

Borough of New Stanton
Borough Council
July 17, 2018
Minutes of Meeting

Attendance

Council members: Todd Bartlow, Josh Bennett, Tom Smith, Tom Theis and Ray Strosko.
Others: Public Works Team Leader John Barnes. Absent: Council Members Linda Echard and Scott Sistek, Mayor Ronald Echard, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, 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

John Barnes recited a prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

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. There were none.

Opportunity for Public Comment -- on Agenda Items Only

There were none.

Agenda

1. M/V to Purchase Tractor with Boom Mower

Ray said that we are looking to purchase a tractor with boom mower from Easton. The most recent bid is \$20,000. Bidding is closed in 6 days. John Barnes said if we purchase the equipment off a municipality we would not have to bid out or advertise. John said he saw other mowers not on Muncibid that were newer but had more hours. We would have to advertise for sealed bids to purchase them. He said that the tractor we are looking at has new tires and rims and low hours. He estimated shipping at \$500-\$600. Tom T. said that council should give blanket authority to purchase a tractor/mower for \$30,000. Tom S. said council should give approval to purchase this tractor and come back later to approve purchase of a different one if this one falls through.

Josh made a motion seconded by Todd to spend up to \$30,000 for a tractor with a boom mower, plus 8% for any fee associated with the purchase as well as shipping. Motion passed unanimously.

2. M/V to Accept National Gunnite Quote to Repair Woodmere Catch Basin

Ray said that the quote was for \$4,400. Tom S. asked if it was a good price. John said that it was and it would save us from tearing up the street. National Gunnite would put in a new bottom and gunnite (spray concrete) the sides. John said it has a 1-year warranty but National Gunnite said it should last 40-50 years. John said we do not have to put it out to get quotes or sealed bids since the price came in lower than the quote/bidding threshold.

Todd made a motion seconded by Josh to accept National Gunnite's proposal to have the Woodmere catch basin repaired. Motion passed unanimously.

3. M/V to Replace Bocce Court Surface

Ray said that we are looking at putting clay in the bocce court but was concerned about how long the surface would last and how much maintenance it would require. Bill Naylor, Secretary of the Recreation Board who was in the audience said that the clay, like what is used on tennis courts, has little or no maintenance. He said that the cost for 30 tons of clay from Soils, Inc. would be \$850 delivered and that the existing limestone dust needs to be removed. He stated that the Borough Manager had told him that it is to come out of the Recreation Board budget which he said was fine, but he didn't think it should. He said he would bring a cement roller to roll the court. John said it would take 2-3 hours for Public Works to remove the limestone dust. Bill said that the borough would also need to install the clay. Ray said that Bill had told him earlier that the Recreation Board would handle the installation. Ray said that Public Works has other priorities that need addressed. John Barnes said if necessary Public Works would find the time. There was discussion about moving the bocce court to the area near the lower playground. John Barnes said that another court could be installed near the playground, but he felt that the existing court needed to remain because if it is moved, the concrete base would need removed. Tom S. expressed concern about the ball field. Bill said that members of the Recreation Board would take care of the field issues. Tom S. said that research shows that the existing bocce surface is acceptable. He pointed out the memo that Jeff McLaughlin included in the council packet, stated that Youngwood has a limestone dust surface on their bocce courts. Bill said that the surface is not suitable. Ray read from the memo that the Soils, Inc. representative said that weep holes need to be drilled into the border wood and the surface covered with a tarp. Bill said tennis courts are not covered. John Barnes pointed out that S&PJ Club uses manufactured sand in their bocce courts. Tom S. left the meeting. Todd said we shouldn't handcuff the Recreation Board. There was a discussion about the cost of labor and the method of installation.

Todd made a motion seconded by Josh to replace the existing surface and replace it with clay, with the Recreation Board paying for the material and to have our Public Works staff

install the material. Motion passed with all voting in favor except for Tom S. who had excused himself from the meeting.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

Todd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey McLaughlin
Secretary