

# New Stanton Borough Council meeting

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March 21, 2013

The March 21, 2013 Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistik. 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 Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis. Councilmembers absent were Todd Bartlow and Brandon Clawson.

## ***Approval of Bills & minutes***

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$6,507.75. Motion carried.**

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.**

## ***Council additions to Agenda***

Councilman Smith added the following to the agenda the process for getting quotes, budgeted items, Public Works, and Hunker Borough billing; and under executive session Personnel Public Works.

## ***Invited Guests***

Jason Rigone-Executive Director – Westmoreland County Planning & Development along with Chris Bova, Brian Lawrence, and Jennifer Wilding.

## ***Public Comment – Agenda items only***

No public comment.

Council President Scott Sistik introduced Jason Rigone and his team from Westmoreland County Development; they will give us a presentation on their proposal for New Stanton Borough and the interchange project.

Mr. Rigone gave an introduction of his team and a brief description of his proposal. Mr. Lawrence went through the presentation to outline the things that were just talked about.

Council President Scott Sistik introduced Lieutenant Joseph Ruggery of Troop A Greensburg Barracks of the State Police. He is here just to observe our meeting.

Councilman Smith asked Officer Ruggery about speeding on Thermo Village Road. Lieutenant Joseph Ruggery addressed Council about why he attended the meeting; and discussed matters such as the speeding on Thermo Village Road.

Councilman Bussard asked the Officer about Jake Brakes. Officer Ruggery stated that we do not enforce Jake Brakes.

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## *Reports*

### **Mayor**

**Nicholas DeSantis**

Mayor DeSantis stated that the Recreation Board found a quad and will need the \$2,000 transferred that was allotted in the budget.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to purchase a quad.** Motion carried.

Mayor DeSantis stated that he spoke to Rampart about the contract and they require 30 day notification to get out of the contract.

## *Agenda*

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Dean Clark to send Scott Sistek and Wilbur Bussard to the PSAB Annual Conference May 5 - 8, 2013.** Motion carried with Scott Sistek and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Councilman Smith asked about the process for receiving quotes and asked if it could be changed to sealed quotes and have them opened at a meeting.

Councilman Smith stated that the items that were budgeted for was the tamper, power tools, and pressure washer. At the last meeting we were talking about the bagging system for the mowers. It was not budgeted. Mr. Steele stated that we need a bagging system for at least one of the mowers.

Councilman Smith stated that Sue was having some problems and since the work was done under my watch, I would like to talk to her and explain things to her.

## *Announcements*

**Kid's Easter Party – New Stanton Fire Hall – March 24, 2013 – 2-4 PM**

**G-7 Summit – Mennonite Camp, Laurelville, PA – April 18 – 20**

**WCBA Annual Banquet – Lakeview – April 19, 2013**

**PSAB Annual Conference – Hershey, PA – May 5-8, 2013**

**Community Yard Sale – June 1, 2013**

Councilman Bussard stated that Tom was trying to grills made at the Tech School and things changed at the school and they may not be able to make them we need grills.

Councilman Bussard stated that some time ago we talked about putting a sign on the dumpster that states residents only; that still needs to be done. Councilman Bussard stated that the last street light that was to be installed was never done. Councilman Bussard stated that we

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received a request for a street light to be installed at the entrance to Chanticleer.

Councilman Smith stated that you should check with the residents that live there to see if they want a street light.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to install an LED street light at the entrance of Chanticleer contingent upon it being on Borough right of way. Motion carried.**

Councilman Bussard stated that we need a number of speed limit signs.

## ***Public Comment***

Mrs. Morgan addressed Council about the status on the new borough building. Councilwoman Echard stated that we are going to have a meeting and when we get closer to finalizing our plans hopefully we will have a sketch for everyone to look at.

Mr. Fox stated that he would like to speak to the Planning Commission members here tonight. The open and vacant ground in this town is only four farms; two are active and two are inactive. I do not see agriculture making leaps and bounds forward in this town so I think we should not consider preserving open space. If this town wants open space, they should buy a Park. If they want to leave things the way they are then they are taking my opportunity to sell my land for profit and you cannot take that without due process. I think that is something that should be considered and open space should be paid for and not taken.

Councilman Smith stated that the gentleman that owns the storage units on the Wentsler Avenue told me about someone who is plowing the parking lot at the Apartments and pushing the gravel and stone on the road and onto the catch basin. If he contacts me again whose number should I give him? Mr. Steele said give him mine.

## ***Executive Session***

**Personnel – Borough Manager**

**Personnel – Pay Resolutions**

**Personnel – Public Works**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion to go into executive session at 8:20 p.m.**

**Dean Clark made a motion to come of executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Roll*

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Secretary