

*October 6, 2015*

Council President Scott Sistek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building located at 318 Paintersville Road, Hunker, PA. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present Scott Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, Dean Clark, Thomas Smith, and Linda Echard. Councilman Brandon Clawson and Mayor Nicholas DeSantis were absent. Also present Borough Manager Jeff McLaughlin, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, and Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering.

***Approval of Bills & Minutes***

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay bills in the amount of \$24,280.54. Motion carried.**

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Thomas Smith approving minutes from the September 1, 2015 Council meeting. Motion carried.**

***Council additions to the agenda***

Council President added under executive session – Real Estate – Borough Property. Councilman Smith asked if there was an update on the Budget Inn and the no parking signs for the fire truck and I spoke to Mr. Bove about turning Center Avenue back to Penn Dot.

***Public Comment***

There was no public comment on agenda items.

***Invited Guest*** – Tony Vecchio from the former New Stanton Business Association.

Mr. Vecchio addressed Council about the former New Stanton Business Association and gave the Recreation Board a donation in the amount of \$2,348.07.

***Agenda***

Councilman Bussard updated Council on the Veteran's Day program.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed Council about the furniture that is left at the old Municipal Building. Mr. Campfield gave Council some ideas and options for dealing with the furniture.

Mr. McLaughlin updated Council on the upcoming building dedication.

Council President pulled the Employee Handbook revisions from the agenda so that Council and Mr. Campfield can review it a little more.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark approving Resolution 2015-811 appointing Melvin F. Steele Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow approving Resolution 2015-812 appointing Charles Humes to Recreation Board. Motion carried.**

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Council tabled the discussion on the Borough Logo and Slogan until the next meeting because not all members were at the initial meeting and asked to meet with Downs Creative.

Council directed Mr. McLaughlin to get quotes on a sound system for Council Chambers for the next meeting.

Council President stated that the November 3, 2015 Council meeting will be cancelled due to the fact that it is Election Day. The meeting will be held October 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

***Reports***

***Borough Manager***

Mr. McLaughlin gave Council his report on what has been going on with Public Works and with what he has been doing.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he met with Renee Siefert who is the new executive director with the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau. I took her on a tour of our town and I also talked to her about the Five Star Trail.

Mr. McLaughlin reported that MEIT, our health/dental/vision insurance carrier has quoted an increase of \$16.56 for 2016 taking the cost from \$587.24 to 603.80 per month per employee.

**Dean Clark made a motion second by Linda Echard approving MEIT as health, vision, and dental insurance provider for 2016. Motion carried.**

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he did order the truck.

***Solicitor***

***John Campfield***

Mr. Campfield stated that the only thing he has will be discussed in executive session.

***Engineer***

***Emil Bove, Bove Engineering***

Mr. Bove updated Council on the road project and stated that he has some numbers to request payment for the road program.

**Thomas Smith made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard authorizing payment to Mele & Mele in the amount of \$342,022.14 contingent upon receipt of a 12 month maintenance bond, sealing of Westinghouse Drive, and receipt of money from Hunker Borough. Motion carried.**

***Reports***

***Fire Department***

***Business***

***Wilbur Bussard***

Councilman Bussard gave Council a report on what has been happening with the Fire Department. Councilman Bussard asked the Fire Chief to designate areas of no parking. He has done that and we had a committee meeting but the next thing that I need is to get back to him with is where do we start first. Some areas are more dangerous than others, so the Fire Chief is going to tell the committee what areas we should start the no parking first and we are going to bring it back so that Council can look at it.

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***PennDot***

***Dean Clark***

Councilman Clark updated Council on the progress of the I-70 project.

***Municipal Building***

***Dean Clark***

Councilman Clark updated Council on the new building.

***Public Works & Parks***

***Wilbur Bussard***

Councilman Bussard updated Council on the work that the Public Works Department has done and commended them on the work that they have done.

Councilman Bussard stated that he spoke with Ted about the trees that need to be taken down at the Park.

***Building & Real Estate***

***Linda Echard***

Councilwoman Echard updated Council on the building and the upcoming dedication and open house on Saturday.

***Work Place Safety***

***Todd Bartlow***

Councilman Bartlow updated Council on what has been discussed at the work place safety committee meeting and it was recommended that we discuss a police department. We were going to ask for a price on 3 days a week 6 hour shifts. Mr. McLaughlin was going to call them and get some prices. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he spoke with Chief Hartman. Council President asked Mr. McLaughlin if he could get some information and some pricing for the next budget meeting. Mr. McLaughlin stated that Chief Hartman stated that they could also enforce the Ordinances. Councilwoman Echard stated that more and more people are talking about a police department. Mr. McLaughlin stated that we could possibly have a meeting with Youngwood and Hunker and get their thoughts.

***Finance***

***Scott Sistik***

Council President Sistik read the following financial report for September 2015.

Checkbook     \$526,371.18

Savings        \$386,763.72

Taxes          \$ 34,462.98

Council President reminded Council about the Budget meetings.

***Comprehensive Plan***

***Linda Echard***

Councilwoman Echard updated Council on the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meetings and their discussions.

***Announcements***

Open House & Ribbon Cutting-Municipal Building – October 10 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

PSAB Conference – Seven Springs – October 16-18

Halloween – October 31- Trick or Treat - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

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Mr. McLaughlin addressed Council about the website and stated that he received two (2) quotes. The decision on the website was tabled until the next meeting because Council would like additional quotes.

***Public Comment***

Dana Remaley of 1109 Thermo Village Road and Carrie Biedrycki of 1110 Thermo Village Road thanked Council for the speed hump. It works for some but it doesn't work for others. Cars do not stop for the bus when it is stopped. We need to have something done about the speeding. Council had a lengthy discussion about the speeding.

***Executive Session***

**Dean Clark made a motion to go into executive session at 10:20 p.m.**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion to come out of executive session at 11:14 p.m.**

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted