

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

April 4, 2013

The April 4, 2013 Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistek. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building located at 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer was read and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilmembers present were Linda Echard, Scott Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson arrived at 7:12 p.m., Todd Bartlow arrived at 7:55 p.m., Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis arrived at 7:15 p.m., Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Approval of Bills & minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$8,826.48. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2013 meeting. Motion carried Wilbur Bussard abstaining

Council additions to Agenda

Councilman Smith added Public Works and office under Personnel in Executive Session and Councilwoman Echard added Building and Real Estate under Real Estate in Executive Session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were no finished permits at this time. Mr. Steele stated that he and Councilman Thomas Smith attended the Outreach meeting at WCCC with Penn Dot.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that I suggest adding litigation to your executive session on Centax and the Interchange project.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove stated that we need to start looking at the roads for this year's road projects.

Mr. Bove stated that we are still waiting for some information from Mr. Dickun. Also we met with Tresco Paving will be back to take a look at the paving that was done in Chanticleer.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that the Fire Chief was not there so I do have a report.

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Councilman Bussard stated that the gun bash and fish fry went well.

Personnel

Brandon Clawson

Councilman Clawson stated that most of the items I have will be brought up in executive session.

Public Works

Todd Bartlow

Since Councilman Bartlow was late, Councilman Bussard stated that they have a tentative schedule. We need the water turned on at the Park. We are trying to get the Park ready and doing normal maintenance on catch basins. On some of the road repairs, we need a flagman. Council had a brief discussion about a part time person for the Park and Public Works.

Councilman Bussard stated that we need some grills for the Park. Councilman Smith stated that he and Mel looked at the grills and they can be fixed. There was a brief discussion about the grills and the repairs.

Councilman Bussard brought up about some dumping on the Jamison property. There was some discussion about the dumping and about a sign for the dumpsters. Council President directed Mr. Steele to take pictures of everything that is being dumped on Jamison's property.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that the Building and Real Estate Committee had a meeting on March 25 and we reviewed some of the ideas and rough sketches. We have a few questions and comments which we will review in Executive Session.

Workplace Safety

Scott Sistik

Council President Scott Sistik who is acting temporary Committee Chair of the Workplace Safety Committee stated that the Workplace Safety meeting was held right before the Council meeting this evening and we discussed the procedure for accident reporting and the importance of reporting an accident.

Park & Recreation

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that we need to discuss about whether we are going to mow the Park ourselves or whether we are going to hire someone to mow the Park. There was some discussion about hiring a part-time person.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to advertise for a Part-time Laborers position. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to advertise the Part-time Laborers Position for a week including a weekend. Motion carried.

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Finance

Scott Sistik

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

Checkbook	\$165,214.04
Savings	\$244,103.41
Taxes	\$ 54,135.26

Interchange & Special Projects

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark stated that there is a meeting on April 25, 2013 at Penn Dot in Uniontown.

Council President stated we received a letter/invitation from Arrow Land Solutions. On April 18, 2013 they will be at New Stanton Fire Hall to meet with property owners.

Council President

Scott Sistik

Council President read a thank you card from the Senior Citizens for the \$500 donation.

Council President read over the agenda for the G7 Summit. There was some discussion about the Summit.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to send Melvin Steele to the G7 Summit on April 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that he spoke to a company about cell towers and hopefully they will be attending the next meeting and address Council about cell towers.

Mayor DeSantis stated that he is going to have to do a new search for a lightning detection system. The company I contacted has not returned my phone call or email.

Agenda

Councilman Thomas Smith addressed Council about a meeting he had with the Secretary of Hunker Borough about the how Hunker Borough requests work to be done by New Stanton and how the process would work for the requests and the billing.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to transfer the Boroughs allotment of \$5,000 to the Recreation Boards account. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Thomas Smith to appoint Tracey Flynn to the Recreation Board with Resolution 2013-764. Motion carried.

Announcements

G-7 Summit – Mennonite Camp, Laurelville, PA – April 18-20, 2013

WCBA Annual Banquet – Lakeview – April 19, 2013

PSAB Annual Conference – Hershey, PA – May 5-8, 2013

Community Yard Sale – June 1, 2013

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Public Comment

Councilman Smith asked who is going to open and close the Park until we hire a Part-time Person. Councilman Clawson suggested that each Councilperson take a day.

Executive Session

Personnel – Borough Manager Position, Public Works, & Office

Real Estate – Interchange Project & Building and Real Estate

Litigation – Centax & Interchange

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to go into executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Thomas Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 11:00 p.m.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Thomas Smith authorizing Mr. Campfield to draft and send a letter to Berkheimer stating that there was no 2.05% commission on the LST tax authorized by the Borough. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary