

***Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting
September 20, 2007***

Council President Scott Sitek called to order the September 20, 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, Jerry Ilgenfritz, James Mack, and Thomas Theis. Robert Quinn was absent. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan and Borough Engineer Emil Bove.

Guest present Fire Chief Bob Liberty and Kelly Moore

General Business

Jerry Ilgenfritz made a motion second by James Mack to pay bills in the amount of \$5,082.06. The motion carried.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2007 Council meeting. The motion carried.

Burning Ordinance

Fire Chief Bob Liberty and Fireman Kelly Moore along with Council discussed a burning ordinance for the Borough. Mr. Liberty said he did not have a problem with a burning ordinance. Mr. Richard Theis said make no mistake about it but a burning situation is a matter of common sense. I have a burn barrel and I use it when it is not windy because I do not have a shredder. There was a lot of discussion on a burning ordinance.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to further study the burning ordinance with a committee from Council along with the Fire Department. The motion carried.

Agenda

Emil said I have a couple of updates. I just gave Mary Ann a copy of the sealed engineered drawings for the salt bin roof so she can forward them to the Building Inspector so that we can get the permit for the roof.

Emil said I had my Father look at the Rachel Drive situation and there might be some other avenues to follow.

Emil Bove addressed Council about the paving of Short Street.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to let Emil do his part and John finish up the easement on the twenty-five (25) feet and let it get paved. The motion carried.

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There was some discussion on the Certificate of Deposit.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to roll the Certificate of Deposit that matures over into another Certificate of Deposit for the same amount of days.

Council President asked if anyone else on Council wanted to go to a seminar on Volunteer Fire Company Partnerships in Pennsylvania and no one else was interested.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to send Kelly Moore and Wilbur Bussard to the seminar for \$35.00 each. The motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Council President said we are being offered through Tom Tangretti's office a \$5,000 grant. At the finance committee meeting we talked about possibly using it for playground equipment. Councilman Mack asked how much the maintenance agreement on the trucks would be. Councilman Bussard read what Meegan Ford sent down. There was a short discussion about the grant.

James Mack made a motion second by Thomas Theis to designate a Grant from Representative Tangretti's Office of \$5,000 for playground equipment and park upgrades. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to grant Mark and Amy Leonard a 30 day extension on his plans. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about putting the UCC job out for bid.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to out for bid for UCC. There was a tie vote with Scott, Todd, and Wilbur voting no. Jerry, Tom, and Jim voted yes.

Mayor Kazan said I don't think it would hurt to go out and see what is out there on the market to see what is available. How long have we had the present company? Councilman Mack said two (2) years. Councilman Ilgenfritz said there are more people in the market now. Councilman Bartlow said you people are doing this for spite you are wasting the taxpayers dollars. Kelly Moore said why doesn't the Mayor just vote. We are sitting here waiting for a yes or no; don't open a discussion. Council President said you vote, don't vote or call a special meeting. The Mayor finally voted yes.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to put the Solicitor's job up for bid. There was a tie vote with Scott, Todd, and Wilbur voting no. Jerry, Tom, and Jim voted yes. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote.

Jerry Ilgenfritz made a motion second by James Mack to advertise both positions in the Tribune Review. There was a tie vote with Scott, Todd, and Wilbur voting no. Jerry, Tom, and Jim voted yes. The Mayor broke the tie with a yes vote.

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Council President said everyone has a copy of the tax appeal assessment. The question is do we want to challenge the assessment.

James Mack made a motion second by Jerry Ilgenfritz to table the tax assessment until the next meeting when John will be present. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow voting no.

Council President said we have some health insurance issues. The Borough Secretary gave a brief overview of the situation. There was some discussion.

James Mack made a motion second by Thomas Theis to upgrade our Dental and Vision Insurance. The motion carried.

The Borough Secretary explained briefly about the Life, AD&D & Short Term Disability Insurance.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to go with MEIT beginning January 1, 2008 for Life, AD&D, & Short Term Disability Insurance. The motion carried.

Council President said we all got a note on surge protectors. There was a short discussion.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to purchase and have John Gomolak install two units. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow voting no.

Council President said we received a letter from Youngwood Fire Department asking for a donation for their fund drive in the amount of \$35.00. There was a brief discussion.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to send a \$35.00 donation to Youngwood Fire Department. The motion carried.

Council President read the following announcement

Solid Waste Bid opening	October 4, 2007
Westinghouse Drive stop sign removal	October 4, 2007
Short St. & Westinghouse Drive name change	October 4, 2007

Reports

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said the Scott, Mary Ann and I went to a budgeting meeting this past week and I thought it was informative and hopefully we can use some of the things that we learned.

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I also talked with Mr. Hathaway about his curb and showed him an overlay that is on Cortland and he agreed that it would satisfy him. So I recommend that Council approve Mr. Hathaway's overlay on his curb.

Jerry Ilgenfritz made a motion second by James Mack to put black top on Mr. Hathaway's curb. The motion carried with Scott Sisteck voting no.

Mr. Moore asked to address Council. This is going back to Youngwood Fire Department. I agree 100% because right now it is good fortune for the members of the Fire Department but bad fortune for the residents. All of our firemen have jobs right now so we do not have daytime firemen. There was some discussion about the donation to Youngwood Fire Department.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Jerry Ilgenfritz to rescind the first motion on the \$35.00 donation and send them a \$100.00 donation. The motion carried.

Council President said we have a blank date on our budget list which is October 10th which was scheduled for a Planning Commission meeting which will probably not take place because nothing came in. Mary Ann is on vacation the last day of that budget meeting session which is October 24th and I would like to change that to October 10th.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to move the budget meeting date from October 24th to October 10th. The motion carried. **James Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Councilman Mack said on Zoning and Planning, we already had some grateful residents thanking us, which Light it up Electric after a decade of irritating the residents of New Stanton owning a business in a residential area, has moved on. He rolled up his business out of the residential area and took off.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Ann Roll
Secretary**