

# New Stanton Borough Council meeting

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February 7, 2013

The February 7, 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, 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. Councilmembers absent were Wilbur Bussard and Brandon Clawson.

## ***Executive Session***

### **Personnel – Security**

**Linda Echard made a motion to go into executive session at 7:01 p.m.**

**Linda Echard made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:22 p.m.**

## ***Approval of Bills and Minutes***

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to approve paying bills in the amount of \$32,079.12. Motion carried.**

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2013 Council meeting. Motion carried**

## **Council additions to Agenda**

Councilman Smith added questions for Mr. Campfield and discussion on eliminating pay for Council. Councilman Bartlow added under executive session; Personnel-Public Records Request.

## ***Public Comment Agenda items***

There was no public comment on agenda items.

## ***Reports***

### ***Code Enforcement Officer***

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

Mr. Steele stated that there were no permits completed in the month of January. The Zoning Hearing Board met on January 30, 2013 to hear a request for variances from Speedway. The Zoning Hearing Board approved those variances.

### ***Solicitor***

***John Campfield***

Mr. Campfield stated that Council has 30 days to appeal the Zoning Hearing Boards decision on the variances if they want to.

Mr. Campfield stated that in regards to the records at Centax, they have not destroyed the records. Mary Ann and Keystone have been attempting to get the records. Mary Ann had some success in getting the Per Capita records and forwarded them to Keystone. The LST records according to the information that Mary Ann has is at the Centax Bridgeville office. The

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Attorney for Keystone Collections has had several conversations with them and Keystone is supposed to be obtaining that information from Centax.

### ***Engineer***

***Emil Bove, Bove Engineering***

Mr. Bove updated Council on the Arona Road bridge project.

Mr. Bove stated that I and Mel met with Mr. Dickun on January 24, 2013 regarding the road signage in the plan and that includes the name of the new entrance road of Reagan Way. He is in the process of getting new signs and I also sent him a letter requesting a maintenance bond in the amount of \$9,365.00 for the paving of the final wearing course in Phase 3 and Phase 4. They will be notifying the Borough, asking them to relinquish that bond and then they will use that and put it into an 18 month maintenance bond.

### ***Recreation Board***

***Mayor Nicholas DeSantis***

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

### ***Committee Reports***

#### ***Public Works***

***Todd Bartlow***

Councilman Bartlow stated that he spoke with Mel today and that we had some trucks repaired and they are back and ready to go.

#### ***Building and Real Estate***

***Linda Echard***

Councilwoman Echard stated that the Building and Real Estate Committee has not scheduled a meeting since the reorganization and as soon as I am able to connect with Brandon we will set up a meeting.

#### ***Workplace Safety***

***Linda Echard***

Councilwoman Echard stated that we had a meeting prior to this meeting and our main topic was security and safety in the workplace and at meetings and we are having discussion within Council to try and make sure that we have the most secure location that we possibly can have.

### ***Finance***

***Scott Sistik***

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

Checkbook	\$170,031.23
Savings	\$244,678.77
Taxes	\$ 44,976.13

### ***Interchange & Special Projects***

***Dean Clark***

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Councilman Clark stated that he attended a meeting on January 31, 2013 at the New Stanton Fire Hall and they had several different stations setup and it was very informative.

Mr. Bove spoke with Mr. Bendo and I asked him about Pennsylvania Avenue and Mr. Bendo stated that Pennsylvania Avenue would become a State Road. Councilman Clark stated that they told him that we should have a set of preliminary drawings in a couple of weeks.

**Mayor**

**Nicholas DeSantis**

Mayor DeSantis stated that he is working on a few things.

Councilman Smith stated that I have listened to Mel's report, Todd's report, and I listen to the Safety report and nothing was said about the new truck being wrecked. Mr. Steele stated that the new truck was not wrecked. I was just the hose was knocked off. I was forced off caught the guide rail and the hose was knocked off the back. There was no damage done, I just bumped the guide rail with the spreader.

### **Agenda**

Council President Sistek explained to Council about the G5 Summit which is the first item on the agenda. The G5 Summit will be held April 18 – 20, 2013. The sessions on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 to 12:30 and 2:00 to 3:30; on Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 in the evening. There will be no session on Friday night and Saturday is an all day session approximately 9:00 to 5:00 and the dinner is at 6:00. The Summit is held at the Mennonite Camp.

**Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Dean Clark to accept the invitation to G5 Summit.** Motion carried.

The Borough Newsletter was held over until the next meeting, so that more Council members can take a look at what is there now.

**Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Dean Clark to advertise the Community Yard Sale, June 1, 2013.** Motion carried.

**Linda Echard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to place a ¼ page ad in the WCBA Annual Booklet for \$45.00.** Motion carried.

Councilman Smith stated that I had asked Mr. Campfield some questions and I would like to answer the taxpayers who had asked me questions. I was asked if the reorganization that was done at the January 3, 2013 meeting was legal and the answer is yes. I was also asked about

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Council getting paid if they do not attend the meetings. Section 904 was removed from the Borough Code. There is nothing that can be done.

Councilman Smith stated that there is a lot of absenteeism at times and there is talk about a Borough Manager and if we get a Borough Manager, everything that I found out about a Borough Manager in my research, they actually run the Borough. I can see no reason, even now for council being paid. Councilman Barlow stated that the Borough Managers job description would be what we say his job description would be. Councilman Clark stated that in my opinion if you do not attend a meeting then you should not get paid. There was a little more discussion about the compensation for Council and the Mayor.

**Thomas Smith made a motion to amend the Ordinance as far as paying Council to get paid for the meeting that you attend.** Motion died for a lack of a second.

### *Announcements*

**Gun Bash – NS VFD – New Stanton Fire Hall – March 9, 2013 –  
Doors open 3:00 PM  
Easter Party – March 24, 2013 – Time and Place TBD  
PSAB Annual Conference – Hershey, PA – May 5-8, 2013  
Community Yard Sale – June 1, 2013**

### *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

### *Executive Session*

**Personnel – Borough Manager Position  
Real Estate – Interchange Project  
Litigation – Interchange Project  
Personnel – Public Record Request**

**Thomas Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.**

**Dean Clark made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.**

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to have Jack Lizza do an appraisal on Rachel Drive in the amount of \$900.00.** Motion carried.

**Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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*Mary Ann Roll*

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Secretary

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