

The February 6, 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 Scott C. Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow, Dean Clark, Thomas Smith, and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis. Also present Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

***Approval of Bills & Minutes***

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to pay bills in the amount of \$29,994.52. Motion carried.**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2014 Council meeting. Motion carried.**

***Council additions to the agenda***

The following was added to the agenda, Borough Map, Park Maintenance, Traffic-Hunker, Mutual aid-salt, and computer Public Works building and an executive session Personnel- Public Works, and Borough Manager, Building and Real Estate- Borough building, and Interchange project.

***Public Comment***

There was no public comment.

***Invited Guests***

**Steve Haile – McDonald's Land Service**

Mr. Haile addressed Council about doing seismic testing in the Borough and Mr. Gray addressed Council about roads.

***Agenda***

**Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard appointing Estermyer and Associates P. C. as the auditor for the Borough. Motion carried.**

There was a brief discussion on ID badges for Council and employees.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to fill out and submit the Sodium Chloride Contract for 2014-2015 seasons to COSTARS. Motion carried.**

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to grant a 60 day extension for the United Methodist Church Plan. Motion carried.**

**Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Linda Echard to grant a 60 day extension for the Hampton Inn plan.** Motion carried.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to grant a 90 day extension for the Long Development Plan.** Motion carried.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to take out a ¼ page ad in the Westmoreland County Borough Association Program Booklet for \$45.00.** Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion on the 1986 Chevy utility truck. Public Works was told to clean it up so that we can get a cost of what it is worth.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to have Municipal Publications update our Borough Map.** Motion carried.

**Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to hire Ralph Smith for our Park maintenance person.** Motion carried.

Councilman Thomas Smith addressed Council about a meeting he attended at Hunker, with a representative from SuperValu about the truck traffic in Hunker. SuperValu is willing to pay for signs within reason.

Councilman Todd Bartlow addressed Council about Mutual Aid taking salt from the Borough's salt bin. Mr. Steele told them that if they have a problem call him and he will put salt in front of the ambulance bay.

Councilman Todd Bartlow addressed Council about the purchase of a computer and training for the Public Works employees at the new public works building. Council President put everything together, the time clock, ID badges and the computer.

***Reports – Administrative***

***Code Enforcement Officer***

***Melvin F. Steele, Jr.***

Mr. Steele stated that there was no permit activity.

***Solicitor***

***John Campfield***

Mr. Campfield stated that everything he has will be discussed in executive session and that maybe Tom has an update on the property maintenance code.

Councilman Thomas Smith updated Council on what chapter they are on and how much is done.

***Engineer***

***Emil Bove, Bove Engineering***

Mr. Bove stated that they have been looking at roads for a 2014 road project.

Mr. Bove stated that he spoke with MAWC on the relocation of a fire hydrant on Broadview Road.

Mr. Bove stated that we are trying to get a meeting with PennDot on the Arona Road Bridge project.

***Fire Department***

***Wilbur Bussard***

Councilman Bussard stated that he did not attend the firemen's meeting, but they need volunteers.

***Recreation Board***

***Nicholas DeSantis***

Mayor DeSantis stated that baseball and softball signups are every Saturday through March 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday's February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor DeSantis stated that the Recreation Board did fairly well with our Night at the Races.

***Interchange Project - Penn Dot***

***Dean Clark***

Councilman Clark stated that he spoke with PennDot about the red light on Arona Road. The lady that I spoke with is going to send me the criteria on why there is no turn on red.

***President***

***Scott C. Sistik***

Council President stated that we need a Planning Commission Liaison and a COG Liaison, and we still have some openings on Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and UCC Appeals Board.

***Public Works***

***Wilbur Bussard***

Councilman Bussard stated that the third snowplow has been welded twice and it keeps breaking and a new one and the cost is \$3,000.00.

**Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to buy a new plow for \$3,000 so that we have three operational trucks. Motion carried.**

Councilman Bussard stated that I would like to say that the Public Works crew has been doing a good job this winter with keeping the streets clean.

Councilman Bussard stated that he spoke with John at Youngwood Borough about using their brush hog to cut along the roads and he was going to take it to the Borough and get back to Mel.

Councilman Bussard stated that at the Park we have trouble with our garbage cans because they are open. I had Anita look up the price for six garbage cans and shipping an all \$3,100.00.

***Work Place Safety***

***Todd Bartlow***

Councilman Bartlow stated that we cancelled the meeting last Monday and rescheduled for February 10, 2014.

***Finance***

***Scott C. Sistik***

Council President Scott Sistik read the following finance report for January 2014.

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| Checkbook | \$202,898.59 |
| Savings   | \$314,686.25 |
| Taxes     | \$ 19,598.84 |

***Comprehensive Plan***

***Linda Echard***

Councilwoman Echard stated that she received an email from Brian Lawrence to set up a meeting.

Councilman Clark stated that PennDot is going to have a meeting at the Fire hall on March 19, 2014 with Borough Officials from 3 to 4 p.m. and with the public from 5 to 7 p.m.

***Announcements***

**WCBA monthly meeting March 27 – TBD**

**PSAB Annual Conference April 6-9 @ State College**

**C7/G11 Summit – TBD**

**WCBA Annual Banquet – May 2, 7PM @ Lakeview**

***Public Comment***

Mr. Fox said let's revisit the Hampton Inn project. Why can't we offer them a way in through here? Mr. Clark stated that it was discussed but it would be expensive and Mr. Bove stated that there are wetlands back in there.

***Executive Session***

***Personnel – Public Works, Borough Manager***

***Building & Real Estate – Borough building, Interchange Project***

**Todd Bartlow made a motion to go into executive session at 8:46 p.m.**

**Thomas Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:56 p.m.**

***Adjournment***

**Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Mary Ann Roll*

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Secretary