

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

August 1, 2013

The August 1, 2013 Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistik. 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 Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilman Todd Bartlow was absent.

Approval of Bills & minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to pay the bills in the amount of \$7,736.40. Motion carried with Thomas Smith voting no.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to amend the July 18, 2013 minutes to reflect the comments from Mr. Bove in the appropriate spot in the minutes. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Thomas Smith to amend the minutes on the motion in the July 18, 2013 minutes to include a Developers Agreement, Stormwater Management Plan and the potential widening of Broadview Road.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2013 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Council additions to Agenda

Council President Scott Sistik added two items to the agenda a 90 day extension for Hampton Inn and a 60 day extension for Hudson Group. Council President added under executive session Personnel – Emergency Management and Councilwoman Echard added Real Estate – Architect Proposals and asked that Mr. Bove be present.

Public Comment-Agenda items only

There was no public comment.

Reports

Administrative

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were three completed permits for July resulting in fees of \$95.00. Also letters have gone out to grass violators and the girls faxed to Mr. Campfield the information on the other issue.

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Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about having Representatives from Council and Representatives from the Hudson Group meet about Broadview Road. Mr. Bove gave Council a cost estimate of what could be done on Broadview. Councilman Smith stated that some of Council should meet with Mr. Bove and take a look at Broadview to see if it is even possible to widen Broadview Road. There was further discussion about Broadview Road.

Mr. Campfield brought Council up to date on the issues and reports from Keystone Collections on Local Services Tax and the Per Capita Tax.

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about an issue that a resident raised about offensive weapons and the definition in the crimes code.

Engineer

Bove Engineering/Emil Bove

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the proposed speed hump on Thermo Village Road.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard gave a short report on the Wing Night that the Fire Department had and also they still have tickets for the Harley. Council President stated that the next Wing Night will be August 24, and Councilman Smith stated that their fund drive is in progress.

Recreation Board

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that they have been busy and the last tournament is tonight. We have been very successful raising money for the concession stand.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that during June and July we have been studying some proposals from a couple of different Architects and we are at the point where we need a broader discussion.

Finance

Scott Sisteck

Council President Sisteck read the following financial report for July 2013.

Checkbook	\$219,356.53
Savings	\$325,625.88
Taxes	\$ 30,329.10

Special Projects

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark stated that Penn Dot is in the acquisition stages for all the properties concerned with the new highway. They are going to put together a meeting to go over fixing the Sewickley Creek Bridge and the expansion dams on the bridge over I 70 will be repaired the middle of August.

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Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that everything is on track for the Community Picnic and we are going to have a bounce house this year instead of the scavenger hunt. The Recreation Board will be there around 9:30 to get things set up.

Mayor DeSantis stated that now that I have changed jobs and getting settled in, I have been thinking about working a couple of times a week at the Borough office. I thought about work a couple of hours before lunch one day and a couple of hours after lunch another day. Talk to people and get a feel for things and changes in the Borough.

Agenda

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to accept Bill Lilley's resignation from Public Works. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to accept Bill Dove's resignation from the Recreation Board and to send him a thank you letter. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to grant the United Methodist Church a 90 day extension. Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion about the speeding on Melrose Drive.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to grant Hampton Inn – New Stanton a 90 day extension. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to grant the Hudson Group a 60 day extension for land development. Motion carried.

Announcement

Community Picnic – August 3

Wing Night – NSVFD – August 24

PSAB Fall Conference – Pittsburgh – October 18-20

Halloween – October 31 – Time TBD

Veterans Day Program

Public Comment

Mrs. Morgan stated that I observed here this evening that we have a severe problem of speeding in our town, and I would suggest that we hire a couple of part-time Police Officers and use our tax dollars very carefully instead of hiring a Borough Manager because we have two good secretaries here that are doing a good job.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to go into executive session at 8:09 p.m.

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Executive Session

Personnel – Emergency Management

Building & Real Estate – Architect's Proposals

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:26 p.m.

Thomas Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary