

# New Stanton Borough Council meeting

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October 3, 2013

The October 3, 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.

Councilmembers present were Linda Echard, Scott Sistik, Wilbur Bussard, Brandon Clawson, Todd Bartlow arrived at 7:52 p.m., and Dean Clark. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilman Thomas Smith was absent.

## ***Approval of Bills & minutes***

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,473.09. Motion carried.**

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2013 Council meeting. Motion carried.**

## ***Council additions to Agenda***

Mr. Bove added under Real Estate, Interchange Project.

## ***Public Comment***

Mr. Hathaway addressed Council and asked if Council would allow his guest to ask a question.

Mrs. Allemeier addressed Council about someone running through her property with four wheelers and a jeep and if anyone would happen to hear anything to please let her know.

## ***Invited Guest***

### ***Westmoreland County Planning Department***

Mr. Lawrence addressed Council with an update after the Community Conversation that took place earlier this year.

LeAnn Griffith then addressed Council along with some other members of Smart Growth about the results of the Community Conversation.

## ***Reports***

### ***Code Enforcement***

***Melvin F. Steele, Jr.***

Mr. Steele stated that there were four permits completed resulting in Borough fees of \$115.00. Mr. Steele also stated that he had some zoning issues that he would like to discuss in executive session.

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## *Solicitor*

*John Campfield*

Mr. Campfield addressed Council about the Penallen (UPS) Tax Appeal. After a brief update Mr. Campfield asked that the rest of the discussion be moved to executive session under possible litigation.

Mr. Campfield along with Mr. Bove then addressed Council about the Hudson Group and their plans for the DEP building.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the Land Development Plan and to Authorize Mr. Sistik and Mr. Steele to sign and execute the documents and then record the three that need recorded.** Motion carried.

## *Engineering*

*Emil Bove*

Mr. Bove gave Council copies about the general permit for the Arona Road Bridge and also we received the invoice for the geotechnical report. The invoice is in the amount of \$12,534.70.

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to pay the invoice of \$12,534.70 for the geotechnical investigation.** Motion carried.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about Speedway's plans about them having to turn the building.

Mr. Bove brought Council up to date as to what is going on with Chanticleer.  
**Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Dean Clark authorizing Emil Bove to do an engineering study on the roads in Chanticleer.** Motion carried.

Mr. Bove brought Council up to date on information from the Architect.

## *Business Reports*

### *Fire Department*

*Wilbur Bussard*

Councilman Bussard gave everyone a copy of the fire calls for the month of August.

### *Recreation Board*

*Mayor Nicholas DeSantis*

Mayor DeSantis stated that Halloween, Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2013 from 6 to 8 p.m.

## *Personnel*

*Brandon Clawson*

Councilman Clawson had nothing to report.

## *Public Works & Parks*

*Wilbur Bussard*

Councilman Bussard addressed Council about the building that was started and never finished. He has a gentleman who will put the roof on for \$500.00.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to spend \$500 to finish the roof on the building over at the Park.** Motion carried.

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Councilman Bussard stated that everyone received a letter from the gentleman who did the Park this year and would like to do it next year. Council President stated that he will be appointed in January 2014.

Councilman Bussard stated that at the Public Works building we have three toilets that need repaired.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Brandon Clawson to have Mills Plumbing repair the three toilets at the Public Works building for \$899.00. Motion carried.**

Councilman Bussard stated that no one has gotten back to the office about the Veteran's Day Program and I think we should cancel it at this time, but it is up to Council. Council President stated that we will wait until the next meeting to cancel.

## ***Building & Real Estate***

***Linda Echard***

Councilwoman Echard stated that she spoke with the Architect and they are beginning to work on some presentation drawings and we will meet with them on Tuesday night.

Mayor DeSantis stated that he spoke with the USDA about their community funding grant. They can give us a small interest loan at 2% for 50 years.

## ***Finance***

***Scott Sistek***

Council President read the following financial report for September 2013.

Checkbook	\$256,649.59
Savings	\$322,003.67
Taxes	\$ 30,789.16

Council President stated that the budget committee met for the first time last night. The committee is requesting that Nick be there for the Recreation Board and that Mel be present at the next meeting which will be October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Interchange & Special Projects***

***Dean Clark***

Councilman Clark stated that Penn Dot and some Borough Officials had a meeting with all the emergency personnel and the next meeting will be with the business owners.

Councilman Clark stated that the United Methodist Church had a Prayer service around the Flag pole at the Park. There were thirty-one (31) people there. It went well.

## ***President***

***Scott Sistek***

Council President Sistek stated that he contacted Congressman Murphy's office about changing our mailing address for Municipal building from Hunker to New Stanton. He is requesting that we put our wishes in a letter and send it to them.

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## *Agenda*

Council had a brief discussion about the New Stanton/Youngwood Rotary and tabled any decision until clarification of some questions that some members had.

There will be no one attending the PSAB Fall Conference.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Linda Echard granting a 90 day extension to the New Stanton United Methodist Church addition.** Motion carried.

## *Announcements*

PSAB Fall Conference – Pittsburgh October 18-20

WCBA – The Barn – October 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Halloween – October 31 – Trick or Treat 6-8 p.m.

Veteran's Day Program – November 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party

## *Public Comment*

Mr. Fox addressed Mr. Bove asked Mr. Fox to call him with Mrs. Weyandt information. Mr. Bove stated that he will call and get a number.

## *Executive Session*

*Real Estate – Municipal Building & Interchange Project*

*Litigation – UCC issues – Zoning issues & Penallen Tax appeal*

**Dean Clark 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 10:21 p.m.**

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve under the UCC the mechanical portion of the permit fees on the VoTech project with Johnson Controls to be \$62,000.00 as agreed to.** Motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

**Brandon Clawson made a motion second by Linda Echard approving Emil and John to setup and attend a meeting with Penn Dot concerning Bair Boulevard and Rachel Drive.** Motion carried.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Mary Ann Roll*

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Secretary