

NEW STANTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2013

The December 5, 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. Council President called for a moment of silence to remember Carol Umbel, before a Prayer was read and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Bills & minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,028.81. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2013 Council meeting. Motion carried with Brandon Clawson abstaining.

Council additions to Agenda

Additions to the agenda were Borough and Fire Department Insurance policies, a map of Hunker Borough and a discussion on a complaint. Real Estate, Borough property was added under Executive Session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Reports

Administrative

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were two finished permits resulting in fees of \$50.00. He also brought Council up to date on the Hudson Groups progress on the DEP building.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that Tom will bring up the meetings on Borough Property Maintenance Code; Mr. Bove will address Council about a meeting that he and I attended at the Conservation District also I think we should have another meeting with Keystone Collections.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove updated Council on the map of the catch basins. Mr. Bove also updated Council about the Ms4 permit.

Mr. Bove stated that he spoke with the sisters who own the Weyandt Farm about an easement.

Mr. Bove stated that we will need to formulate a road program for early spring.

Mr. Bove stated that the prevailing wage has been increased to \$100,000 and should be in effect by spring.

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Councilman Smith stated that everything is going well on the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Steele stated that he will put a copy in everyone's mailbox to review.

Business

Fire Department Liaison

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that he spoke to the Fire Department about the parking on Election Day and gave the report on the fire calls.

Recreation Board Liaison

Nick DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated there was a light turn out for the Christmas Party. We will be having the Night at the Races in January.

Councilman Clawson brought up about Youngwood's light up and I asked Nick that we should look at next year and do something at the new building. Council had some discussion about doing a light up next year for Christmas.

Committee

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that the training is still going on for snow plowing with the two new guys.

Interchange & Special Projects

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark stated that he spoke to Mr. Lyons of Penn Dot and brought Council update on what has been going on.

Finance

Scott C. Sistik

Council President Sistik read the following financial report for November 2013.

Checkbook	\$236,757.78
Savings	\$316,339.64
Taxes	\$101,279.91

Councilman Bussard asked that since the tax collector is deceased is there anything we need to do. Council President stated that it would be discussed in executive session.

Executive

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that he received a letter from Hempfield Township about their recreation programs and that New Stanton residents are no longer considered residents for their recreation programs. They would like 50 cents per resident so that they can participate in the programs. Mayor DeSantis stated that he would check into it and see what could be done.

Mayor DeSantis asked if he should contact Mr. Coletta to fill out a questionnaire on hazardous things in the Borough. Council President Sistik stated that he should wait until we receive a letter from the Governor appointing him as our Emergency Management Coordinator.

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Mayor DeSantis stated that he handed out papers with names for Citizen of the Year Award. Read them over and hopefully we can make a decision at the next meeting.

Agenda

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to pay the Solvency fee in the amount of \$320.03. Motion carried

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow on the Notary Reappointment in the amount of \$241.21. Motion carried.

Councilman Clawson stated that it has been a while since the Borough has gone out for insurance. We received two quotes and Mr. Campfield is going to review them. Council had a brief discussion.

Council had a brief discussion about the map that Hunker gave the Borough on the streets that are to be plowed.

Council had a brief discussion about the complaint that came in.

Announcements

NS VFD Ladies Aux. Craft Show Dec. 7th 10 AM-4 PM

Recreation Board Night @ the Races Jan. 26, 2014, tickets are available from Recreation Board

Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Session

Personnel – Borough Manager, Administration

Litigation – UPS

Real Estate – Borough Property

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:24 p.m.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to advertise the Borough Manager position with the LGA not to exceed previous advertising cost. Motion carried with Thomas Smith voting no.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary