

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

February 2, 2016

Council President Scott Sisteck called to order the February 2, 2016 Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located on Paintersville Road in New Stanton. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present Scott Sisteck, Dean Clark, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow, Thomas Smith, Linda Echard and Thomas Theis. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin, and Borough Solicitor John Campfield. Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering was absent.

Approval of Bills and Minutes

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark approving bills to be paid in the amount of \$34,311.25. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark approving the minutes from the January 4, 2016 Biennial Reorganization meeting. Motion carried.

Council Additions to the Agenda

Council President added the introduction of Officers of the Fire Department after the Citizen of the year award. Also under executive session Litigation – for Extenet, Hampton Inn, Personnel – Administration, Public Works and Fire Department. Councilman Thomas Smith asked about the no parking for the Fire Department and I would like to add to send Jeff to the next Boot Camp for elected officials. Also Arona Road, Mr. Long in Chanticleer and we need to think about advertising for mowing at the Park and we need to advertise for a person to open and close the Park. Also what are we doing with the old building? Councilwoman Linda Echard stated that she would like to report on the Boot Camp Class that she attended under reports.

Public Comment-Agenda Items only

There was no public comment on the agenda items.

Citizen of the Year

Mayor DeSantis presented the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award to Wilbur Bussard and read a proclamation honoring him.

Introduction of Officers – New Stanton Fire Department

Fire Chief Rob Cammarata introduced the new officers of the Fire Department. Assistant Chief – Brandon Todd, Truck Captain – Glenn Miller, Engine Captain – Tony Stillitano, Rescue Captain – Keith Todd, 1st Lieutenant – Jeff Miller, 2nd Lieutenant – Adam Ligus. Fire Department President – Art Martz, Vice President – Dave Hauger, Secretary – Harry Leasure, Treasurer – Tony Stillitano, Chaplin – Barry Smith, Financial Secretary – Glenn Miller, Trustees – Jamie Todd, Adam Ligus, and Jeff Miller,

Invited Guest

Robert Ansell – UPS

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Mr. Ansell addressed Council about UPS sponsoring a 5k run/walk and wanted to know what procedures or permits are required.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to allow the 5k run/walk contingent upon County EMS, Mutual Aid, Borough Engineer, New Stanton Fire Department, Department of Public Safety and State Police are notified. Motion carried.

Agenda

Dean Clark made a motion second by Thomas Theis for each person to purchase their own plaque with the scissors mounted on them. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to approve resolution 2016-832 on a casual snow plow operator. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to participate in the G Summit. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark to participate in the COSTARs Sodium Chloride Contract for 2016-2017. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Thomas Theis to move \$5,000 from the General Fund to the Recreation Board Account per the budget. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark to purchase a ¼ page ad in the WCBA Annual Banquet Booklet. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Thomas Theis to send Jeffrey McLaughlin to the next available boot camp hosted by the PSAB. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Thomas Smith authorizing Mr. McLaughlin to get three quotes for mowing of the Park. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Thomas Theis to advertise for Park Maintenance Person for the opening and closing of the Park. Motion carried with Scott Sistik and Dean Clark voting no.

Reports

Borough Manager

Jeffrey McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin stated that most of the information that I had to discuss is in my report. Mr. McLaughlin reported to Council about the snow storm and we did talk to Rob our Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator. One of the reasons for the discussion on Mel is that we did need help and we hired Mel who worked eight hours. Mr. McLaughlin stated that Tom had asked about the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau and the tourism money. Mr. McLaughlin

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explained how that money is being used. I did speak to some of the businesses in the area. We did submit a grant for one hotel as a pilot program.

Mr. McLaughlin reported that there was a meeting with the County about using Community Block Grant money about the sewage problem on Broadview Road.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to proceed with sending out the income survey, but first finding out if it is a right to know. Motion carried.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that I want to bring to Council and the Mayors attention that the Borough has received notice of six tax assessments that have been filed by the Hempfield Area School District. As opposed to the property owner trying to have their property assessment reduced, the School District is attempting to have assessments on certain property increased. I spoke with the Solicitor for the School District and he indicated that the School Board had engaged a firm to look into certain properties to determine if they are undervalued and if so file assessment appeals and they have done that with regard to six properties in New Stanton. You could join in the action if you wish. You have the right as a taxing body to do that. I am not recommending that you do that; the School District is going to pursue it and if they get an increase you will benefit from the increase if they don't.

Council President stated that according to the MPC, Mel will not be able to participate in one form or another. The best thing we can do at this point until we talk to Mel is to revoke his membership from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Thomas Theis to revoke Melvin F. Steele's membership on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard hiring Melvin F. Steele, Jr. as a part-time snow plow operator as needed. Motion carried.

Engineer

Emil Bove-Bove Engineering

There was no engineers report because Mr. Bove was not present at the meeting.

Fire Department

Thomas Theis

Councilman Thomas Theis gave a report on the Fire Department meeting that he attended. He also reported that the security system is about forty (40) some years old and failing and I would like to know if the Borough would be willing to help them out. I also think we should help them with insulation and wider garage doors for the building.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to give the Fire Department up to \$1,200 of LST money to put toward a new security system and provide the Borough with three (3) quotes from security firms. Motion carried.

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Recreation Board

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis reported that the Night of the Races was a huge success and baseball signups will be every Saturday in February and the Easter Egg Hunt will be Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the New Stanton Fire Hall with the time to be determined.

PennDot

Dean Clark

Councilman Dean Clark reported that we need to get the Emergency Services to agree on a plan when the Sewickley Creek Bridge is being replaced.

Public Works

Todd Bartlow

Councilman Todd Bartlow stated that Jeff covered most things with the truck and snow removal and I don't know if anyone has seen the mezzanine but it really looks good.

Councilman Todd Bartlow reported that Youngwood is going to conduct a survey on a Police Department. Youngwood is going to have the DCED come in and do a study.

Councilman Dean Clark reported on the parking situation in New Stanton with regards to the Fire Department.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard stated that she had nothing new to report. I would like to comment, pertaining to that Committee, if we could start thinking toward clarification for that Committee and the direction Council would like us to go in since this building is completed. Under that umbrella of building and real estate there are other things that will come up pertaining to this building under that umbrella and if we are thinking of entertaining any decisions on our former location and what direction we need to go.

Workplace Safety

Thomas Smith

Councilman Thomas Smith stated that we lost our certification and our discount because we have not had any meetings.

Finance

Scott Sistek

Council President Scott Sistek read the following financial report for January 2016.

Checkbook	\$586,627.01
Savings	\$237,650.98
Taxes	\$ 11,621.95

Comprehensive Plan

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard reported that at our Public meeting on January 12th, since we did not have a good representation of our citizens of New Stanton we thought we would have a Public meeting on February 19th in conjunction with the Fish Fry. At the January 19th meeting, the most interesting was the Boy Scouts who participated in a youth focus group and Jenny from Mackin met with the Scouts and they had a lot of things that they would like to see. They would like to see a lot of entertainment complexes.

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Councilwoman Echard reported on the Boot Camp that she and Thomas Smith attended. She also stated that the second day is to be rescheduled due to the bad weather. I recommend that everyone should attend these Boot Camps.

Announcements

Fish Fry – Every Friday starting February 12th at the Fire Hall
Gun Bash – March 12 – at the Fire Hall
Comprehensive Plan – February 19th – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall
UPS 5k run/walk April 9 from 9:00 to 10:00 or 10:30
WCBA Annual Banquet – April 29th at Lakeview 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.
Councilman Smith asked if unfinished business be added to the agenda.

Executive Session

Litigation: Extenet, Hampton Inn

Personnel: Administration, Public Works, & Fire Department

Todd Bartlow made a motion to go into executive session at 9:13 p.m.

Brandon Clawson came out of executive session at 10:06 p.m.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Thomas Theis to have Mr. Campfield prepare an Ordinance amending the Street Opening Ordinance similar to Penn Dots regulations and stipulate that utility poles cannot be placed exclusively where underground facilities exist. Motion carried.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary