

**Borough of New Stanton Agenda meeting
March 18, 2010**

The March 18, 2010 agenda meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Wilbur Bussard. 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 Wilbur Bussard, Robert Cammarata who arrived at 7:35 p.m., Sue Hood, Thomas Smith, and Linda Echard. Also present Mayor Denise Smyda, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. and Junior Councilwoman Wendi Wagner. Council President Scott Sistek and Councilman Todd Bartlow were absent.

Reports

Councilwoman Hood stated that the proofs of the newsletter will be here next week; take a look at it to see if there are any changes that need to be made.

Councilman Bussard stated that we did meet with the new person that will be maintaining the Park this year. Councilwoman Hood stated that we will vote on the new Park Maintenance Person at the April 1, 2010 meeting.

Councilman Smith stated that at the last meeting it was brought up about Marginal Road and since those living there are taxpayers I feel that we should put it on the agenda to take the money and repair the road.

Councilman Bussard stated that he feels that we need a work request with two or three copies.

Councilman Smith said the Citizen of the Year Award was awarded to Lt. Col. Sam Wagner as of today we have not had a Plaque made, so I would like to put that on the agenda for a motion and vote.

Councilman Smith said the girls would like to plant flowers in the window box out front. Councilman Bussard said you need to put something in there to protect the wood.

Councilman Smith stated the he had thought about the seating and asked the audience what they thought about putting the desks back the way they were and moving the audience closer.

Councilman Smith stated that we need to make the other meeting shorter. Councilman Bussard stated that is why we have the agenda meeting.

Councilwoman Echard stated we really haven't had a Safety Committee meeting but I am still doing research. Through the safety committee we are going to explore writing a policy for the surveillance cameras.

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Mayor Smyda asked if the Public Works Employees in particular go for First Aid Training and I think you can get the Red Cross to come to you.

Mr. Steele stated that Wilkinson's would like to sponsor a team and will donate all the shrubs and would like Council to purchase a tri-axle load of the small decorative stones. Councilman Cammarata stated that he would donate the small decorative stones. Councilwoman Echard stated that if there is going to be donations, I feel that we need to have donation forms done for our records and those donating.

Mr. Steele stated that last year the Vo-Tech had a citizens group at the school painted the storage box and other things and would like to do that again this year. Councilwoman Echard stated that it would be nice to give the Certificates of Recognition.

Councilman Bussard stated that the sign entering the Park about skateboards etc. needs replaced.

Council discussed purchasing a mower for the Park with the possibility of a motion and vote at the next meeting. Councilman Cammarata stated he would like to get some idea what it would cost to have someone else come in and mow the Park.

Mayor Smyda stated that she spoke with the Smart Growth Group about the bridge at the Park and they will come to a meeting and address Council about the bridge and how to get help with it.

Agenda

Council reviewed the bills and the minutes from the March 4, 2010 Council meeting for approval at the April 1, 2010 Council meeting.

Council put the review of the security system at the Park by Rampart on the agenda for the April 1, 2010 meeting.

Council put the LGA class for the Mayor on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councilman Smith said that Nick DeSantis from the Recreation Board was here at the last meeting and he said that some people have been looking into getting a digital sign for Borough.

Councilman Cammarata stated that he thought that Mr. Campfield was going to look into the fee schedule for the Open Records Requests. I think we should have something in writing as to what our policy is on Open Records Requests.

Councilman Bussard stated that everyone should think about Roberts Rules of Order and see what you can come up with.

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Mayor Smyda stated that she thought that the snow removal ordinance was referred to Mr. Campfield.

Councilman Bussard stated that everyone has a copy of the letter that Mr. Campfield sent to Dr. Edge.

Mr. Steele gave everyone some information about the soft spot on Wentsler Avenue.

Councilman Bussard stated that SuperValu called and would like to plant two trees at the Park. A suggestion was Red Maple trees.

Councilman Bussard stated that the Fire Department had a very good turnout for the Gun Bash.

Councilman Bussard stated that we received a letter from the United Methodist Church for our donation to the Sr. Citizens and we also received a thank you card signed by all the Sr. Citizens that were there.

Mayor Smyda reported that the citizen that was having some problems with handicap parking has been taken care of and she has been referred to the State Police on other issues.

Mayor Smyda stated that she spoke to some people from Smart Growth about our intentions for the Park and the bridge to connect the two together. They are willing to come to a meeting and talk to us about it and help us secure grants for the bridge.

Mayor Smyda stated I also spoke to the DCED in reference to our police.

Mayor Smyda stated that she was given a pamphlet at class and would like Council to think about donating \$450 to the Local Government Academy for the continuation of classes and to help sponsor students as interns.

Mayor Smyda stated that the Verizon garage on Paintersville Road is available. It just recently went on the market as another option for Public Works.

Junior Councilwoman Wendi Wagner stated that she is going to Spain in June.

Announcements

New Stanton VFD Fish Fry every Friday till April 2, 2010

Kid's Easter Party March 20 2-4 PM NS VFD-lunch, snacks, Easter egg hunt, Pictures
w/Easter Bunny

Council Reminder: Public Hearing 3/22@ 6:00 PM-Executive Session @ 7:40 PM

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WCBA-Monthly Meeting-March 25, 2010 7:00 PM @ the Westmoreland County Transit Authority

WCBA-Annual Banquet-April 30, 2010 7:00 PM @ Youngwood Volunteer Fire Department

Ethics Forms due May 1, 2010

Community Yard Sale-June 5, 2010

Community Picnic-August 7, 2010

Concert in the Park sponsored by the N S Business Association-September 5, 2010

Ms. Schoaf addressed Council about her family that lives on Seventh Street about taking care of that road. Councilman Cammarata told her to contact our Solicitor.

Mr. Raneri addressed Council about the parking on Stan Avenue when the Fire Hall has an event going on.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary