

***Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
August 16, 2007***

Council President Scott Sistek called to order the August 16, 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 Sistek, Robert Quinn, James Mack, Thomas Theis and Jerry Ilgenfritz. Todd Bartlow was absent and Wilbur Bussard arrived at 7:50 p.m. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan who also arrived late.

General Business

There was some discussion about the Meegan Ford bill for the truck. Councilman Mack asked if we could get an explanation of what happened. Mr. Steele said I really believe we need a maintenance program on our trucks. After some discussion Mr. Steele said he would look into what it would cost for a maintenance program on the trucks.

Robert Quinn made a motion second by James Mack to pay the bills in the amount of \$6,849.45. The motion carried.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2007 meeting. The motion carried with Robert Quinn abstaining.

Jerry Ilgenfritz made a motion second by Thomas Theis to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2007 meeting. The motion carried with Scott Sistek abstaining.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Anita Hoffman addressed Council and told them that the air conditioner was hit by lightning on August 9, 2007 and has been repaired.

Mel Steele said that they started on the project at Philip Keilbach's property. We got into the pipe that we were going to tie into and it is completely rotted; so we are going to have some expense in purchasing five sections of pipe that we did not foresee. He is paying for the other pipe that is in front of his driveway and other property.

Councilman Theis said that he and Philip Keilbach went to the Sewage Authority and talked to them and they said they would check out Broadview Road for sewage. The clincher is going to be hunting for money so I asked Anita to look for avenues for money. On the information that came back from the Water Authority, I did not see anything for a fire hydrant. There was some discussion about putting sewage and water on Broadview Road.

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Agenda

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to acknowledge a vacation request for Anita Hoffman, September 6, 19, & 20, 2007. The motion carried.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to send Mel to a seminar on Damage Prevention Training, August 28, 2007. The motion carried.

Robert Quinn made a motion second by James Mack to send Mary Ann Roll, Scott Sistik, and Joseph Kazan to a seminar on budget preparation September 13, 2007 at a cost of \$50.00 per person. The motion carried with Scott abstaining.

Council President said next is the discussion on complaint policy and procedure, and after checking with Youngwood, complaints are not acted upon unless complaints are signed. There was some discussion about the policy and procedure and whether or not complaints are public record. Council President said that is a question for John.

James Mack made a motion second by Robert Quinn to table the discussion until the September 6, 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

Center Avenue

Council President said we have some basic housekeeping to do on Center Avenue. The first item was done back probably eighteen months ago with the Turnpike. We had entered into a vacation policy to vacate that section of Center Avenue from the Turnpike to Arona Road. The Turnpike never accepted that vacation, until the problem with Penn DOT was resolved. The problem with Penn DOT involved the houses on Arona Road that had no access out of that. The Turnpike did not accept that vacation because at that point there was no access for these people to leave and if we vacated it and turn it over to the property owners there would have been no way for these people to get in and out. Council President explained what the Turnpike and Penn DOT plan on doing. We need to give John the direction to draw up an agreement to allow Penn DOT to pave about twenty-five (25) feet into that current alleyway behind those houses in order to make enough turning room and we will still maintain that street. Also within this agreement we need to get one of the property owners to agree to take one shrub out and inside the right of way there is a small brick pillar which we can remove but we are going to let the property owner know that we are taking it out. There was more discussion about the alleyway.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by Robert Quinn to rescind the vacation policy for Center Avenue between the Turnpike and Arona Road. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Thomas Theis to direct John to prepare an agreement with those four people. The motion carried.

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There was some discussion on the renaming of Center Avenue between the Turnpike and Arona Road.

James Mack made a motion second by Robert Quinn to rename the portion of Center Avenue between the Turnpike and Arona Road Short Road. The motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Theis to rename Center Avenue from Westinghouse Drive to UPS connection with Center Avenue to Westinghouse Drive. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to remove the stop sign at the end of Westinghouse Drive. The motion carried.

Streets-Roads-Buildings-Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard said we have a situation on Rachel Drive and we better stop. We are getting all kinds of unused fill which we can not use for a road surface. We have to stop it. The water drainage for the Car Wash; there is a pipe underneath there that is totally filled up. We need to take care of it. We need to get some no dumping signs and put where Rachel Drive is going in. There was some discussion about the width of Rachel Drive and getting some no dumping signs put up.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Thomas Theis to grant Emil Bove permission to develop an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and to apply for any permits required by the DEP. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard said I got a copy of Hempfield Township's Burning Ordinance and I did speak to Bob about this. They are allowed to burn from 8: a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturdays only, leaves and twigs. I believe we need to talk about this; I think we need it. There are a couple of things we might have to look at as far as what they have if we use theirs as a sample and one of them being bonfires for amusement, it says that you have to have approval of the Fire Code Inspector and/or Code Enforcement Officer. There was some discussion and on the burning ordinance and Council said they should look into it.

Councilman Bussard said the other thing is we had a problem with tables being removed from the pavilions. Mel said we are going to be building food tables and attaching them to the posts that exist on the pavilions and will not be able to move them. There was a brief discussion.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to get some signs made and put them up in the pavilions on the removal of tables. The motion carried.

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Park-Health-Sanitation-Safety-Robert Quinn

Councilman Quinn said we need to send out the trash bids. The Borough Secretary said you need to pick the date as to when you want them back so that it can be advertised.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Robert Quinn to have John Campfield prepare the bid proposals and advertise to have bids back by 4:00 p.m. to be opened at the October 4, 2007 meeting. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard said does everyone know about the air conditioner? Council President said for the record it was struck by lightning on August 9, 2007.

Councilman Quinn said I have been in contact with a couple of members of the Business Association and they are interested in helping us develop the unused portion of the Park. We are going to have a meeting on August 29, 2007 at the Park at 5:30 to discuss any possible plans.

Mayor-Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said we had approximately 140 people attend the Community Picnic and we have over 30 plus donors donating roughly 65 plus prizes and I would like to thank everyone that helped make it a success corn huskers and all for all their efforts for the Community Picnic.

Mrs. Mavratish asked if any one looked into the private driveway at the end of Virginia Drive and the fact that it is going to block all of us off to our own property. Councilman Theis said we found out that you can't be blocked off. Mrs. Mavratish said so he can put it in right at the end right next to the other person's property. Councilman Theis said it is an existing road isn't that what John said? It is on paper. Mr. Steele said if it is on paper you cannot be denied access to your property because of the paper street. There was some discussion about the Leonard Plan.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary