New Stanton Borough Council meeting

September 18, 2014

The September 18, 2014 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistek. The meeting was held at the Municipal building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present were Linda Echard, Scott C. Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow and Dean Clark. Also present Mayor Nicholas DeSantis and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilmen Brandon Clawson and Thomas Smith were absent.

Approval of Bills & Minutes

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to pay bills in the amount of \$9,196.21. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Dean Clark to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2014 Council meeting. Motion carried.

Council additions to the agenda

Council President pulled the first item from the agenda on Rampart Security cell upgrade. Dean Clark added as executive session for Real Estate.

Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

Invited Guests

Dave Hauger – Video

Brian Lawrence – Westmoreland County Planning Department

Mr. Hauger addressed Council about his video presentation and stated that when the disk was ready he would let Council know.

Mr. Lawrence of the Westmoreland County Planning and Development Department brought all of Council up to date on where things stood with the Comprehensive Plan and the Grant they are applying for.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow approving Resolution 2014-785 on the Comprehensive Plan Cooperation with the County. Motion carried.

Mr. Hauger stated that the video was ready. Council then watched a 15 minute video of New Stanton and the Easter Sunrise Service that was held in 1955, showing what New Stanton looked like then compared to what it looks like now.

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Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to accept Hampton Inn Site Development be unequivocally withdrawn from further review and approval considerations. Motion carried.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Linda Echard authorizing Mr. Campfield to advertise the Municipal Waste Bids, with bids to be opened at the November 6, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to approve the Westmoreland County Transit Authority 2014-2015 contract with payment of \$737.00 being paid at the first meeting in January 2015. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark granting the United Methodist Church permission to hold their Prayer at the Pole Event on September 24, 2014. Motion carried.

Linda Echard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow accepting the \$2,300 quote from Richard Kline (TK Construction) for the dugout roofs provided that a protective edge be put on the roofs where needed. Motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to send Steven Schneider to a free seminar on Traffic Signs. Motion carried.

Council had a brief discussion about the request from Trotwood Manor on removing a handicap parking space and Council said the space stays per our Ordinance. There was no motion or vote.

Dean Clark made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approving Resolution 2014-786 on the Land Development Plan for Philip Long. Motion carried.

Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there were no finished permits at this time.

Fire Department

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that the Fire Department called him and he asked them to call Scott. Scott stated that we are going to discuss the issues as a committee. Councilman Bussard asked David Hauger how he came about having the position of Treasurer for the Relief Association.

Recreation Nicholas DeSantis

Mayor DeSantis stated that Trick or Treat will be on October 31st. I will have the times and all other information by the next meeting.

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Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard brought Council up to date on projects that the Public Works Department is doing.

Councilman Bussard also stated that every year we put up one streetlight and I would like to have one installed on Broadview Road.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Dean Clark to have a new streetlight installed on Broadview Road. Motion carried.

Finance Scott C. Sistek

Council President read the following finance report for the month of August.

Checkbook \$245,538.64 Savings \$402,048.77 Taxes \$64,000.75

Council President read a letter from Faith in Action thanking us for our contribution of \$250.00

Announcements

WCBA monthly meeting September 25 at The Barn – 7 p.m. PSAB Fall Conference October 17-19 Gettysburg Halloween – October 31st

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Executive Session

Real Estate – Building addition, I 70 project

Dean Clark made a motion to go into executive session at 8:22 p.m.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:01 p.m.

Dean Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary