

New Stanton Borough Biennial Reorganization meeting

January 6, 2014

Mayor Nicholas DeSantis welcomed everyone to the meeting and administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected council members.

Dean Clark nominated Scott Sistek for Council President there were no other nominations. The motion carried with Scott Sistek abstaining.

Thomas Smith nominated Linda Echard for Vice President of Council.

Scott Sistek nominated Wilbur Bussard for Vice President of Council.

The following is the vote for Linda Echard's nomination for Vice President.

Dean Clark, Scott Sistek, and Brandon Clawson voted no, with Thomas Smith voting yes and Linda Echard and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

The following is the vote for Wilbur Bussard's nomination for Vice President.

Dean Clark and Scott Sistek voted yes with Thomas Smith and Brandon Clawson voting no. Since there was a tie vote, Mayor DeSantis broke the tie by voting yes. Linda Echard and Wilbur Bussard abstained.

Mayor DeSantis then turned the gavel over to Council President.

Council President called the January 6, 2014 Biennial Reorganization meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Invocation was given by Pastor Bane from the United Methodist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Linda Echard, Scott Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr., Solicitor John Campfield and Engineer Emil Bove.

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Councilman Smith asked if Council would add a bill from Mark for the security system, in the amount of \$1,860.00

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to pay bills in the amount of \$15,373.20. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2013 Council meeting. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Linda Echard read a letter to Council on her resignation of the two (2) year term on Council.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark accepting Linda Echard's resignation of the two (2) year term on Council. Motion carried.

Former Councilman Todd Bartlow addressed Council about the two year vacancy and that he would like to be considered for the position. The Borough Secretary stated that there is another application and gave it to Council President Sistek who then told everyone that the application was from Thomas Theis. Council briefly discussed the vacancy.

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Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve Resolution 2014-769 appointing Todd Bartlow to fill the two year term on Council. Motion carried with Thomas Smith and Linda Echard voting no.

Mayor DeSantis administered the Oath of Office to Todd Bartlow.

Council additions to Agenda

Councilwoman Echard stated that she would like to add under Executive Session Real Estate.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow for Linda Echard as President Pro Tem. Motion carried with Linda Echard abstaining.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to appoint John Campfield as the Solicitor for the Borough. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to appoint Emil Bove as the Engineer for the Borough. Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion on the appointment of an auditor.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to go out for proposals for Auditor. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark appointing Melvin F. Steele, Jr. as Chair of the Vacancy Board. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark appointing Emil Bove as Sewage Enforcement Officer with Michael Stack as the alternate for the Borough. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Brandon Clawson approving Resolution 2014-770 appointing Hoffman Kennels as Animal Control Officer for the Borough. Motion carried.

There were no applications for the following vacancies of which there are two on Planning Commission, and one on Zoning Hearing Board and the UCC Appeals Board.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Linda Echard approving the following pay resolutions. Secretary Treasurer 2014-771, Assistant Secretary 2014-772, Borough Code Enforcement/Public Works Supervisor 2014-773, UCC Inspector 2014-774, 1st Class Laborer 2014-775, 2nd Class Laborer 2014-776, Part-Time Public Works 2014-777, and Part-Time Public Works - Seasonal (Park) 2014-778. Motion carried.

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Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to leave the 2014 Budget closed. Motion carried.

Council President stated that he will take a look over the current Committees and to please let him know what Committee you would like to serve on.

Councilman Clawson addressed Council about the insurance for the Borough and that the Committee had made a decision to go with Selective Insurance through Simpson & McCrady Insurance Agency.

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about the Penallen Tax Appeal.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Dean Clark authorizing Mr. Campfield to represent the Borough in the Penallen Tax Appeal. Motion carried.

Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele reported that there were two permits for the month of December resulting in fees totaling \$1,660.00.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about applications from PennDot on the two traffic signals that will be installed as part of the Interchange Project.

Mr. Campfield said everything is coming along on the property maintenance code.

Mr. Campfield updated Council about the LST tax and that the Borough is finally receiving monies that have been collected and that there is a meeting scheduled with the Attorney from Keystone Collections on January 17, 2014.

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about a meeting that he and Emil attended with the County Planning on the Comprehensive Plan for the Borough.

Engineering

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove stated that when the Committees are formed you need to form a Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Mr. Bove addressed Council and added a few comments about the meeting that he and John had with the County Planning.

Mr. Bove stated that he spoke with Evelyn Kovach about an easement through her property and she is receptive about giving us an easement.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the 2014 road project.

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Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that some members of the Fire Department are going to come to the next meeting to ask some questions and get some information.

Finance

Scott Sistik

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

Checkbook	\$229,022.58
Savings	\$316,483.22
Taxes	\$ 43,248.16

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis asked Linda if she has Bonnie Neiderhiser's phone number and wanted to know if Wood's Jewelers could have the little plaques ready for the January 16, 2014 meeting.

Mayor DeSantis also stated that with the weather the Red Cross Shelter for the area is the Methodist Church and the Fire Hall is prepared to open for a warming shelter if needed.

Announcements

Recreation Board Night at the Races January 25, 2014

Doors open 5:30 p.m. – Races begin at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Executive Session

Building & Real Estate

Dean Clark made a motion to go into executive session at 8:44 p.m.

Brandon Clawson made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:03 p.m.

Brandon Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary