

New Stanton Borough Council meeting May 30, 2013

The May 30, 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. This meeting replaces the June 6, 2013 Council meeting that was cancelled.

Councilmembers present were Linda Echard, Scott Sistik, Brandon Clawson, Dean Clark, and Todd Bartlow who arrived at 7:55 p.m. Also Present Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. and Mayor Nicholas DeSantis who arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Bills & minutes

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$10,325.57. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2013 meeting. Motion carried with Brandon Clawson abstaining.

Council additions to Agenda

Councilwoman Linda Echard added the following to the Executive Session under Real Estate, Public Works building.

Public Comment

There was no public comment on the agenda items.

Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele reported to Council that there were six (6) permits completed resulting in fees of \$425.00. Mr. Steele also reported that he sent out about seven (7) letters on grass cutting.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about the latest update on the LST tax and the Per Capita tax.

Engineer

Bove Engineering/Emil Bove

Mr. Bove updated Council on the Arona Road Bridge project.

Mr. Bove asked Council about road projects for the year and he also addressed the fee for an on-lot sewage perk test.

Recreation Board

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that he just had a game. It is all baseball and the season should be over around the first of July.

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Committee Reports

Personnel & Human Resources

Brandon Clawson

Councilman Clawson brought Council up to date on the hiring of the Part-time Public Works Laborer. There was some discussion on the applicants for the Part-time Public Works Laborer.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark authorizing the Personnel Committee to analysis our situation here with applicants and make a decision accordingly. Motion carried.

Building & Real Estate

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that the building and real estate committee met on Tuesday and we have a good outline of what we are looking for.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to begin to purchase supplies for the rooms adjoining the garage area not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Finance

Scott Sistek

Council President read the financial report for May, 2013.

Checkbook	\$223,856.90
Savings	\$328,650.89
Taxes	\$ 61,310.42

Interchange & Special Projects

Dean Clark

Councilman Clark stated that there will be a meeting with Penn Dot, myself and the DEP to talk about the walk bridge for the Park in early June.

President

Scott Sistek

Council President stated that he has a report for Council on the PSAB Conference that he attended and about one of the classes that he attended on how your information can be stolen.

Council President stated that he was approached by the Smart Growth Partnership and is interested in helping us and working with the County.

Council President stated that I would like Council to read over this presentation from Keytex Energy.

Council President stated that Council and Mayor received an invitation to the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival's Opening Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Mayor

Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that we have received the lightning detection system. We will need signage for the Park.

Mayor DeSantis stated that he was approached by a company that installs cell towers and I would like to know if Council would like me to have them come to the next meeting so we can get more information and ask questions. Council agreed to have them attend a meeting.

Mayor DeSantis stated that at the last meeting Dr. Mack raised the question about me being on a committee so I called Mr. Campfield the next day and I thought Tom had already

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done it because he started me on a committee to help out. Mr. Campfield does not think that it is a good idea for the Mayor to be on committees as a member. Council President stated you are on as an advisor.

Agenda

Mayor DeSantis stated that there was a problem on Sunday at the Park with the Rollin Oldies and they contacted me and want to be at a meeting to discuss this, so they will be attending the next meeting.

Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to approve Pay Resolution 2013-765 for the Park Maintenance Person. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark to renew Quick books Payroll Subscription for \$399.00. Motion carried.

Council President asked who all would be interested in helping out with the Community Picnic.

Council had a brief discussion on the speeding on Thermo Village Road and the possibility of installing a speed bump after a traffic study is completed.

Council had some discussion about the work request order from Hunker Borough.
Dean Clark made a motion second by Linda Echard authorizing Mel to do what can be done without the third person. Motion carried.

Announcements

- 1 Community Yard Sale – June 1**
- 2 Community Picnic – August 3**
- 3 Halloween – October 31 time TBD**
- 4 Veterans Day Program**

Public Comment

Mr. Thomas Theis addressed Council about the Car Show and that it was a nice event and the amount of money that was collected for the Special Olympics. Also I was speaking with a State Trooper from Greensburg and about what goes on at the Budget Inn and I asked him what the Borough and the State Police can do to clean it up. If you are interested I will look into it. Also a lady told me that people in the lower motel was calling out to the children waiting for the bus trying to lure them to the motel. The lady who drove the bus moved the stop to Stan Ave. There was a little more discussion about the situation.

Mrs. Eicher asked about the bridge over I70 as to whether or not they are going to fix it.

Mrs. Strosko asked Mr. Campfield about the LST tax.

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Dr. Mack stated that Council has all these committees but you do not have a Security Committee. We need a Security Committee, a Neighborhood Watch. You need to think about this.

Executive Session

Real Estate-Public Works Bldg.

Brandon Clawson made a motion to go into executive session at 8:46 p.m.

Brandon Clawson made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:44 p.m.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary