Borough of New Stanton Borough Council June 19, 2018 Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

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

Invocation

Linda recited a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

Public Hearing

President Raymond Strosko called the public hearing to order at 5:33 PM to discuss the possible zoning change of approximately 10 acres at property owned by the Smail Farm Limited Partnership on Broadview Road.

The public hearing concluded at 6:09 PM.

Council Meeting Call to Order

President Raymond Strosko called the council meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2018

Linda made a motion seconded by Tom approving the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting. Motion passed with all voting in favor except for Josh who abstained.

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 any council members had items to add to the agenda. Linda asked to add a discussion on a farmer's market.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

Ray asked if there any public comments on items on the agenda.

William J. Fox, Jr., 281 Broadview Road

Mr. Fox expressed a concern about the condition of Broadview Road.

Emil stated that the borough presently is seeking bids for the 2018 paving program which includes patching the right side of Broadview Road from the crest of the hill back toward Center Avenue to the bridge. He also stated that there will be a water line installed on the other side of the crest of the hill going to Waltz-Mill Road. Next year, if council so wishes the road will be seal coated.

Agenda

1. M/V on Ordinance 2018-263 Regarding Change to Zoning Map

Tom suggested that because only 4 of the 7 council members were present that the vote on the ordinance be tabled.

Tom made a motion seconded by Linda to table consideration of Ordinance 2018-263 regarding the change to the zoning map at the property of the Smail Farm Limited Partnership on Broadview Road. Motion passed with all voting in favor except for Josh who voted no.

2. M/V on Resolution 2018-898 to Reapprove the GetGo Lot Consolidation

John stated that this was approved previously, but the developer had 90 days under the Municipalities Planning Code to file the lot consolidation plan. They are requesting that the borough reapprove the plan.

Tom made a motion seconded by Josh to reapprove the lot consolidation plan for Motion passed unanimously.

3. Update on Route 119 Lighting and Ramps

Emil and Jeff reported on the public meeting that PennDOT held on June 13, 2018 at the council chambers regarding improvements that are being proposed to the Route 119 cloverleaf including the replacing of the street lights. The lighting replacement may start in the fall and the ramp work in the spring of 2019. There will be detours for the work on 3 of the 4 ramps. Tom questioned the benefit of the new lighting to borough residents.

Tom stated that he understood that PennDOT would not be cutting the grass at the park and ride lot. Jeff stated that the PennDOT has informed us that they would not cut the park and ride or the old ramp areas. He stated that the park and ride is supposed to be turned over to the transit authority who should cut the grass in that area.

Ray stated that before the council meeting there was an Executive Session for matters of Personnel.

4. Discussion on Farmers' Market

Linda stated that she spoke to the individual that is running the farmer's market at Keystone Park and Latrobe. He also at one time ran the farmers market at Ligonier. He would like the borough to participate in the initial advertising, producing some flyers that the vendors could pass out. She told him that we would not really be interested in making a profit. He would be interested in talking to council. He stated that he is on-site, managing the farmers markets. He charges vendors a fee for a spot. She said Thursday and Friday might be available. She said that we may be able to have a pilot program this year and asked what council thought of the idea. Tom supported investigating the idea further.

Engineer – *Emil Bove*

Emil stated that in response to a comment made at the public hearing, he gave some background on the Chanticleer storm water project. The developer of the homes had daylighted the storm water into an area designated as a wetland. The developer was not allowed to install a pipe in the wetland to get the water to the retention pond. The area is no longer designated as a wetland. This has been confirmed by the Westmoreland Conservation District. The stormwater was seeping out to Center Avenue and that is why the borough decided to pipe the water to the retention pond.

Tom asked about grass being planted on the access road at the Chanticleer project. Emil said it is to be planted.

Emil stated that the Chanticleer stormwater project has been completed. He asked that we consider approving the final payment to Nagy Contracting in the amount of \$6,573.52 pending receipt of the original 1-year maintenance bond.

Emil stated that the borough's 2018 paving project has been advertised including patching on: Broadview, N. Center, Wentsler, Pine, and possibly on Paintersville Road if we have any money left. The bids will be opened at the July 3rd meeting. Ray asked about the catch basin at the intersection of Woodmere and Shelton. Emil said that he is trying to get a quote to repair it. The contractor is looking into the utility situation to determine the complexity of the job. Linda asked if this repair would help the storm water situation, considering the most recent storm. Emil stated that the new catch basin on Woodmere that the PW recently installed will probably do more to address everyday rains. He said that we could possibly add an additional catch basin on Woodmere if need be. He said what the crew did was a good start. Linda said there is a lot of water that goes down Cortland. She also mentioned that there is a pipe that drains into an empty lot off Shelton. Jeff stated that the PW crew looked to see if there is such a drain and thus far have been unable to find it. She suggested continuing to investigate. Emil said he did looked at that area in the past and he and John will continue to investigate.

Tom made a motion seconded by Josh approving the final payment to Nagy Contracting in the amount of \$6,573.52 contingent upon receipt of the original 1-year maintenance bond. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Manager – Jeffrey McLaughlin

Jeff reported that the PW crew went to check the old borough building, given the storm, and they did find some water in the basement. He stated that there is also mold and evidence of termites in the building.

Ray reported that the PW crew had the bridge that was washed out from the storm on Shrader Hollow Road reopened in 1 ½ days. Linda stated that the PW crew notified 911 of the road closure and that John and Anita also contacted Shrader Hollow residents and Hempfield Township. She stated that it was handled very well.

Adjournment

Josh made a motion seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin Secretary