

June 20, 2013

The June 20, 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, Wilbur Bussard, Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis. Councilmen Clawson and Bartlow were absent.

***Approval of Bills & minutes***

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,734.69. Motion carried.**

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2013 meeting. Motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.**

***Council additions to Agenda***

Council President removed item #4 from the agenda because it has already been done and I will add item #8 and it will be a motion and vote on a 60 day extension for the Hampton Inn.

Councilman Thomas Smith added the following to the agenda. Borough Manager, Borough policy on overtime and working at home, communication between Council, high grass bill, sinkholes at Park and new help hours of work and work sheets and under executive session Personnel - Public Works.

***Public Comment-Agenda items only***

There was no public comment.

***Invited Guest***

**Rollin Oldies of SW PA**

Becky Answine of the Rollin Oldies along with Rich Answine and Jim Stiltenspole addressed Council about an incident that happened on May 26, 2013 when they rented all the pavilions for the car show. Council asked them to make their request about opening the Park early and parking spectators in the ball field early so that Council can review their request and either approve it or deny it.

Council President stated that the Westmoreland County Planning will not be here this evening. There is going to be a Community Conversation at the Fire Hall on June 26, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the County Planning and the Smart Growth Group. There was some discussion about putting the information on the Community Conversation on the bulletin boards.

***Reports***

**Council President**

**Scott C. Sistek**

Council President stated that he does not have a report this evening.

**Mayor**

**Nicholas DeSantis**

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Mayor DeSantis stated that the lighting detection system is in and as soon as Mel gets the signs put up the system will be installed.

**Agenda**

Councilwoman Echard stated that she went through the Employee Handbook and pointed out some items that need to be corrected. Council discussed those items.

**Linda Echard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to table the Employee Handbook until the next meeting.** Motion carried.

Council had some discussion about the cancellation of meetings and communicating that with the public.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark authorizing Thomas Smith to get pricing information and present it to Sanner's Auto Body for sponsoring a sign.** Motion carried with Thomas Smith abstaining.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to sign the new contract with Keytex Energy for electric generation.** Motion carried.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard to send Denise Smyda to a seminar on Rental Property Inspection on the condition that she gives Council a report on the seminar.** Motion carried.

Councilman Bussard gave a report from the Fire Department.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to pay for the brake repairs on the Fire Truck in the amount of \$2,291.40.** Motion carried.

Councilman Bussard updated Council on the work that Public Works is doing. There was some discussion on the rails for the split rail fence.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to purchase 24 rails to fix the fence at the Park from Laurel Fencing at \$12.89 a rail.** Motion carried.

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the recommendation from Planning Commission on Speedway's Consolidation plans contingent upon fulfilling 6 items from Bove Engineering's comments from May 28, 2013.** Motion carried.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard granting a 60 day extension for Hampton Inn Site Plan.** Motion carried.

Councilman Smith asked Council where things stand on the Borough Manager position.

Councilman Smith asked what the policy was on working overtime and working from home. There was some discussion about going home sick and then working from home and getting paid regular time for the time spent working from home.

Councilman Smith stated that he will wait until Councilman Clawson is present to talk about communication between Council.

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Councilman Smith stated that last year we cut grass for someone who received a letter but did not cut the grass and they owe us \$380.00. There was some discussion as to who goes and files charges at the magistrate's office. Mr. Steele stated that we need to talk to John about it at the next meeting.

Councilman Smith asked about the sinkholes at the Park. Mr. Steele stated that it will be corrected once the drainage is put in.

Councilman Smith asked about how many hours the new help is supposed to get and are they to fill out log sheets. Mr. Steele stated that they were told to fill out log sheets.

Councilman Smith stated that we could not fix Broadview Road before because we did not have enough guys. We have four guys now when will it get patched. Mr. Steele stated that we are playing catch up because we did not have the man power to get everything done.

***Announcements***

**Wing Night – NSVFD – June 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Community Conversation – NS Fire Hall June 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Community Picnic – August 3**

**Halloween – October 31, time to be determined**

**Veterans Day Program**

***Public Comment***

Mrs. Morgan stated that she has heard a lot here tonight about a Borough Manager and I am not going to say that it is good or bad. The last thing I just heard was that you don't have the manpower to repair our vital needs in our town. If we are going to have enough money to pay for a Borough Manager when we have competent people to run this Borough, why don't we hire more people to help Mel instead of a Borough Manager; and I believe the residents of this Borough should have a voice in whether or not this Borough needs a Borough Manager.

A gentleman in the audience asked about one of the regulations on the Park that was in the newsletter about offensive weapons and what is an offensive weapon.

Ms. Free asked Council when the Borough was going to have an open house at the building on Paintersville Road.

***Executive Session***

**Real Estate – Interchange Project**

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

**Councilman Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m.**

**Councilman Clark made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:35 p.m.**

**Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary