

*Borough of New Stanton Council meeting  
December 20, 2007*

Council President Scott Sistek called to order the December 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 Sistek, Todd Bartlow, Wilbur Bussard, James Mack, and Robert Quinn. Mayor Joseph Kazan was absent along with Councilmen Thomas Theis, Jerry Ilgenfritz and Junior Councilperson Sara Loucks.

*General Business*

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to approve the budget for 2008 and adopt Real Estate Tax Ordinance Number 2007-223.** The motion carried.

**Robert Quinn made a motion second by James Mack to pay the bills in the amount of \$9,274.08.** The motion carried.

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

*Agenda*

*Insurance*

There was some discussion on the Workman's Compensation Insurance.

**James Mack made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to switch Workman's Compensation Insurance from SWIF to Ameri-Health Casualty.** The motion carried.

There was some discussion on the Liability Insurance.

**James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to leave Penn Prime and go with National Casualty Insurance.** The motion carried.

*EMS Funds for Fire Truck*

Council President said back when we were making decisions on the Fire Truck, we indicated to the Fire Department that we would move money from the EMS Funds up to \$30,000 if needed to make up the difference between the down payment, amount of PEMA Loan they get and the purchase price of the truck. The PEMA Loan is \$143,581; they used \$100,000 out of the Fire Fighting Fund and the invoice price of the truck was \$253,000; I'm not sure of the numbers, the difference is \$9,606 which we will move out of the EMS Funds. There was a brief discussion.

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**James Mack made a motion second by Wilbur Bussard to give a check to the Fire Department for \$9,606 from EMS Funds for the new Fire Truck.** The motion carried.

Councilman Mack said while we are on the Fire Department, I have over the years repeated requests from older patients; is there anything that can be done about getting the firemen pagers, cell phones, something. We have a problem with the siren going off several times a day and they want to know if anything could be done to cut that down. Tom Smith said if residents have a complaint or a question why don't they come to the meetings. Councilman Mack said they are too old to come to the meetings, they are in their late 70's and some don't like to drive after dark. After some discussion Council President asked the Borough Secretary to call Richard Matason about turning off the siren.

There was a short discussion about the PSAB Who's Who Yearbook.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to pay \$40.00 to be put in the Who's Who Yearbook.** The motion carried.

*Discussion on Christmas Eve*

Council President said there was a suggestion from the Personnel Committee for the Borough to be shutdown on Monday for Christmas Eve. I know every year we usually tell all five people to take a half a day that is normal protocol. I don't have a problem with that. They made a suggestion with the whole day. I wouldn't have a problem adding Christmas Eve to the paid Holiday list that we do every year. Councilman Bussard said if we do that for this year, I don't know is there anyone off for vacation, do we have a problem that they are already using one of their vacation days. Council President said Mary Ann has that situation and I think I tried to explain that if we make it a paid Holiday she is going to be home either way and getting paid for it. It doesn't matter. Councilman Bussard said but she is getting cheated out of a vacation day. Council President said no she is not she is still off and she is still getting paid. She can't use that vacation day any other time because there is no more time left this year. There was more discussion on closing Christmas Eve.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to close Christmas Eve for this year.** The motion carried.

*Reports*

Council President said Mr. Campfield prepared a deed to convey the property below Hepler's to Hepler's.

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*Planning & Zoning-James Mack*

Councilman Mack told Council about a group that addressed Planning Commission for an advisory on a Sports Arena to be built on a parcel off of Bair Boulevard. It will contain an indoor football field, a basketball court, weight training and more. They will have to apply for a variance for the height of the building which will be 60 foot high. We have an Ordinance for fire that it cannot be higher than three stories. Council President said I would like to make a recommendation that if this does come before the Zoning Hearing Board, we should have the fire department at that meeting to offer their commentary on it. There was some discussion on the subject.

Councilman Mack said there was some people looking to put two residence on one property, Mike and I talked it over and we're not sure that is allowed. The Borough Secretary said they were in today and spoke with Allen Ayres and Mike Stack and they told Allen and Mike what they would like to do on the property. There was a brief discussion.

*Streets, Roads, Public Works & Buildings*

Councilman Bussard said Pennsylvania Avenue has water running across the road. Mr. Steele said the only thing we can do is install a catch basin. There was some discussion about Pennsylvania Avenue.

Councilman Bussard asked if we heard anything about Pete Hawley's situation or on the crosswalks. Council President said no we have not gotten anything back but we are going to get a speed trailer.

Councilman Bussard asked about the new street light that was to be installed on South Center Avenue.

Councilman Bussard said we have started using work request sheets with Hunker Borough.

Councilman Bussard said we received a price of \$900.00 from Hepler's for the cut off saw.

**Wilbur Bussard made a motion second by James Mack to purchase the saw from Hepler's for \$900.00. The motion carried.**

Councilman Bussard said the playground equipment arrived today.

Councilman Bussard said we did an inventory of tools at Public Works and there is about \$300.00 worth of tools and supplies that we need. Councilman Mack said do

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you have a shopping list of what you need? Why are we missing all this stuff? Mr. Steele said they are old, worn out and some of them are broke.

**James Mack made a motion second by Todd Bartlow to purchase miscellaneous items for Public Works.** The motion carried.

**Todd Bartlow made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.**

*Merry Christmas*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll  
Secretary