

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
November 5, 2009**

The November 5, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott C. Sistek at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the New Stanton Borough Municipal Building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present were Scott C. Sistek, Todd Bartlow, Wilbur Bussard, Sally Kintigh, Thomas Smith, Robert Quinn and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan, 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 Todd Bartlow to approve paying bills in the amount of \$19,506.03. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

Council Vice President Wilbur Bussard said I would like to take this time to congratulate everyone who won their office in the Borough and I hope we can work together and do an efficient job. Thank you.

Mr. Shan Lee Hood addressed Council about putting in a motorcycle repair shop at the former B & J Auto building. Councilman Mack told him he had to apply for a Special Exception for a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Public Comment

Mr. Planey addressed Council about the speeding on Pine Drive.

Mr. Weiss addressed Council about having a guide rail installed by his property.

Mr. Tiberio addressed Council about the ordinance that was circulating in the neighborhood. Council President said first of all that ordinance should not have been circulated in the neighborhood. It was sent to Council as a draft for review. Before any ordinance can be passed it has to be advertised and a public hearing has to be held. For all you people who were brought here under the pretense that we are passing an ordinance I am very sorry on behalf of the Borough of New Stanton for bringing you here tonight because someone took it upon themselves to pass you bad information.

Mrs. Barbus addressed Council with her side of the story about her son and the dirt bike which was brought up at the September 17, 2009 Council meeting.

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Announcements

Veteran's Day Services – New Stanton Borough Building – Wed. Nov. 11th @ 11:00 a.m.

Public Hearing – Carl Miller Alley Vacation – 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19th
Council meeting will begin at conclusion of Public Hearing

Rep. Krieger – New Stanton Business Association – Nov 19th noon – Days Inn
Everyone is Welcomed

Mr. Kelly Moore said that Brandon got called into work and information that he was going to give tonight, I will make sure that I have it for the next meeting, that way if he cannot be here I will present it. Mr. Moore also told everyone about what the firemen are doing to raise money for the fire hall.

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said that we had three permits which resulted in fees to the Borough in the amount of \$222.00.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield said the two tax assessment appeal cases, Commonwealth Bank, and Super Valu, all papers have been executed.

Mr. Campfield said for some months now we have been communicating with Hempfield Township Municipal Authority on the Pre-treatment Ordinance changes.

Mr. Campfield said Mary Ann has been periodically sending letters to Edge about getting together everything that he is supposed to in order to have the streets and storm sewer system in Stanmont accepted by the Borough. I suggest that you should send him a maintenance agreement on the roads for snow removal.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove addressed Council about releasing the retainage on the road project in the amount of \$4,029.80.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to pay the retainage to Morgan Excavating in the amount of \$4,029.80. The motion carried.

There was a brief interruption where Bill Lingis addressed Council on the dirt bike issue. Mr. Bove then continued with his report.

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Mr. Bove said we sent two applications to the County for the CDBG money for next years program. It included the reconstruction of School Street and Marginal Road.

Mr. Bove said another thing we were asked to look into was the prospect of acquiring a safe water grant for the extension of the water line on Broadview Road. We contacted the DEP on October 13, 2009 and we were told by Ms. McDonald of the DEP that the safe water grants were eliminated in the recent state budget cuts.

Mr. Bove read a fax that came into the Borough about environmental issues along I-70 East from Marginal Road to the Turnpike entrance. Mr. Bove said he would make some phone calls.

Mr. Bove said I have an update on the progress of the storage garage. The frame is up, the steel roof is up and they are currently working on the sides. Councilman Bussard gave Mr. Bove the paper for the electrical work.

Finance

Scott C. Sistek

Council President read the following financial report for October.

Checkbook	\$519,676.18
Savings	\$216,794.05
Taxes	\$ 18,287.28

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard said we have some signs and posts that need replaced.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase the signs and posts that need replaced. The motion carried.

Mr. Steele said the trucks have been serviced and inspected. The backhoe is the only thing that needs serviced. We need two rear tires for the backhoe.

Mr. Steele said I attended a seminar on winter management. It dealt with the possibility of a vehicle broken down in the middle of the road. They said we should have flares in the all the vehicles, call the police first and have a towing company available.

Real Estate

Thomas Smith

Councilman Smith said we have a meeting November 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

VFD Task Force

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said he spoke with the people at ISO and they were pleased with the response from the Fire Company.

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Mayor Kazan said I thought the Halloween Parade was a success and a good event for the community. I would like to thank the Recreation Board and Nick personally for arranging all that. I do have a suggestion maybe one year doing the parade in Stanton Heights, the next year maybe Stanmont and then Chanticleer. Those are just some thoughts that I had to help cut down on traffic control.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to send thank yous to Mr. Steinmeyer and the State Police for their help.

President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President Scott Sistik read the progress report from Mike Stack on the elementary school.

Council President said I have a paper letting us know when the 2010 Elected Officials training will take place. It is a two day session at a cost of \$150.00. The sessions will be held February 12th and 13th at the Courtyard by Marriot in Greensburg. After you have received your certification from the County as being elected please contact the office and we will get you signed up.

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said I would like to personally thank the people of the Borough that stepped forward this past election to serve the residents and add my congratulations to all those who were successful in the election.

Agenda

New Business

Councilman Bussard said we have some money donated and we have recycling money and I thought maybe we could purchase a bench.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to purchase two benches with recycling money and the money that was donated. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to designate the Westmoreland County Blind Association for the destruction of old records. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to adopt a proposed budget for 2010 in the amount of \$859,300 and the final budget to be considered for adoption at the December 17, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to send out postcards to verify how many people would attend the Christmas Party. The motion carried with Thomas Smith and James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to pay the solvency fee in the amount of \$334.77. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Thomas Smith to renew our membership in the 12th Congressional District Equipment in the amount of \$300.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Thomas Smith for Mel to attend a Fleet Management Seminar in Indiana on November 19th at no fee to the Borough. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion about a police survey. Donna Bailey, Tammi Whalen, and Vic Weiss said they will participate on the local police committee.

**Executive Session
Real Estate – RSP, LP**

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 9:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard to come out of executive session at 10:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary