

New Stanton Borough Council meeting
February 5, 2015

Council President Scott Sisteck called the February 5, 2015 Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

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

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to pay the bills in the amount of \$29,910.01. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2015 Council meeting. Motion carried with Linda Echard, and Brandon Clawson abstaining.

Council Additions to Agenda

Councilman Smith added the Municipal building under the Executive Session –Real Estate.

Public Comment-Agenda items only

There was no public comment on the agenda items.

Agenda

Councilman Clawson stated that we have discussed multiple candidates for the Borough Manager's position and chose one. Council President introduced Jeffrey McLaughlin who then addressed Council and told everyone a little bit about himself.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to hire Jeff McLaughlin at a salary of \$48,000 a year contingent upon all background checks being completed under pay resolution 2015-806. Motion carried with Todd Bartlow, Scott Sisteck, Wilbur Bussard and Brandon Clawson voting yes. Thomas Smith and Linda Echard voted no.

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about the sidewalk ordinance, sidewalk agreement, and traffic signal agreement from PennDot.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to accept the sidewalk agreement and give conditional approval to this agreement with Penn Dot making modifications to paragraph seven (7) to comport with the Borough Code to match the thirty (30) day requirement on making repairs to the sidewalks. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to accept the traffic signal agreement and give conditional approval that Penn Dot conveys to the Borough the warranties that are part of the installation of the traffic signals to match the same language that was written for the Arona Road traffic signal. Motion carried.

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Council had a brief discussion on the Borough Utility Truck. Council President opened a sealed bid that we received and read the bid. The bid is as follows.

Alex Gaudino \$810.00

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to reject the bid from Alex Gaudino in the amount of \$810.00. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Thomas Smith to put the utility truck back on Municibid. Motion carried.

Council President discussed the G -11 Conference.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to reaffirm our commitment to the G -11 Conference. Motion carried.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to send Scott Sistek and Wilbur Bussard to the PSAB Conference April 26th through April 29th. Motion carried with Scott Sistek and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Linda Echard to send Melvin Steele to a Pesticide Class on March 6, 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Campfield and Mr. Bove addressed Council about the correction on the zoning map. **Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Linda Echard to advertise for public hearing to be held on April 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. correcting the zoning map and prepare an ordinance to be adopted at the council meeting which will be held following the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.**

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to participate in the COSTARS Sodium Chloride Contract for 2015-2016 purchasing 600 ton of salt. Motion carried.

Reports

Administration

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were no permits finalized at this time.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that he has nothing additional at this time.

Engineer

Emil Bove-Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove addressed Council about some work that is being done at the old Robertshaw plant. Mr. Bove stated that he met with MAWC about the fire hydrant on Broadview Road and updated Council on some other projects that are being done in the Borough.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Thomas Smith to send up to three people to the Roundtable Discussion at the Conservation District February 27 from 11:30 to 3:30 at a fee of \$10 per person. Motion carried.

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Mr. Bove reminded Council about the upcoming road project in the Borough. We also need to talk about Center Avenue but not tonight.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard gave a report from the Fire Chief on the Fire Department.

Recreation Board

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that we had a very successful Night at the Races and baseball/softball signups are continuing until the end of February.

Municipal Building

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark is absent from the meeting so Councilman Bussard updated Council on the progress of the new Municipal building.

Personnel

Scott Sistik

Councilman Clawson, former Chairman of the Personnel Committee gave Council an update on what will take place in the next few days to get Mr. McLaughlin situated and introduced to everyone.

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard updated Council on projects that the Public Works Department is working on between plowing and salting roads.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard brought Council up to date on the building.

Workplace Safety

Todd Bartlow

Councilman Bartlow stated that they have not had a meeting this year but I will get with everyone and set something up.

Finance

Scott Sistik

Council President Scott Sistik read the following financial report for January 2015.

Checkbook	\$212,730.04
Savings	\$355,198.62
Taxes	\$ 13,122.34

Comprehensive Plan

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard updated Council about the meeting that took place with Brian Lawrence before the Council meeting and where things stand with the progress.

President

Scott Sistik

Council President read a thank you card from Joan Shaver of the Salvation Army on her Citizen of the Year Award.

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Council President brought up the request from the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to donate \$100 to the Sewickley Watershed Association. Motion carried.

Announcements

WCBA meeting March 26th 7 p.m. place to be determined.

Easter Egg Hunt March 29th the time and place to be determined

PSAB Annual Conference April 26-29 Lancaster, PA

WCBA Annual Banquet May 1st Lakeview Lounge

Ethics form due May 1st

G-11 Conference May 7 – 9 Mennonite Camp

Community Yard Sale June 6th

Public Comment

Jennifer Trocksa addressed Council about the parking situation on Woodmere Drive and Florence in Trotwood Manor. Council President stated that he had no comment.

Councilman Thomas Smith addressed Council about the parking and that if we are going to have the signs up there then they should be put up throughout the Borough.

Thomas Smith made a motion to change the ordinance to have the November 1 to April 1 taken down and left down. The motion died for lack of a second.

Executive Session

Personnel – Administration

Real Estate – PennDOT project, Municipal Building

Thomas Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Brandon Clawson made a motion to come out executive session at 9:56 p.m.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary