

New Stanton Borough Council meeting

March 7, 2013

The March 7, 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, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow arrived late, Dean Clark, and Thomas Smith. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Approval of Bills & minutes

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,125.43. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting. Motion carried Wilbur Bussard abstaining

Council additions to Agenda

Councilman Smith added changes on Personnel items, alternative to hiring Borough Manager and under executive session under Personnel, Public Works. Mayor DeSantis added under Litigation, Security. Mr. Campfield added Centax Receivership and Linda Echard added under Real Estate, Architect. Council President added under the agenda the assessment from the WCTCC in the amount of \$197.03.

Public Comment on Agenda items only

There was no public comment.

Reports – Administrative

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were two permits finished in February totaling fees of \$589.80. Also Speedway received their variances and will be coming to the Planning Commission. We also have Hampton Inn on the agenda.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that everything that he has is for executive session.

Engineer

Emil Bove, Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove stated that most of what he has is for executive session. We are reviewing Speedway plans and the Hampton Inn plans for the Planning Commission meeting. We are also working on the Arona Road bridge project.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard read a report from the Fire Department. Don't forget the Gun Bash on Saturday and they do need help.

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Recreation Board

Mayor Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis asked if the Recreation Board could use the trailer to pick up a small vehicle for field maintenance.

Committee Reports

Personnel

Brandon Clawson

Councilman Clawson had nothing to report.

Public Works

Todd Bartlow

Council President stated that Mr. Bartlow will be late.

Councilman Bussard stated that the Public Works Committee is looking at a number of items that are needed. A tamper, bagging system for mower, portable power tools, a toolbox, signs and sign posts. Councilman Bussard stated that a State Grant was given to Mt. Pleasant for a security system and I think it was done through the Borough Manager. There was some discussion on the purchase of signs and sign posts.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase 10 sign posts and give Mel Steele the authority to order when needed and purchase ten 25 mph signs resurfaced. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to spend up to \$400.00 for a toolbox. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to purchase Portable Power Tools not to exceed the amount budgeted. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to purchase a Pan Vibrator from Lewandowski not to exceed the amount budgeted. Motion carried.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that the only thing that she had was in executive session and that we will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Park & Recreation

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard asked if the tree was cut down that was approved. Mr. Steele stated no. Councilman Bussard stated that I will have to give them a call. We have a number of items that need to be done at the Park.

Finance

Scott Sistik

Council President Sistik read the financial report for February 2013.

Checkbook	\$153,340.14
Savings	\$242,746.94
Taxes	\$ 39,710.19

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Interchange & Special Projects

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark updated Council about a meeting with Penn Dot that he, Emil Bove, John Campfield and Thomas Smith attended on February 27, 2013. I thought it was a very productive meeting.

Councilman Bussard stated as far as the Park is concerned there is a lot of work that needs to be done at the Park as far as grills. Councilman Smith stated that the school has changed their policies and we may not get the grills. As far as the planters you would need to talk to the Horticulture teacher. The sidewalk from the deck to the concession stand needs to be made wider. Councilman Bussard stated that one thing we are going to need is about 20 ton of rubber mulch to finish what needs done. Councilman Smith stated that we need to look at that because we can't be spending \$80,000 at the Park again. Councilman Bussard stated that we need to look at replacing the roof on the pavilion and the gazebo.

President

Scott Sistek

Council President addressed Council about a letter that everyone should have a copy of and that is the Community Outreach meeting at the Community College, April 4, 2013, registration from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis addressed Council about a meeting he attended about the G7 Summit and gave everyone an agenda for April 18, 19, and 20, 2013.

Agenda

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the Borough Newsletter with Tom making all final changes. Motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

There was some discussion about an invoice from Meegan Ford.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to pay the balance on the Meegan Ford invoice and send them a letter that we need a receipt when we pick up the vehicle. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Dean Clark to send a letter to all vendors who repair all vehicles and equipment that whoever picks up the vehicle or equipment that we have a signed receipt of pick up and all repairs made. Motion carried.

Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to send a \$500.00 donation to the Senior Citizens Group. Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion about the upcoming PSAB Conference in Hershey, PA.

Council had a lengthy discussion about some changes on Personnel items and the alternative to hiring a Borough Manager.

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Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to pay the assessment for 2013 of \$197.03 from the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee. Motion carried with Scott Sistek abstaining.

Announcements

Gun Bash – NS VFD – New Stanton Fire Hall – March 9, 2013 – Doors open at 3:00 PM

WCBA monthly meeting – The Barn – March 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM

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

G-7 Summit – Mennonite Camp, Laurelville, PA – April 18-20, 2013

WCBA Annual Banquet – Lakeview – April 19, 2013

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

Community Yard Sale – June 1, 2013

Public Comment

Mr. Steele stated that he received some information from the Sheriff's Office on a precious metals license that is issued to individuals purchasing or selling precious metals.

Executive Session

Personnel – Borough Manager Position & Public Works

Litigation – True-Line Corporation – Security, & Centax Receivership

Real Estate – Interchange Project & Architect

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

Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:37 p.m.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Thomas Smith authorizing Mr. Campfield to send a letter to Berkheimer requesting information the LST tax with the threat of litigation. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Thomas Smith to move forward in speaking with Robert Care on the issue with Bair Boulevard. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Smith to release the appraisal of Rachel Drive to Penn Dot. Motion carried.

Brandon Clawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary