

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

August 28, 2014

The August 28, 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 Linda Echard, Scott C. Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Dean Clark and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilman Todd Bartlow was absent.

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay bills in the amount of \$14,055.54. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to pay approve bills already paid in the amount of \$ 25,206.37. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2014 Council meeting. Motion carried with Councilman Clawson abstaining.

Council additions to the agenda

Dean Clark added Real Estate – new building to the executive session.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Agenda

Emil Bove addressed Council about the road bids that were received and opened at the July 10, 2014 meeting.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to reject the bids received on July 10th. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to accept Jeff Butler's resignation from the Recreation Board. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to approve Resolution 2014-784 appointing Kristian Damaska to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Board. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to table the cell upgrade at the Park by Rampart Security. Motion carried.

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Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to upgrade QuickBooks. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to table the resolution on the Comprehensive Plan Co-Op with the County until we get more information. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to be the applicant for the Highway Occupancy Permit for the United Methodist Church. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to have the United Methodist Church operate and maintain the detention pond and the pipe that connects to Penn Dots catch basin. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to grant the United Methodist Church a 60 day extension retroactive to August 18, 2014. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to donate \$250.00 to the Jacobs Creek Area Faith in Action. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to grant the Long Plan a 90 day extension retroactive to August 18, 2014. Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion on the Community Enrichment Project request from New Life Tabernacle and asked that the Borough get some additional information from our Insurance Company as to whether or not those participating would be covered under our Insurance.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard contingent upon the New Life Tabernacle Church provide supervision and our Insurance Company approves it. Motion carried.

The discussion on the Hampton Inn Application/Plan was moved to executive session.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to put the Chevy truck with the plow on Municibid for \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Personnel

Brandon Clawson

Councilman Clawson addressed Council about the applications for Borough Manager and that the Personnel Handbook is finished and will be emailed to Council for review.

Public Works/Parks

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard addressed Council about a number of items that the Public Works is working on. There was some discussion about speed limit signage on Thermo Village Road.

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Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that we had our ground breaking on Monday and Dean attended the pre-construction meeting with the contractors. Start date is expected to be the end of September.

Finance

Scott Sistek

Council President read the following financial report for July.

Checkbook	\$231,664.63
Savings	\$404,967.58
Taxes	\$ 22,058.96

Comprehensive Plan

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard updated Council on the comprehensive plan and the resolution needs to be passed before they can move forward. I will contact Mr. Lawrence and see if he could attend the next meeting and go over the resolution with Council.

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele addressed Council about permits issued resulting in fees of \$3,564.06. Mr. Steele updated Council on the vehicle situation on Arona Road.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that what he had to discuss will be in executive session.

Engineer

Bove Engineering/Emil Bove

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the letter that was sent to URS on the Storm Water Management Plan.

Mr. Bove stated that we talked about preparing resolutions for approval for a couple of the plans coming up and I will need to get with Mr. Campfield to have the resolutions prepared.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Thomas Smith authorizing Mr. Campfield to prepare a resolution for the Long Plan. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard addressed Council about some issues that the Fire Department has. **Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to help the Fire Department with their Fund Drive using office personnel. Motion carried.**

Recreation Board

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that baseball is over and we have Halloween coming up.

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PennDot Project

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark brought Council up to date as to what took place at the last meeting with PennDot.

Council President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President stated that we did have our ground breaking for the new addition. Council President read a thank you card from the Bussard Family.

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

The Mayor did not have a report at this time.

Council President said we are scheduled to have a meeting on September 4, 2014 and I do not see a need to have one at this point so I would like to have a motion cancelling the meeting.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard cancelling the Council meeting for September 4, 2014. Motion carried.

Council President stated that our next meeting will be September 18, 2014.

Announcements

WCBA monthly meeting September 25th, 7 p.m. at the Barn.

PSAB Fall Conference October 17th through 19th in Gettysburg.

Mr. Steele addressed Council about the speed limit device at Stanwood Elementary School. Council had a brief discussion.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to send a letter to PennDot for the removal of the flashing school speed limit device. Motion carried.

Mr. Steele also addressed Council about the two leaf blowers that are 15 years old and not working properly.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Dean Clark to purchase a backpack leaf blower for approximately \$360. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Fox addressed Council about widening Broadview Road.

Executive Session

Litigation – Municipal Waste, Hampton Inn

Real Estate – New Building

Thomas Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 9:06 p.m.

Thomas Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:25 p.m.

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Dean Clark made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to request from Hampton Inn an immediate extension of time for action on their plan until the Sept. 18th meeting and if the request is not supplied immediately, current plan will be denied based on the items that the engineer has identified as deficient in his review letter and previously submitted to Hampton Inn. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion to go back into executive session at 9:27 p.m.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:20 p.m.

Dean Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary