

Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting
March 20, 2008

The March 20, 2008 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott Sistek 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, Kelly Moore, Todd Bartlow, Wilbur Bussard, and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, Borough Solicitor John Campfield and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Councilman Robert Quinn and Councilman Michael Arthurs were absent.

General Business

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Todd Bartlow to approve bills already paid in the amount of 14,700.38 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$15,950.06. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Kelly Moore to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2008 Council meeting. The motion carried with Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Kelly Moore to acknowledge that Council had written evidence from the Secretary that the March 6, 2008 Council meeting was cancelled. The motion carried.

Mr. Alan Wagner, President of Recreation Board addressed Council and said that they held the Easter Party last Sunday and received a lot of compliments. There are some items that the Recreation Board would like to see happen at the Park this year with putting doors on the back of restroom, a storage room built, and a fence put up. Cleanup at the park will be April 5, 2008 at noon. I also spoke to Mr. Bussard about getting a debit card for the Recreation Board Account. Mr. Barry Baird stated that he would like to see the Recreation Board do a five year plan so that we are not hashing things out every year.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to get a debit card for the New Stanton Recreation Board Account. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to put a \$1,000 limit on the debit card. The motion carried.

Mr. Philip Keilbach addressed Council about the possibility of putting public water and sewage on Broadview Road because a lot of the people that live there have poor quality water. Council President said he would try and have someone from Rural Development come in for a meeting with the residents on Broadview Road.

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Administrative Reports

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield said the Fire Truck loan will be approved by DCED on March 25, 2008. I have communicated with PEMA about a closing date but I have not received a closing date. I have sent down to the Borough a proposed lease between the Borough and the Fire Department for the vehicle whenever the loan closes. It is based upon the same arrangement we have with the Fire Department for the current truck.

Mr. Campfield said when you made Michael Stack the Building Code Official, if you recall he indicated that the electrical inspections would not be done by him and that they would be done by a company called Allegheny Inspection Services and in particular an individual by the name of Max Summerville who is a certified electrical inspector with Labor & Industry. Councilman Mack said I would like to request that he come to a meeting so that we can meet him. There was more discussion about the inspections.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve Resolution 2008-649 appointing Allegheny Inspection Services and Max Summerville to do the electrical inspections for the Borough. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Wilbur Bussard approve the agreement with the Borough and Allegheny Inspection Services. The motion carried.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove said he met with the Road Committee and was given several roads to look at for the paving project. The streets we looked at are School Street for reconstruction, Highland for paving, Swartz and Sewickley for tar and chip, and Shelton.

Mr. Bove said we are working on getting an overweight permit for work being done on Sandworks Road. We had an issue with Hempfield Township about the bridge on Sandworks Road. According to the tax map and the liquid fuels map it appears that the actual culvert is in New Stanton Borough. When I spoke to Hempfield Township they think there is a half agreement on that bridge. It would benefit the Borough if it is half and half. We are bonding a portion of the roadway in New Stanton, their bonding what is in Hempfield Township and the bridge is going to be bonded by both municipalities. It will be a separate bond. There was more discussion about Sandworks Road.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Wilbur Bussard to direct Mr. Campfield to send a letter to Hempfield about the Bridge on Sandworks Road. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove said that he met with Scott Miller at the Career and Technology Center about a water problem. They initially felt that it was generated from the detention pond

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on Pagano Drive. It seems pretty remote that the pond is causing the wet problem. I told him that I would keep an eye on the pond and I suggested to him that I would try and put together a meeting with the Westmoreland Conservation District.

Mr. Bove said my brother and I are looking into the Arona Road Bridge project.

Council President said we have an agreement with the Turnpike to accept millings and I was approached by Hunker that they would like to have some of the millings. We are receiving 5,000 ton of millings. South Greensburg is also interested in receiving some millings. Are there any problems with South Greensburg getting some of the millings? They would come down here and pick them up at their cost. There were more discussions about the millings.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to direct Mr. Campfield to do a basic agreement with Mr. Erenberg to store road millings. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Wilbur Bussard so that Hunker Borough can acquire some of the millings and South Greensburg acquires some millings contingent that they pick up the millings from our property. The motion carried.

Mr. Steele said there is a problem on Pine Drive where there is a drop off and I am worried that we might have a slide there. Emil said he would look at it.

Agenda

Council President said everyone received a copy of the Ridenour/Shaler vs. Borough of New Stanton settlement. There was a brief discussion.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to ratify lawsuit settlement. The motion carried with Kelly Moore voting no.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by Todd Bartlow to adopt the harassment policy for the Borough. The motion carried with James Mack abstaining.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve Resolution No. 2008-650 appointing Susan Reese to a five year term on the Recreation Board. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about purchasing magnets and clips for the Borough to put out for the residents. Council said they did not think that magnets were necessary.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to table the discussion on the purchase of clips for the Borough until the next meeting. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to appoint Frank Balistreri as the Park Maintenance Person. The motion carried with Scott Sistik abstaining.

Zoning Changes

Council President explained that the small portion of road between the Turnpike overpass and the 119 overpass is call SR 391 created by Penn DOT. It was done because there is an issue with Rt. 70 and Federal highway dollars. That impacts our transportation district and sign overlay district. Mr. Campfield said the language in your ordinance on the sign overlay district says that it is the Rt. 66, Rt. 70, & Rt. 76 corridors. The sign overlay district on the map goes from Youngwood up, so, you have these roads that have different numbers and you have the map being over a part of R119 and SR 391. Mr. Campfield said you would have to amend the text of the ordinance. There was some discussion on the map and ordinance.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by James Mack to send the zoning changes back to Planning Commission for review and recommendation back to Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to renew the Certificate of Deposit at the highest rate. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore second by James Mack to transfer the Borough allotment of \$6,600 to the Recreation Board Account. The motion carried.

Announcements

**WCBA Banquet/Youngwood Fire Hall – April 25th 7 p.m.
Community Yard Sale – June 14th
Community Picnic – September 6th
Park Clean up – April 5th noon**

Reports

Finance

Scott Sistik

Council President read the following financial report for the month of February.

Checkbook	\$531,440.27
Savings	\$182,879.58
Taxes	\$ 8,426.66

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said Anita wanted me to bring these to Councils attention that there are eight businesses that have not complied with the fire code inspections. Mr. Hollenberger

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has made several attempts. After some discussion Council said give to Mr. Stack to follow up on.

Recreation Board Liaisons

Wilbur Bussard & Mike Arthurs

Councilman Bussard said we talked about the extension on the building, the doors on the restroom, moving our lawn mower so that they could use it. Councilman Bartlow asked if there was a drawing of what is to be done and Alan Wagner said I had a plan to extend ten (10) foot on the backside and extend the roof. Councilman Mack said get an estimate and a plan.

Councilman Bussard said we have a brand new piece of playground equipment that needs installed. There was some discussion on the installation of the equipment.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to have the company that we purchased the equipment from install it. The motion carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 9:19 p.m.

A motion was made by James Mack to come out of executive session at 9:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by James Mack to ask the Planning Commission to review the Boroughs Zoning Ordinance and the Boroughs Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to comply with the current case law concerning oil and gas wells. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary