

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

June 4, 2015

The June 4, 2015 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott Sisteck at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the New Stanton Municipal Building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present Scott Sisteck, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow arrived at 7:40 p.m., Dean Clark, Thomas Smith and Linda Echard. Also present Solicitor John Campfield, Engineer Emil Bove, Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Mayor Nicholas DeSantis was absent.

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve paying bills in the amount of \$20,962.50. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2015 Council meeting. Motion carried with Thomas Smith and Brandon Clawson abstaining.

Council additions to agenda

Council President made some corrections to the agenda. Letter (a) under number 1 was removed. Letter (d) is being changed to rescind the motion on Ralph's Smith resignation will be added and number 5 is being removed. Council President added under executive session Personnel, Public Works. Councilwoman Echard added Code Enforcement Officer under executive session.

Public Comment on Agenda items

Residents Craig Mulroy, Bonnie Neiderhiser, and Noreen Karnash addressed Council about the speeding on Pine Drive and about the purchase of a sign showing how fast a vehicle is going.

Agenda

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard promoting the 2nd Class Laborer to 1st Class Laborer. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark hiring Charles Humes as 2nd Class Laborer. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Linda Echard rescinding the motion made May 14th to accept Ralph Smith's resignation as Park Maintenance Person. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard donating \$200.00 to the Five Star Trail. Motion carried.

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Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Dean Clark to have Security Systems of America install the alarm system at New Stanton Park. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase a speed display trailer with computer software. Motion carried.

Reports/Administration

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that nothing is complete at this time.

Mr. Steele read a letter informing Council and the residents of his retirement.

Borough Manager

Jeffrey McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin addressed Council about some items that he is working on.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to send \$1200.00 to the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to move a fire hydrant on Broadview Road. Motion carried.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed Council about the wing wall on Westinghouse Drive.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to accept the lowest quote to repair the wing wall on Westinghouse Drive. Motion carried.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the backhoe needs tires.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase tires for the backhoe. Motion carried.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about some issues with the West Penn Power agreement that was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Campfield stated that the new fire truck is here so there needs to be a lease agreement between the Borough and the Fire Department as has been done with the other trucks.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow for the Borough to enter into a lease agreement with the Fire Department for the new ladder truck. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that the truck has arrived as stated by Mr. Campfield but the truck will not be in service until next month. We will be receiving a complete audit from the Fire Department.

PennDot

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark updated Council about a meeting that he attended with PennDot along with Mr. Bove and Mr. McLaughlin.

Councilman Clark updated Council about the progress of the new building.

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Councilman Clark updated Council about the change order for Tennis Roofing.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark on the change order for Tennis Roofing in the amount \$1,040.00. Motion carried.

Personnel

Scott Sistik

Council President addressed Council about the hiring and we have more to discuss about Public Works Team Leader in executive session.

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Wilbur Bussard and Public Works Supervisor Mel Steele updated Council on things that Public Works has been doing.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard stated that it is so nice to see people here tonight even though it was due to a concern. Councilwoman Linda Echard then addressed everyone about the purchase of the Verizon building and the new addition.

Finance

Scott Sistik

Council President Scott Sistik read the following finance report for the month of May.

Checkbook	\$591,248.10
Savings	\$386,009.51
Taxes	\$ 78,546.73

Comprehensive Plan

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Linda Echard stated that we are looking forward to working with the firm that was chosen to do our comprehensive plan late summer.

Council President stated that our next regular meeting will be July 9th.

Councilman Dean Clark stated that we need a 6 x 10 Flag for our new building. Councilman Thomas Smith stated that he would make the donation to purchase the Flag.

Announcements

1 Community Yard Sale June 6th

2 Community Picnic August 1st

Engineer

Emil Bove of Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove updated Council about some discussion he had with two sisters who own the Weyandt property. They are still interested in giving us an easement to extend the easement that we received from DEP.

Mr. Bove told Council that there will be a pre-construction meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015.

Public Comment

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Sally Arthurs asked what Council was going to do with the current building.

Luella Free addressed Council about non-residents and non-taxpayers being able to speak at a Council meeting. Council President and Mr. Campfield stated that they would provide her with a copy of a state law called open meetings law.

Councilman Smith thanked those in the audience for coming and expressed his feelings of having only one meeting a month.

Craig Mulroy thanked Council for acting on getting the speed sign.

Executive Session

Personnel – Public Works, Code Enforcement

Thomas Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 8:33 p.m.

Dean Clark made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:51 p.m.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Thomas Smith amending the hiring of the Second Class Laborer Charles Humes contingent upon results of background clearances, physical, and drug test. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard hiring Dan Kremer as the Public Works Team Leader at a rate of \$18.35 per hour contingent upon results of background clearances, physical and drug test. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary