New Stanton Borough Council meeting

February 21, 2013

The February 21, 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, Brandon Clawson, Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilmembers absent were Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, and Jr. Councilperson Carolyn Loucks. Also absent Mayor Nicolas DeSantis.

Approval of Bills and Minutes

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve paying bills in the amount of \$10,066.74 pending an explanation of the bill from Lewandowski's for the 2012 Ford in the amount of \$154.00. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2013 Council meeting. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda

Councilman Smith added a resident safety concern on Oak Street and added Public Works to the executive session.

Public Comment on Agenda items only

There was no comment on the agenda items.

Reports

Council President

Scott C. Sistek

Council President read a report from the Fire Department.

Council President read a letter from the County Planning Department stating that they are interested in helping us and to recommend some things on the I 70 interchange project. Council decided to have someone from the County Planning Department come to a meeting so that we can talk to them and ask questions.

Agenda

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to do a draft of the newsletter and give to Council and the Mayor for review and sign off on for the March 7, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to accept Brian Cerra's resignation from the Recreation Board. Motion carried.

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Councilman Smith addressed Council about a safety concern from a resident that uses Oak Street and not being able to see traffic coming up the hill. There was a brief discussion about the situation.

Announcements

Gun Bash – NSVFD – New Stanton Fire Hall – March 9, 2013 Doors open at 3:00 p.m.
Kid's Easter Party – New Stanton Fire Hall – March 24, 2013 – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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

Opportunity for Public Comment

Councilman Smith stated that at the meeting we had with Penn Dot, I asked Mary Ann to email you about the bridge and that Mr. Bendo needs an answer by the end of July. Council President stated that he sent that to the appropriate committee.

Councilman Smith stated that the Christmas banners are still up. Mr. Steele stated he spoke with Mr. Volpe from Hempfield and as soon as we get some decent weather we will get them down.

Council President stated that there will be a meeting with Penn Dot here on February 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Councilman Smith stated that if anyone on the Public Works Committee has a hard time making the meetings, I would like to volunteer to be on that committee. I am in the Borough all the time and I see different things.

Councilman Smith stated that I did a right to know questioning why we plowed an alley and this last storm my alley was not plowed, five inches of snow and the alley was not plowed. Mr. Steele stated that I thought Bill did it and Bill probably thought I did it. Councilman Smith stated that everything around it was done but the alley. Council President stated talk it over and make sure it is done.

Assistant Secretary Anita Hoffman addressed Council about a few items that he discussed with her on Thursday and Friday last week.

Executive Session

Personnel – Borough Manager Position & Public Works

Brandon Clawson made a motion to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. Thomas Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:35 p.m. Thomas Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted, *Mary Ann Roll* Mary Ann Roll, Secretary