

Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
April 1, 2010

Council President Scott C. Sistek called the April 1, 2010 Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Council members present were Scott C. Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, Robert Cammarata, Sue Hood, Thomas Smith and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Denise Smyda, Junior Councilwoman Wendi Wagner, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$27,486.06. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Linda Echard to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2010 Council meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Sue Hood to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2010 Agenda meeting. The motion carried with Scott Sistek and Todd Bartlow abstaining.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on March 22, 2010. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

Council President stated that on March 22, 2010 there was an Executive Session held that commenced at 6:13 p.m. and ended at 7:06 p.m. was for real estate and the fire department building.

Council additions to Agenda

Council added the operating cost for the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Entity, our share of \$265.00 and getting someone to clean the carpet at the office.

Taxpayer & Resident Comment

Miss Schoaf addressed Council about Seventh Street where her family lives.

Mr. James Fox addressed Mr. Bove about sewage on Broadview Road. Mr. Bove stated that he spoke to HTMA and they told him that one of the monitoring meters was not working properly and they do not know if they have enough data and whether it is correct or not.

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele stated that there was nothing to report.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield stated that he gave everyone on Council a copy of the Borough's Code of Ordinances concerning snow removal for their information and review.

Mr. Campfield stated that everyone on Council should have a copy of a resolution on the schedule of fees for Open Records.

A motion was made by Linda Echard second by Robert Cammarata to approve Resolution 2010-702 on a fee schedule for Open Records. The motion carried.

Mr. Campfield stated that everyone on Council should have a copy of a fax that I sent to Ms. Peters, Attorney for Dr. Edge.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove addressed Council about a letter that the Borough received concerning a certain railroad crossing which the PUC has designated in New Stanton. The crossing is actually in East Huntingdon Township.

A motion was made by Sue Hood second by Thomas Smith to authorize Mr. Campfield to file a petition to the PUC to relieve us of the responsibility of the charges as described in this order unless there is some resolution that can be made prior to Monday by noon to get this resolved if not the petition will be sent. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove stated that another letter was sent to Morgan Excavating about Thermo Village Road.

Mr. Bove stated that the Municipal storage building project has begun. The structural support had to be ordered for the Lean-To and they are on backorder. I will have to ask them to file an extension.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the Arona Road Bridge replacement project.

Mr. Bove stated that Scott Miller called him about water running down Park and Pool Road and getting into his house. The Water Authority called me originally about the situation.

Committee Reports

Finance

Scott C. Sistek

Council President read the following financial report for March 2010.

Checkbook	\$431,579.73
Savings	\$257,212.13
Taxes	\$ 57,991.46

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard stated that he was at a meeting and has some information to leave at the office.

Councilman Bussard stated that he was at the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association meeting and spoke to a Representative from Commissioner Balya's office about the possibility of getting some money for a bridge at the Park.

Councilman Bussard stated that where we have our dumpsters there is about twenty-five (25) tires there and we need to get rid of them.

Councilman Bussard stated that we put some stone at the Park and rolled it in so I think we should wait to blacktop. We have some trees to take down, some playground equipment to put up and we have a Park Maintenance person.

Council President stated that he met with Mike Volpe of Hempfield Township about the possibility of switching a couple of roads on maintenance. We talked about Sandworks Road and a portion of Paintersville Road that belongs to Hempfield Township.

Councilman Bussard stated that he spoke with Mr. Jamieson who owns the old school property and would like to start building this fall.

Health & Safety

Linda Echard

Councilwoman Echard stated that she is continuing to explore the information that was given to her from the insurance company.

Agenda

New Business

Council President opened and read the following bids for the 2010 road projects.

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Name	Bid Bond	Amount
El Grande Industries	present	\$150,945.00
Morgan Excavating L. P.	present	\$149,325.00
Victor Paving & Contracting	present	\$133,457.50
Derry Construction	present	\$150,030.00
Glenn Johnston, Inc	present	\$134,207.00
A. Folino Construction	present	\$149,327.40
Peter J Caruso & Sons	present	\$175,705.00

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to award the 2010 road project contingent upon the review of our Engineer and Solicitor to Victor Paving as the primary and Glenn Johnston, Inc. secondary if the paperwork is not done properly. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Cammarata second by Wilbur Bussard to hire James Trout as the Park Maintenance Person from April 2, 2010 to October 30, 2010. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow on a Work Request Policy. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Robert Cammarata to purchase a Plaque for the 2009 Citizen of the Year. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Wilbur Bussard to pay \$265.00 to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee for our share of the operating cost. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Linda Echard to table the decision on cleaning the carpet at the office to get more estimates. The motion carried.

Old Business

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Linda Echard to have our Public Works employees put drainage on the high side of Marginal Road at a cost of about \$8,000 for material plus time. The motion carried with Robert Cammarata voting no.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith not to have Rampart Security check the security system at the Park for \$65.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Cammarata second by Thomas Smith to pay \$95.00 for the Mayor to attend a class by LGA. The motion carried.

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Council President told Council as a reminder to think about Robert's Rules of Order.

Announcements

New Stanton VFD Fish Fry – Last Day Tomorrow April 2
WCBA – Annual Banquet – April 30, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Youngwood VFD
Ethics Forms due – May 1, 2010
Annual Community Yard Sale – June 5, 2010
Annual Community Picnic – August 7, 2010
Annual Concert in the Park (NSBA) – September 5, 2010

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Robert Cammarata to go into executive session at 9:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to come out of executive session at 10:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary

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