

*New Stanton Borough Council Meeting
June 21, 2007*

Council President Scott Sitek called to order the June 21, 2007 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton 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.

Members present were Scott Sitek, Todd Bartlow, Wilbur Bussard, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan. Thomas Theis and Jerry Ilgenfritz were absent.

General Business

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Robert Quinn to pay bills in the amount of \$16,739.07. The motion carried with Scott Sitek voting no and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

James Mack made a motion second by Robert Quinn to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2007 Council meeting. The motion carried with Scott Sitek abstaining.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Robert Quinn to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2007 Special Council meeting. The motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Audience Comment

Mr. Smith since I bought a copy of the proposed zoning ordinance; is it permissible for me to make copies of certain things in there where I found some mistakes for my neighbors? Council President said it is a public document.

Mr. Arthurs said I wrote a letter back on June 10 to all the Borough Council members regarding computer security, specifically about the use of computers for political purposes and the removal of two computers from the Borough office on the same day. I am interested in knowing what the response to the letter is and what the Borough is going to do? Councilman Mack said that has been addressed by SSI. They have completely taken the computer contents and put it on an external hard drive as it was from all sources and is in their possession. Mr. Arthurs said that does not answer the question as to why the computers were removed from the Borough. Councilman Mack said one was removed to preserve evidence and the other one was out for repair and that was approved. Councilman Bartlow said what he is saying there should be a policy on it. You say it was approved who approved it? We need a policy. Mr. Arthurs said the issue is, in order for the people of the community to have confidence in what is going on here, they have to know that there are security procedures in place that are formally followed so this doesn't happen again. Council President said I think you are right. Councilman Bartlow said the bottom line is this Borough is run by a Council not two or three people. These decisions need to be made in this Council not by one, two or three people. People come in and sit around all day, think they are running the Borough. The Borough should

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be run from this Council. After more discussion Council President said we need to put something in place that is going to prevent future occurrences.

Agenda

Council President read a letter of recommendation from the Planning Commission on the Guidas property.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Robert Quinn to approve the plans for the Guidas property contingent upon Penn DOT approval, with regard to the driveway permit and that the lighting be aimed downward so it doesn't bother the neighbors. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Robert Quinn to acknowledge the vacation request by Anita Hoffman for July 2-6, 2007. The motion carried.

Council President said I received a call from our Solicitor, Mr. Campfield today; we have a problem with the advertisement. It is not going to affect the hearing or anything it will still take place. The ad is incorrect. Councilman Mack said why and Council President said I don't know; Anita put the ad together. It says that the Public Hearing will be held on July 17, 2007 at 7:00 at the municipal building. It is not here it is at the Fire Hall. Then it says basically that we are going to be amending the ordinance and so forth at our regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:00 at the municipal building. What we need to do is redo the ad. Here is the costly part. This is the same ad that has been posted on all the properties in New Stanton. They will all have to be reposted. Councilman Quinn said it is signed by John. Council President said no that goes on the bottom of all legal ads. Councilman Mack said he did not read through it at all? Council President said he told me he asked his secretary to find the ad. Councilman Mack said he was at the meeting and he knew it was going to be at the Fire Hall. Since he didn't proofread it the first time then we make the motion that he makes the corrections and does the ad. Councilman Mack said this isn't the first time that office dropped the ball, this is the third time they dropped the ball.

James Mack made the motion second by Wilbur Bussard to authorize John Campfield to re-do the notice for the Public Hearing to state that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Stanton Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall and then in the second paragraph it needs to state that we will address this at the regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building, 451 North Center Avenue. The motion carried.

Councilman Quinn said I have a full schedule this summer and I am going to need help with the picnic. Mayor Kazan said he would be on the committee. Councilman Bussard said I will do the corn and make sure that is all done. There was some discussion on the Community Picnic.

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Reports

Mayor Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said the Turnpike sent us a letter that they will be closing Wentsler Road on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 6:00 a.m. and reopen on Sunday, July 8 at 6:00 a.m. and then reoccur on Saturday, July 14th and reopen on Sunday, July 15th.

Mayor Kazan said someone called the office today with a complaint about people walking their dogs and not cleaning up after their dogs in Chanticleer.

Mayor Kazan said I also had a complaint about people speeding through Stanton Heights in particular Melrose Drive. Someone suggested a speed hump on lower Melrose Drive.

Mayor Kazan said I had Public Works post a no dumping sign over at our Thermo Village Road site and I also talked with the DEP for some suggestions.

Mayor Kazan said Anita heard back from Tammy Cappo from MEIT, (Municipal Employees Insurance Trust) that John recommended. For the exact same program that we have now through Blue Cross Blue Shield we would actually save \$30.00 a month on a single person and \$100.00 a month on a couple. After some discussion Council made a decision to look into it.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to have the Mayor investigate and if the coverage is exactly the same then change to MEIT to save money. The motion carried.

Council President Scott Sistik

Council President said on June 28, 2007 there will be a pre-construction meeting for the 2007 road projects with Nagy Construction and Bove Engineering at the Bove Engineering offices.

Council President said Joe you made copies of the transient retail business. Has anyone looked at that yet and does anyone have any comments? Mayor Kazan said my only comment would be that we should not allow those big trucks through the neighborhood. I would recommend that they are given up front the major rules that they have to obey. Council President said I added one to this; basically things that they cannot do. I added that they cannot traverse any Borough street with a posted weight limit lower than the gross vehicle weight of any vehicle used in solicitation allowed by the permit. Mr. Tom Smith said maybe we could make them put down a deposit, which would be refundable a week after they left. This way if they damage anything, at least you have money upfront. Council President said good idea. We will continue to work on this. There was a little more discussion on the transient retail business.

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Finance Todd Bartlow

Councilman Bartlow read the following financial report.

Checkbook balance	\$385,040.37
Savings accounts	\$233,775.17
Taxes remitted	\$ 71,998.56

Council President said there are a couple of items that I want everybody to think about for the next meeting and that is the bridge reconstruction on Arona Road and the trash contract. Councilman Mack said concerning the garbage, at the C.O.G. meeting other municipalities said if you want to make some money from the garbage is franchise the garbage and the town will actually make money from it. Give us a bid for the whole town, businesses and residential the whole bid, winner takes all and the town gets money from it. It is called franchising. Council President said we would have to change our ordinance to provide clauses that would require businesses to be a part of it. Councilman Mack said that I had several people tell me that franchising is the way to go. I think we should investigate the concept of franchising.

Councilman Bussard said I got a complaint again about Center Avenue, you can't see to make the turn. Council President Scott said I have a meeting with Penn DOT tomorrow and I will tell them about it.

Councilman Mack said that Quality Inn is going to submit paperwork for a variance for the height of their sign.

Councilman Mack said a young lady brought to my attention that there were false accusations made against another borough employee. I would like to go on record that we do not pay the Code Enforcement Officer \$20,000 a year. The amount allotted was \$9,120.00. As of today including labor and materials we have spent up to this month, \$829.03. We allotted \$2,280.00 for that; so we have a total savings so far of \$1,451.00. We are no where near \$20,000 a year for Code Enforcement. That was brought up at a public meeting. Councilman Bartlow said once again that is propaganda because we are not saving anything, we all know that. Councilman Mack said Joe this is the only municipality from Bangor, Maine to South of San Diego that hires a chauffeur that doesn't have a drivers license.

Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary