

# New Stanton Borough Council meeting

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May 2, 2013

The May 2, 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, Thomas Smith and Todd Bartlow who arrived at 8:00 p.m. Also Present Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. who arrived at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Brandon Clawson and Mayor Nicholas DeSantis were absent.

## *Approval of Bills & minutes*

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$15,071.19.** Motion carried.

**Linda Echard made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2013 meeting.** Motion carried.

## *Council additions to Agenda*

Mr. Bove added the following to the Executive Session under Litigation/Real Estate the Arona Road Bridge project and the Hampton Inn Planning Module.

## *Public Comment*

Mrs. Morgan asked what Mr. Bove met by litigation. Mr. Campfield stated that Mr. Bove identified that there is the possibility of litigation.

James Fox, Margaret Fox, Donna Eicher, John Gomolak, and Richard Nedrow all commented that we do not need a Borough Manager. Mrs. Morgan stated that there should have been a town meeting on whether or not this Borough needs a Borough Manager.

## *Invited Guests*

Chris Bova and Brian Lawrence of the Westmoreland County Planning & Development.

Mr. Bova addressed Council about their proposal and answer questions to help us with our Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to partner with the County Planning and to move forward with the 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of their proposal at no cost to the Borough.** Motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

## *Reports*

### **Code Enforcement**

**Melvin F. Steele, Jr.**

Mr. Steele stated that there were ten complete permits in the month of April which resulted in fees of \$250.00.

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## **Solicitor**

**John Campfield**

Mr. Campfield stated that what he needed to discuss was further in the agenda and in executive session

## **Engineer**

**Bove Engineering**

Mr. Bove stated that what he needed to discuss was in executive session.

## **Fire Department**

**Wilbur Bussard**

Councilman Bussard gave a report from the Fire Department. I also have tickets on the motorcycle that they are raffling off.

## ***Committee Reports***

### **Personnel**

**Brandon Clawson**

Council President asked Todd Bartlow if he had anything to add on the laborers position since Councilman Clawson was absent. Council President stated that we are planning on doing interviews for the next meeting. Council had a brief discussion on the part time laborer's position.

Council President stated that he combined some of the committees for the summer.

### **Parks**

**Wilbur Bussard**

Councilman Bussard addressed Council about the toilets that are broken in the men's room and that something needs to be done about the plumbing because the toilets do not flush right. I have a quote for the toilets and the repairs that need done and the estimate is \$1,543.00.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to have Mark Mills do the plumbing repairs at the Park for \$1,543.00.** Motion carried with Thomas Smith voting no.

Councilman Bussard also stated that we received 12 trees that were donated for the Park.

### **Building & Real Estate**

**Linda Echard**

Councilwoman Linda Echard stated that they met recently and that they have another meeting set for May 9, 2013 at 7:00.

### **Workplace Safety**

**Scott Sistek**

Council President Scott Sistek stated that the Workplace Safety Committee attempted to meet this evening, but we did not have a meeting due to a lack of a quorum. We will try and have the meeting May 16 at 6:30 and the subject will be off the job safety and responsibility.

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## **Finance**

**Scott Sisteck**

Council President Scott Sisteck read the following finance report for April 2013.

Checkbook	\$188,867.79
Savings	\$320,134.99
Taxes	\$101,531.26

## **Interchange & Special Projects**

**Dean Clark**

Councilman Dean Clark stated that what he had needed to be discussed in executive session.

Council President Scott Sisteck addressed Council about the invitation from the County to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Westmoreland County Elected Officials Seminar, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Westmoreland County Community College, Commissioner's Hall, Room 2112.

## **Agenda**

Mr. Nedrow asked the audience to raise their hand if they wanted a Borough Manager for the Councilman who arrived late.

Councilman Thomas Smith addressed Council with some questions about the Borough Managers position.

**Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve Ordinance 2013-244 creating the position of a Borough Manager.** The motion carried with Thomas Smith and Linda Echard voting no.

Council had some discussion about the Speedway Plans.

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to reject Planning Commission's recommendation on Speedway's Site Plan for failure to meet the five conditions unless they make a written request for a 60 day extension by May 8, 2013.** Motion carried.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve Planning Commission's recommendation to grant Hampton Inn a 60 day extension.** Motion carried.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to make a \$200.00 donation to the Five Star Trail for their Poker Run.** Motion carried.

## **Announcements**

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

**WCBA – Monthly meeting – The Barn 7 p.m. – May 23, 2013**

**Community Yard Sale – June 1**

**Community Picnic – August 3**

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Fox stated that you four guys really screwed up tonight and I hope you live to regret it.

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Mrs. Morgan stated that you were elected to represent the people and you people do want you want to do and not what the people want.

### **Executive Session**

**Litigation/Real Estate:** Stanton Square Partnership & Bair Boulevard  
Centax  
DEP Site  
Arona Road Bridge  
Hampton Inn Planning Module

**Todd Bartlow made a motion to go into executive session at 8:53 p.m.**

**Thomas Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:08 p.m.**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark authorizing Bove Engineering to offer \$1,500 not to exceed \$2,000 to Mr. Farlow for a temporary easement. Motion carried.**

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Todd Bartlow authorizing Mr. Campfield to file a lawsuit against Travelers for the Bond of Centax. Motion carried.**

**Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Dean Clark to adopt a resolution for plan revision for new land development for Hampton Inn New Stanton. Motion carried.**

**Dean Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Roll*

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Secretary