

**Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
December 18, 2018
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.

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.

Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2018

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda approving the minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting. Motion passed with all voting in favor except for Tom who voted *No*.

Opportunity for Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda

Ray asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

Council Additions to Agenda

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

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

Ray asked if there were any public comments on agenda items only. There were no comments.

Agenda

1. M/V to adopt a 2019 Budget in the amount of \$918,196 and the Liquid Fuels Budget

Linda made a motion seconded by Todd to adopt a 2019 in the amount of \$918,196 and a Liquid Fuels Budget. Motion passed with all voting in favor except for Tom who voted *No*.

2. M/V to adopt Tax Ordinance 2018-266 for 2019, maintaining the tax rate at 2 mils for General Purposes; 1 mil for Debt Service and 1 mil for the New Stanton Volunteer Fire Department

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda adopting Ordinance 2018-266, maintaining the tax rate at 2 mils for General Purposes; 1 mil for Debt Service and 1 mil for the New Stanton Volunteer Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding possible employee Christmas bonus/holiday hours

Todd made a motion seconded by Linda to close the office/borough building at 1 PM on Monday, December 24, 2018. Public Works employees will be on call in the event of bad weather. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the public getting a hold of employees after hours if there is important need to do so. It was decided that people need to be directed to call 911 in the event of a true emergency, but if there was another situation that needed quick attention could they get a hold of a staff member (For example no electricity at a park pavilion on a Saturday). Jeff will investigate call forwarding and if that is not feasible with our phone system to add a menu item to the system to contact someone after hours.

Other

Jeff provided council with the minutes from the Recreation Board meeting held on December 14, 2018 and with the list of projects that Public Works hopes to undertake in 2019. Tom asked if there are projects which would require additional manpower. Jeff said he would follow up with John Barnes.

Tom mentioned some issues with the New Stanton Park plan that was presented to council at the last meeting. Jeff stated that Scott Herrod found a drawing that appears to be a survey of the park. Jeff gave it to Emil for his review.

John updated council on the Park Place tax issue.

Announcements

Ray reminded members that the next meeting will be on January 8, 2018.

Adjournment

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary