

*Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting
June 19, 2008*

The June 19, 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, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present was Mayor Joseph Kazan and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin Steele. Councilman Michael Arthurs was absent.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to pay the bills in the amount of \$11,800.45. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Robert Quinn to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2008 Council meeting. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

Council President read a letter of resignation from Mike Arthurs.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by James Mack to accept Mike Arthurs' resignation from Council. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to advertise in the Tribune Review a special meeting of Council to be held on July 9, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. to fill a vacancy on Council left by Mike Arthurs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by James Mack to have all applications returned to the Borough office by 4:30 p.m. July 7, 2008. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to send a thank you letter to Mike Arthurs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to strongly recommend that all applicants attend the July 9, 2008 special meeting of Council. The motion carried.

Robert Liberty, Fire Chief of the New Stanton Volunteer Fire Department and Paul Todd Emergency Management Coordinator addressed Council and said that they heard Council was possibly looking for ground or something for the Borough office and asked if Council would consider combining with the Fire Department. There was some discussion.

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A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Wilbur Bussard to have an appraisal done on the Fire Hall. The motion carried with Kelly Moore abstaining and Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

Council addition to the agenda

Councilman Mack said that we received a response from Todd Gallagher of UPS about the letter that was sent about having the trucks slow down going through town. He said he would send a directive to all the drivers.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to send a thank letter to Mr. Gallagher at UPS. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard said the Jack Evans farm is now in the Farm Preservation. There will never be anything built on that ground. It will always remain farmland.

Council President said we have not received a response from the County on the Water and Sewage surveys from Broadview Road and Marginal Road.

Mr. Theis asked what is happening with the property on Wentsler and the old Conley Motel. Mr. Steele said we sent a letter to Jim Usher who is part of the corporation who owns the property and it was returned no such address. We did find a phone number, called and left a message. We have heard nothing from him, so we are trying to get it resolved. As far as Conley's go Mr. Conley has a permit to do demolition.

*Agenda
New Business*

Utility Truck

Council President gave Council and the audience some information on the utility truck. There was some discussion about the utility truck.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Wilbur Bussard to purchase the utility truck. The motion carried with James Mack abstaining.

Open Records Officer

Council President said there was a memorandum sent out by Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Research Department reminding us as of January 1, 2009 we must have either an Opens Record Policy or an Open Records Officer and Policy put in place. There was a brief discussion.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to table the discussion on Opens Records Officer until the July 17, 2008 meeting. The motion carried.

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New Stanton Borough Computer/Usage Policy

Council President said everyone received a copy of the New Stanton Borough Computer/Usage Policy. This was reviewed by the Solicitor and was presented to Council by now former Council member Mike Arthurs and was not acted upon at the last meeting due to a lack of time. There was a lot of discussion on the subject.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to table until the Personnel Committee reviews and talks to the employees. The motion carried.

Vacation Request

A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to acknowledge a vacation request for Mel Steele for July 7, July 8, July 9, and July 21 thru July 25. The motion carried.

Planning Commission

Councilman Bartlow read a recommendation from the Planning Commission on the simple subdivision for Hempfield Hunt Club. Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the simple subdivision contingent upon the sign overlay district being shown and changing the name to W.H. Gardner on the plan.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore to approve the Hempfield Hunt Club simple subdivision contingent upon the sign overlay district being shown and changing the name to W.H. Gardner on the plan. The motion carried.

Councilman Bartlow read a recommendation from the Planning Commission that Council consider changing the current zoning on the Edward Day and Mark McLaughlin properties from A to LI-1.

A motion was made by James Mack and second by Kelly Moore to change the current zoning on the Edward Day and Mark McLaughlin properties from A to LI-1. The motion carried.

Old Business

Purchasing Power of Committee Chairperson

Council discussed the amount that a committee chairperson could spend before it is brought before Council.

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A motion was made by James Mack second by Kelly Moore setting an amount of \$250.00 that a committee chairperson can spend before bringing it to Council. The motion carried.

Announcements

**Community Yard Sale
Concert in the Park
Community Picnic**

**June 21st
August 31st noon to 8:00 p.m.
September 6th**

Reports

President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President said I have two notices that everyone should have gotten a copy of; one is from Rural Development USDA, this will play a big part in our water and sewage project. There is a session on July 31, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at the Donohoe Center. Please let Mary Ann know if you plan on attending. Also Mary Ann, Joe and I went to a seminar on budgeting and it was very informative. The closest one is in Beaver County or Cambria County. If anyone wants to attend please let Mary Ann know.

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said the Borough afforded me the opportunity to go to Seven Springs for the PSAB Conference. The keynote speaker was Rick Searfoss who was an Astronaut who commanded the Space Shuttle for two space missions. The keynote speech had to do with leadership. If I had to summarize it would be, leaders are people who get other people to work together and focus on a common solution or a common result. As elected officials all of us around the table, if we are leaders of this community, we have to start working together to achieve a common goal for the residents. I know we shouldn't be bickering back and forth and I am as guilty as anyone else and I would like to see a change in tone of the meetings where we can have one person talking at one time. I will try my best to do it and would like to see everyone else give it their best shot.

Mayor Kazan said one other class I went to was on the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code. When someone asked about unnecessary hardship on a variance, unnecessary hardship is to the property not the owner when a variance is granted. The other thing is what the Planning Commission should be doing. They should be issuing monthly reports and an annual report to Council every year. Please take that back to Planning and consider that. Mayor Kazan then read to Council what a Planning Commission should do.

Councilman Moore said it is so nice even under less than good circumstances to sit up front here and look out there and see people. You don't know how many times we come here month after month to these meetings other than Tom Smith and Paula Fontanazza; if you don't have a problem they don't come and it is so nice even if all you

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do is come to tear us a new ear it is so nice to see people here. I don't know how the rest of Council feels but that is how I feel. Council President said I agree.

Executive Session
Personnel

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 9:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore to come out executive session at 9:44 p.m.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Kelly Moore to purchase a new Stihl weed trimmer up to \$300.00. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Moore to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary