennDot on the I-70 interchange project on March 19 and updated Council as to what happened.

Council President stated that we still need two people for Planning Commission and we need a person for Zoning Hearing Board and the UCC Appeals Board and we need a liaison to the COG.

Committee Reports

Personnel & Human Resources

Brandon Clawson

Councilman Clawson stated that he would like under executive session to amend the Borough Manager to include Policy and Procedures handbook.

Public Works & Parks

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that he had the office order anti-slip mats for the restrooms so nobody falls and gets hurt when the floors are wet.

Mr. Steele reported that one of the toys has a broken rung and we are going to need to get it fixed. The Insurance Company does not recommend welding it.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard brought Council up to date on what has been going on with the Building and Real Estate Committee meetings.

Work Place Safety

Todd Bartlow

Councilman Bartlow stated that we have not had a meeting since the last meeting.

Finance

Scott C. Sistik

Council President Sistik read the following financial report for the month of March.

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| Checkbook | \$202,940.62 |
| Savings | \$380,822.41 |
| Taxes | \$ 33,132.68 |

Comprehensive Plan

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that after the last Council meeting, Brian Lawrence was here to meet with the committee and we narrowed down our focus and we will have another meeting with Brian Lawrence after our next Council meeting.

President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President stated that we received a thank you card from the Senior Citizens for our donation and everyone signed it.

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis addressed Council and brought them up to date on the G11 Summit.

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Announcements

**Lenten Fish Fry every Friday @ New Stanton VFD
PSAB Annual Conference – April 6-9 @ State College
Easter Party – April 13 from 2 – 4 PM @ New Stanton VFD Hall
PennDot Community Outreach – April 17 – 12:30 @ WCCC
G11 Summit – April 24-26 @ Mennonite Camp, Laurelville
WCBA Annual Banquet – May 2 – 7PM @ Lakeview
WCBA monthly meeting May 29 – 7PM @ the Barn
Community Yard Sale – June 7**

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Session

**Real Estate – Municipal Building
Personnel – Borough Manager, Policy and Procedures Handbook
Litigation – Magistrate Judgment**

**Todd Bartlow made a motion to go into executive session at 8:22 p.m.
Brandon Clawson made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:02 p.m.**

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to accept the \$150.00 judgment on the Nowalk/Shimatzi litigation. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson authorizing Mr. Campfield to prepare and send the RFP's for the loan for up to a half a million (1/2) dollars for 20 years for the municipal building project having two different proposals one for quarterly payments and one for semi-annual payments and to have them back within twenty (20) days. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary