# New Stanton Borough Council meeting January 16, 2014

The January 16, 2014 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistek. 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. Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow, Dean Clark, Thomas Smith, and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis.

## Approval of Bills & Minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay bills in the amount of \$16,714.48. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2014 Council meeting. Motion carried.

## Council additions to the agenda

Council President added a motion and vote on Public Works Personnel issues. Councilman Bussard added the red light at Center Avenue and Arona Road.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Council President Scott Sistek announced that there was an Executive Session of Council before this meeting on Personnel – Administration, & Public Works. Dean Clark made a motion to go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. and Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:58 p.m.

## **Invited Guests**

**New Stanton VFD** 

New Stanton's Citizens of the Year 2013

Mayor DeSantis stated that we have three Citizens of the Year awards to present this evening. Mayor DeSantis presented Bonnie Neiderhiser with her Citizen of the Year Award and then called Bobby Wilson and Walter Lynn to come forward and he then presented them with their Citizen of the Year Award.

Council President stated that he was going to discuss the committees. There is no change on the first four committees.

**Personnel** – **Chair** Brandon Clawson, Scott Sistek, and Todd Bartlow with Mayor DeSantis as an advisor.

Finance - Chair Scott Sistek, Wilbur Bussard and Dean Clark

**Public Works/Ms4/Parks** – **Chair** Todd Bartlow, **Co-Chair** Wilbur Bussard, and Dean Clark

Building & Real Estate – Chair Linda Echard, Brandon Clawson, and Dean Clark

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#### Liaison

**Interchange/Penn Dot** Dean Clark

**Comprehensive Plan – Chair** Linda Echard, Scott Sistek, Todd Bartlow with Nick DeSantis as advisor.

**Work Place Safety – Chair** Todd Bartlow, Brandon Clawson, Anita Hoffman and Steven Schneider.

The Mayor did not have a report.

There was some discussion about advertising the vacant positions on Planning Commission, UCC Appeals Board, and Zoning Hearing Board. Council decided to try advertising on our website first.

## Agenda

There was a brief discussion about the Borough News Magazine.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase nine subscriptions of the Borough News Magazine. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard recommending that Council make James Strickler a full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Laborer for Public Works. Motion carried.

Councilman Bussard stated that we are getting some complaints about no right turns at the Arona Road red-light. Dean Clark stated that he will talk to Penn Dot about the no right turns.

Councilman Bussard stated that he contacted the Uniontown office of Penn Dot about painting stripes on Center Avenue for the crosswalk. Councilman Bussard stated that we talked about purchasing a line painting machine. Council asked for more information on the line painting machine that was discussed at the budget meeting.

### **Announcements**

- 1. Recreation Board Night @ the Races January 25, 2014
- Doors open 5:30 PM Races begin at 6:00 PM
- 2. Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce welcomes Unified Alerts 109 Byers Avenue on January  $30^{th}$  at  $5{:}00~PM$

### **Public Comment**

Councilwoman Echard stated that she thought it was wonderful that we honored the Citizens of the Year and wished I had the opportunity to get to know those two gentlemen. I have known Bonnie for many years and appreciate the fact that she stayed for the whole meeting.

Ms. Neiderhiser explained to Council a little bit about what she has done.

Councilwoman Echard stated that we are pleased to have her in our community.

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Councilman Smith stated that in one municipality, they are going to charge the tax collector rent for the use of the building. Council President stated that we have a Resolution that states that the tax collector pays \$1.00 a year. Councilman Bussard stated that we offer an office to the tax collector at \$1.00 a year because they didn't want people coming to their homes.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
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Secretary