

**Borough of New Stanton**  
**Borough Council**  
**January 22, 2019**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Attendance**

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Linda Echard, Tom Smith, Ray Strosko. Mayor Ronald Echard. Also: Borough Solicitor John Campfield and Borough Manager Jeffrey McLaughlin. Absent: Josh Bennett, Scott Sistek and Tom Theis.

**Call to Order**

President Raymond Strosko called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Invocation**

Linda recited a prayer.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited.

**Executive Session**

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to go into Executive Session for matters of Personnel at 5:33 PM.

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to come out of Executive Session at 6:23 PM.

**Opportunity for Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda**

Ray asked if there were any public comments on items not on the agenda. There were none.

**Council Additions to Agenda**

Ray asked if there were council additions to the agenda. There were none.

**Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only**

Ray asked if there were any public comment on agenda items only. With several prospective Recreation Board candidates present, councilmembers took this opportunity to outline the duties of board members and to interview the candidates. Council also discussed the board and recreation programs with existing Recreation Board members who were present.

**Agenda**

**1. Discussion Regarding Recreation Programs**

After discussion, it was decided not to consider appointing or re-appointing Recreation Board members until after sign-ups were completed. In this way, interest in baseball and softball could

be gauged and the candidates' clearance paperwork could be processed before any decisions are made.

Linda made a motion seconded by Todd to restart the baseball and softball sign-ups holding them every Saturday from January 26<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed with all voting in favor with the exception of Tom S. who voted *no*.

## **2. Update on General Items -- Jeff**

### ***Rock-Hound and Broom Attachments***

Jeff reported that John Barnes was hoping to go ahead and purchase the rock-hound and broom attachments for the skid-steer from the local Bobcat dealership. \$13,400 was budgeted for these items in the 2019 budget. John, however, was able to get a quote of \$10,008.56, if the items are purchased through the Co-stars' program from the local Bobcat dealership.

Tom S. made a motion seconded by Linda to purchase the rock-hound and broom attachments for the skid-steer from the local Bobcat dealership at the co-star's price of \$10,008.56. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Codification***

Jeff stated that in August of last year the contract to codify the ordinances was awarded to General Code with the stipulation that work would not start until half of the money was allocated in the 2019 budget. The budget was approved in December, with \$8,500 budgeted for the codification (the other half of the funding would be allocated in the 2020 budget which is when the project is anticipated to be completed). General Code is asking for a 20% down payment, approximately \$3,400 to begin.

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to pay General Code the 20% down payment in the amount of \$3,400 to begin the codification project. Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Westmoreland County Water Resources Plan***

Jeff reported that the borough received a copy of the draft Westmoreland Resource Plan. He stated that both Emil and John Campfield served on the advisory board at the Westmoreland Conservation District to draft the plan. John stated that two meetings will be held to receive input from the municipal officials and then the plan will go to the county commissioners for their approval. If approved, the plan will then go to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for approval. All of the municipalities in Westmoreland County will then have to enact Stormwater Management Ordinances. MS4 municipalities will have additional requirements.

## **3. Arona Road**

Ray updated council on the bridge. He stated that Emil has not had an opportunity to determine the depth of the sewer running across the creek which could impact the design of the bridge.

Ray also spoke to Rob Cammarata about the bridge. Rob said that he would contact Emil about a possible cost-effective design alternative.

Ray reported that the gate was installed at the end of Arona Road creating the emergency access for Stanwood Elementary and the CWCTC.

#### **4. New Fire Truck**

Ray brought up the new fire truck. It was decided to discuss the specifications for the truck with the fire department.

### **Adjournment**

Todd made a motion seconded by Tom S. to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin  
Secretary