

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

March 6, 2014

The March 6, 2014 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistik. 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. Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, and Thomas Smith. Also present Emil Bove of Bove Engineering. Members absent Linda Echard, Brandon Clawson, and Dean Clark. Also absent Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to pay bills in the amount of \$13,615.30. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2014 Council meeting. Motion carried.

Council additions to the agenda

Councilman Thomas Smith added a discussion on the Hunker meeting with Super Valu, and under Executive Session, Personnel – Public Works.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Agenda

Council President Scott Sistik pulled numbers 5, 6 and 8 from the agenda.

Council President stated that he and Councilman Bussard attended a meeting with the Fire Department and there was a brief discussion about a bridge loan for a brush truck.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard for a commercial bridge loan or the Borough financing the additional portion above the down payment and the Borough would get the 2% loan back. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard authorizing Mr. Campfield to prepare and advertise with the bid specs for the purchase of a brush truck. Motion carried.

Council President stated that we had a brief discussion on helping the Fire Department with fundraising.

Council President asked Mr. Bove if he had any information on the SPC traffic signal program. Mr. Bove stated that he did not have any information but will get some information on it for the next meeting.

Councilman Smith stated that there will be a meeting at Hunker Borough with SuperValu on the truck traffic situation on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. I would like to get permission for Mel to go to this meeting.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard for Mel to participate in the meeting on March 14, 2014 at Hunker administration building. Motion carried.

Reports

Solicitor

There was no solicitor's report.

Engineer

Emil Bove, Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove stated that we are going to need approval from Council and there will be a formal letter that has to be signed to be part of the Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Bove stated that we should wait a couple of weeks and then decide which roads you want to do in the road program.

Mr. Bove stated that there are a lot of agreements that need to be entered into with the new interchange project. We are still waiting for the information from PennDot.

Mr. Bove stated that we are preparing two new maps for Mel. One will be to mark no parking lanes throughout the Borough and the other map will be for Ms4.

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that the Public Works crew has done a good job with keeping the roads clear.

Workplace Safety

Todd Bartlow

Councilman Bartlow stated that he will have some things for the next meeting and one of the items will be backup cameras.

Finance

Scott C. Sistik

Council President Sistik read the following financial report for the month of February.

Checkbook	\$206,798.83
Savings	\$312,755.21
Taxes	\$ 84,790.63

Council President read a thank you card from Dean Clark for the donation made to Trinity Methodist Church for the donation in memory of John L. Clark.

Announcements

1 NS VFD Gun Bash at Fire hall – March 8 – doors open 3PM

2 Fish Fry – New Stanton Fire Hall – 11AM to 7PM – Fridays during Lent

3 Penn Dot meeting – March 9 – 3-4PM Elected Officials, 5-7PM Public-NS Fire Hall

4 WCBA monthly meeting – March 27, 7PM at Westmoreland County Transit Authority

5 PSAB Annual Conference April 6-9 at State College

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6 G11 Summit April 24-26 at Mennonite Camp, Laurelville

7 WCBA Annual Banquet May 2, 7PM Lakeview Lounge - Greensburg

Public Comment

Craig Mulroy addressed Council about his mailbox being damaged and that when he spoke to Mr. Steele, Mr. Steele treated him with respect and when his sister spoke with Mr. Steele, he did not talk or treat her with the same respect. Mr. Mulroy also addressed Council about the speeding on Pine Drive.

Executive Session

Real Estate – Municipal Building

Personnel – Public Works

Todd Bartlow made a motion to go into executive session at 7:42 p.m.

Thomas Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:03 p.m.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary