

*Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting
July 17, 2008*

The July 17, 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, Thomas Smith, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present was Mayor Joseph Kazan and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin Steele, and Borough Engineer Emil Bove. Members absent were Todd Bartlow and Wilbur Bussard.

General Business

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by James Mack to approve bills already paid in the amount of \$8,213.21 and to approve bills as presented with the exception of Building Inspection Underwriters to be pulled and approved at a later date. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Kelly Moore to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2008 Council meeting. The motion carried with Thomas Smith abstaining.

Council additions

Councilman Moore said I need to add Personnel – job performance to the Executive Session.

Councilman Moore said if you remember a few months ago we dug up the sidewalk and removed a deceased groundhog and the girls and Mrs. Todd had no complaints for approximately two months and now the odor is coming back. There was some discussion about what to do.

James Mack made a motion second by Kelly Moore to get the dead animal out and fill it in so it doesn't happen again. The motion carried.

Councilman Mack said I would like to make a proposal and a motion, since people are here and they have seen the Borough at its worst, that we establish the Citizen of the Year Award. This would be for a citizen who is not an elected official, appointed official, an employee, and a fireman but just a resident of the town whoever that particular year comes up with something, could be anything, could be one of our boys fighting in Iraq, could be something as simple as somebody deciding to do a beautification project on Center Avenue.

James Mack made a motion second by Kelly Moore to have the Mayor establish a committee to establish a Citizen of the Year Award that excludes elected officials, appointed officials, employees and firemen. The motion carried.

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Councilman Quinn said I would like to discuss the stop sign on Broadview Road. There was some discussion about taking the double stop sign down on Broadview Road and placing a bump sign in its place.

Robert Quinn made a motion second by James Mack to remove the original stop sign on Broadview Road and replace it with a bump sign. The motion carried.

Audience Comment

Mr. Fox asked about the update on the Broadview water and sewage project. Council President said the project is in the hands of the County and they are sorting out the names and incomes. That is the only avenue we have for a grant of any sort.

Mr. Steele said someone is driving out Broadview and pulling out all the signs and throwing them in the yards and along the road. So I don't know if you want to notify the State Police and make them aware of it. Council President said to notify the State Police.

Councilman Smith said a couple of people have told me about some areas in the Borough where there is high grass. Mr. Steele said they will be called.

Councilman Mack said since Mike Arthurs is no longer on Council, you need to change the locks. You changed the locks when the new Council took over and you were worried about the HIPPA protection so you need to change the locks on the doors again. There was some discussion about changing the lock on the doors.

James Mack made a motion second by Kelly Moore to get quotes on changing the locks on the front door only. The motion carried.

Mr. Tom Bailey from Sewickley Street said that the work on the drainage on Sewickley Street has turned into a real project. Mel has educated me on what Rip Rap is and the purpose of it. The first attempt failed. I would like to have the Engineer take another look at it.

Councilman Mack said I would like to make a request to Penn DOT to inspect the structural integrity of the bridge over the Sewickley Creek. Mr. Steele said the bridge is inspected every two years. Council President said we could send a request from the Borough to Tim Cook the maintenance manager. Council President asked the Borough Secretary to email him the request and he will contact Uniontown.

Mayor Kazan said that Mr. DeMonte who lives on Melrose had a big wet area that Emil and I looked at and he is also getting water in his basement for the first time in thirty (30) years. Mr. Cecil came out with his camera and look at all his French drains and downspouts and they were all clear and functioning and Mr. Cecil surmised that the

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water that he is getting into his basement is coming off the hill. Mr. DeMonte has put in French drains across the back of his yard to see if that helps.

Mrs. Morgan asked if anything had been done about a Borough building. Council President said Todd is not here but I can tell you that he ordered an appraisal for the Fire Department building and we are getting a free estimate on a stand alone building for Public Works and a connection to either building to find out what type of costs we would be looking at. Councilman Mack said the Fire Hall does not have an acre of ground there. There is not enough property to add on. Mayor Kazan said I think it is time to call a meeting on this.

Announcements

**Concert in the Park August 31, 2008 noon to 8:00 p.m.
Community Picnic September 6, 2008**

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said we have four (4) new home permits for the month of June and fees paid are \$1,417.00 to the Borough. There were seven (7) permits for additions, fences, etc. and fees were \$420.70. Council President asked Mel if Council could have a written report.

Mayor Kazan said I have a question about the complaint that was filed. Mayor Kazan said there was some landscaping being done and the one at the intersection of Melrose and Florence went smoothly but the one at the bottom of the hill wound being an obstacle course the way they parked the vehicles. They also used a metal track vehicle on the road. Mr. Steele said you are not permitted to use metal track vehicles on the road and there isn't a contractor out there that doesn't know that. Mrs. Hacker asked if they had permits. Mr. Steele said we have no restrictions for landscaping.

Borough Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove said Mel and I met with Mike from Derry Construction and they gave us a tentative start date of July 28, 2008 to start the road project. He is also going to give us an estimate for repairing the soft spot on Pine Drive. Council President briefed Council on the project. There was some discussion about the soft spot on Pine Drive and the increase in the price of asphalt.

James Mack made a motion second by Thomas Smith to direct Emil to head the project to get it done using our Public Works employees to do the base work and have Derry Construction put the binder and top coat down. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove said I was asked by Mary Ann to speak to Dale Topper about Broadview Road and the issue as to whether his property had access to the existing sewer

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line and he does, however, it is half a mile from his house. There was some discussion about the water and sewer line on Broadview Road out by Toppers.

Finance

Scott C. Sistik

Council President read the following financial report for June 2008.

Checkbook	\$602,143.73
Savings	\$271,467.81
Taxes remitted	\$ 53,145.04

Agenda

New Business

There was some discussion about the Certificate of Deposit that matures on July 21, 2008.

James Mack made a motion second by Kelly Moore to put \$97,000 in a C D at PLGIT for a term of 90 days at 3.24% and leave the rest at Citizens Bank for 90 days at 2.50%. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about the Mark Leonard Development.

Robert Quinn made a motion second by James Mack to table the Leonard plans until the August 7, 2008 meeting. The motion carried.

Old Business

James Mack made a motion second by Robert Quinn to table the discussion and motion and vote on the Open Records Officer until the August 7, 2008 meeting. The motion carried.

There was some discussion about the advertising of the Zoning Ordinance changes and hold a Public Hearing.

Kelly Moore made a motion second by Robert Quinn to advertise the changes to the Zoning Ordinance and set the Public Hearing for August 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried.

Kelly Moore made a motion second by James Mack to have Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Day pay for their portion of the advertising fee for the Public Hearing. The motion carried.

Reports

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There was some discussion about putting motion lights or redoing the wiring in Pavilion A and B. Councilman Moore asked Mr. Steele to put a copy of the quotes in Council's mailboxes.

Mayor Kazan said I went to a Business Association meeting last Thursday and Alex Graziani was there from Smart Growth and he mentioned that he made a presentation to Borough Council about two years ago and he mentioned that we are in an ideal situation here with the highway connections that we have in New Stanton and he explained that Smart Growth is to improve the quality of life for the residents and also improve the business environment so that businesses can flourish and he said he hasn't noticed any improvement in two years. I did mention that we were looking at the possibility of a new Borough building and try to move forward and move out of this place. He said we have to start focusing on the future and make plans to move this Borough forward. There was some discussion on this.

Executive Session

Kelly Moore made a motion to go into executive session at 9:23 p.m.

James Mack made a motion to come out of executive session at 10:41 p.m.

Kelly Moore made a motion second by James Mack to have Emil contact a camera company to inspect the drainage lines in the Stanmont Plan. The motion carried.

James Mack made a motion second by Kelly Moore to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary