

***Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting
October 4, 2007***

Council President Scott Sistek called to order the October 4, 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, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, Jerry Ilgenfritz, Thomas Theis, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan, Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Stack.

General Business

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to make a \$250 donation to the Youngwood Library. The motion carried.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Robert Quinn to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$28, 444.11. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Thomas Theis to approve the September 20, 2007 minutes with the corrections made. The motion carried with Robert Quinn abstaining.

Audience Comments

Anita Hoffman secretary for the Borough addressed Council and asked them to consider purchasing more signs that state building permits are required. There was a brief discussion.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase eight (8) signs permits required and post in heavily traveled areas. The motion carried.

Mr. Ron Slovak addressed Council about the incident he had with getting tar all over his tires. The Borough Secretary said that she turned it into the Borough's Insurance Company. Mr. Slovak said he has not heard from the Insurance Company. Council President asked the Borough secretary to please contact the Insurance Company and see what has been done.

Marlene Rosenberry addressed Council about the property next to her that is owned by James Fox and told Council that it needs cut and that he did get a letter. My question is he plans on putting up a fence and that is alright; my concern is about him putting up a barbed wire fence and is it allowed. There was some discussion and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Stack said that he would look into it further and get back to her.

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Jr. Councilperson

Council President introduced Sara Loucks as our new Jr. Councilperson. Sara addressed Council and told them a little bit about herself. Mayor Kazan then administered the Oath of Office.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to appoint Sara Loucks as Jr. Councilperson. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to send letters of thanks to Dr. Terry Foriska, Superintendent of Hempfield School District and Ryan Wuslich for recommending Sara. The motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Michael Stack

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Stack gave his report and there was some discussion on burning in the Borough.

Mayor Kazan said this is what I found out about burning. Hempfield Township regardless of everything that was said in the last meeting is under a no burn agreement with the DEP. They have been given grants for composting and have chippers available so all this business about Hempfield Township burning is against the agreement that they made. There is a farmer's exemption for burning. There should be no trash or demolition waste in any fires. In talking with the DEP about burning in general, even like a big barbecue, anytime smoke leaves the property that is considered a nuisance and you can file a complaint. There was some discussion on burning.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield said Emil will address this in greater detail but on the hammerhead on Short Street Emil prepared some drawings and I prepared some rights of way and sent them back to Emil for review and he has made some changes in his drawings and a couple of suggested changes with regard to the right of way document. Emil then handed Council his drawings of the hammerhead on Short Street and gave some description of what is going to be done.

Mr. Campfield said I picked up the Hepler's Agreement and Scott signed them. The agreement between Penn DOT and the Borough need to be signed and sent to Penn DOT so you can get the deed.

Mr. Campfield said I spoke to April Cottom of Higbee and she does not have all the information but as soon as she receives it you will be getting some figures on the insurance.

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Mr. Campfield said that as soon as the DCED creates regulations for the LST (Local Services Tax) on the different uses, then I will prepare the Ordinance.

Mr. Campfield said I spoke to Mary Ann and Anita on the audit issue, and asked them to create a time line of what they say happened and what he said happened.

Mr. Campfield said the Leonard Plans came in this week.

Engineer's Report

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove said I had received some email plans and gave him some quick comments over the phone. Some of the comments were not addressed yet; I will actually need to put those in writing and forward those to him. I believe the plans are better than they ever were.

Mr. Bove said as I came in tonight I see that the Water Authority is blowing out their lines. Council President said he will contact the Water Authority to see what is going on.

Mr. Bove said Mel and I met with Kriebel Resources to inspect the gas line project that went from Stanwood to the end of Broadview. They have more restorations to make and then they will probably want their bond released.

Mr. Bove said the Borough had received a letter from the Conservation District about someone placing some fill in the Chanticleer Plan. The Chanticleer Plan was designed with a wetland right in the middle of the plan. Chris Droski from the Conservation District looked at it and from his opinion at this time the fill that they had put in did not encroach the wetland. He is requesting that the Borough send the Developer a letter advising them that they should post the area with some kind of sign. There was some discussion about the Chanticleer Plan.

Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to send a letter to the Developer advising them to post the area in Chanticleer where the wetland is. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove said that I have received the Storm Water Management Plan for the Turnpike and I need to review it.

Agenda

Council President Scott Sisteck opened and read the bids for Solid Waste.

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<u>Waste Management</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Fixed price per unit per month	14.69	15.28	15.89
Senior Citizens price per unit per month	13.22	13.75	14.30
Senior Citizens price per bag	3.00	3.15	3.15
Residential leaf & or yard waste	2.00	2.10	2.20
<u>Allied Waste Services</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Fixed price per unit per month	12.12	12.55	13.05
Senior Citizens price per unit per month	10.91	11.29	11.75
Senior Citizens price per bag	2.75	2.75	2.95
Residential leaf & or yard waste	8.50	9.00	9.50
<u>Veolia Environmental Services</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Fixed price per unit per month	12.29	12.65	12.98
Senior Citizens price per unit per month	11.00	11.33	11.66
Senior Citizens price per bag	2.00	2.00	2.00
Residential leaf & or yard waste	2.75	2.75	2.75
<u>Fayette Waste LLC</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Fixed price per unit per month	11.64	11.87	12.11
Senior Citizens price per unit per month	10.48	10.69	10.90
Senior Citizens price per bag	2.19	2.23	2.28
Residential leaf & or yard waste	2.19	2.23	2.28

Robert Quinn made a motion second by Thomas Theis to award the Solid Waste Contract to Fayette Waste LLC for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 contingent upon Mr. Campfields review of the contract. The motion carried.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to donate \$500 to the New Stanton Senior Citizens. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to acknowledge a vacation request of Gary Ryan for November 12 through November 16, 2007. The motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on Pavilion rentals for the month of October and when to open the Park.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to change the opening of the Park for Pavilion rentals from April through September to May through October and open the Park in April for the Recreation Board. The motion carried.

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Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to approve Ordinance Number 2007-221 the removal of a stop sign on Westinghouse Drive. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to approve Ordinance Number 2007-220 renaming sections of North Center Avenue to Short Street and Westinghouse Drive. The motion carried.

Thomas Theis made a motion second by James Mack to have the Borough Christmas Party on December 14, 2007. The motion carried.

There was a short discussion about the two tax appeal hearings.

James Mack made a motion second by Jerry Ilgenfritz to table them until we find out more about it. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard said I had some questions and not tramping on anybody's toes, for numerous years we had a Halloween Parade and this year they are not. I think if the Recreation Board would accept our help, I think we can get enough volunteer help to make this happen. Councilman Bartlow said I talked to Kim Tomajko and she said they just wanted to try something new. There was some discussion about the parade.

Todd Bartlow made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to spend \$500.00 maximum expenditure for the Halloween Parade and treats from the Park fund. The motion carried.

The Borough Secretary said that she cannot seem to locate her copy of the vehicle maintenance program. Mel has his copy but not with him. Council President said I will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Reports

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said I would like to compliment Public Works for their patching and tarring in the Community especially in Stanton Heights, I've heard residents express their appreciation of it. Despite what was said this evening I want to compliment them on it.

Mayor Kazan said when I was talking to the DEP they reminded me that we need to clean up our dump site on Thermo Village Road.

Mayor Kazan said the Business Association has a thought about having Concerts in the Park next summer. They would be free and they are looking at a plan on how to go about it and present it to Council.

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Councilman Bussard said Public Works is trying to get caught up with everything.

Council President said a preliminary budget has been prepared and it will be completed and presented at the next meeting.

Finance

Todd Bartlow

Councilman Bartlow read the following financial report.

Checkbook	\$499,265.75
Savings	\$186,417.30
Taxes	\$ 17,505.91

Councilman Quinn said I should refer this to Wilbur and Todd about the Park equipment. Councilman Bussard said we have a \$5,000 grant to use at the Park and our sliding board is not up to standards. We talked about it and we have to go out for quotes and the fibar that goes underneath it is very expensive. We will have to go out for quotes for a sliding board and a separate quote for the fibar.

Councilman Mack said since the Park is closed I recommend that the zero turn mower that we purchased be serviced. Mr. Steele said we are still cutting the grass. Councilman Mack said once mowing is finished I recommend that we get the mower serviced so that it is ready for next year.

Councilman Bussard said on our ground that we had cleared we had a visitor that dumped I don't know how many loads of stuff. Mr. Steele said it looked like they tore down a mobile home and dumped it out there.

Councilman Bussard said there are some dead cherry trees in the Park that need to be removed and we have a guy who will cut them down and clean up, no charge but he wants the wood. Council President Sistik asked if he was removing the stumps and Councilman Bussard said no. Mr. Steele said even when Ken Tomajko removed some trees we still had to remove the stumps. Council President Sistik asked Mr. Campfield what our liability would be. Mr. Campfield said you would get him to sign a release. Councilman Bussard said it is Ron Moore and he has worked for Asplund Tree Company for 30 years and retired.

James Mack made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary