

***Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting  
August 21, 2008***

The August 21, 2008 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott Sitek 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 Sitek, Todd Bartlow, Thomas Smith, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present was Mayor Joseph Kazan and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin Steele. Wilbur Bussard was absent.

***General Business***

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to approve bills in the amount of \$12,984.30.** The motion carried.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Robert Quinn to approve minutes from the August 7, 2008 Council meeting.** The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

***Council additions to agenda***

Council President added two pieces of real estate that were in the property repository. Also we just received from John the information on the Open Records Act so I would like to remove it from the agenda so that Council has a chance to review it.

Councilman Bartlow said I would like to add update on the real estate findings.

Councilman Mack added Personnel Committee under executive session.

***Public Comment***

Mr. Kellner said I am here to actually get some answers and clear up a few remarks that were made at the last Council meeting. Mr. Kellner then brought Council up to date on his situation starting from 1990 when he applied for a permit for an automotive business. There was some discussion about the permits and then Council President said none of us here are attorneys and this is a legal matter so we will refer this back to our acting solicitor. After more discussion a decision was made.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to get the records and get recommendations from Attorney Campfield as needed as soon as possible.** The motion carried.

Mr. Kellner said that if I don't have an answer by next meeting I can guarantee you this much, there will be papers served to the Borough and we will end up in court.

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Mr. Richard Theis said I think we all know the answer you will get from Campfield so I would suggest that you ask him to do a little Pro Bono work for us for a change. Mr. Kellner said this is his mistake he should pay for it.

Mrs. Rosenberry addressed Council about two things. The first thing is they put a sound barrier up and then there are weeds and then we have a fence. We were promised that the weeds were going to be taken care of. There was some discussion about the weeds and Council President said he would contact the Turnpike and see if he could get a meeting set up with them and discuss the situation and see about getting something done.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to send a letter to the Turnpike Commission strongly worded that this should be taken care of because it is a health hazard because rats and other rodents is inhabiting the area.** The motion carried.

Mrs. Rosenberry said I spoke to Mr. James Fox at the end of last week and he wants to put billboards up on the property that has the gas lines on it. We do not want billboards in our neighborhood. This is the petition that all of us signed against putting billboards up. There was a lot of discussion on adding V-1 (Village) District to the S-O (Sign Overlay) District and the Mayor read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Fox.

**A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Thomas Smith to deny the request from Planning Commission recommending that Council consider adding the V-1 (Village) District to the S-O (Sign Overlay) District.** The motion carried.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Robert Quinn to advertise and set the Public Hearing for 6:00 p.m. on October 2, 2008.** The motion carried.

Mrs. Jeanne Iams addressed Council about keeping the sidewalks on the bridges cleaned in the winter and about the vandalism in the neighborhood. There was some discussion about surveillance cameras.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to investigate the cost of portable surveillance cameras that can be moved to different hot spots.** The motion carried.

Mr. Keilbach asked about the utilities on Broadview Road and Council President said that we did receive confirmation from the County that Group B does qualify for low to moderate income benefits. We have to make a motion as a Council to request from the County CDBG funds by filling out an application for that.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Robert Quinn to file and application with the County requesting CDBG funds.** The motion carried.

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Mr. Kellner requested that a list of the bills to be paid be made public at the meetings. Council President said once they are approved they are available for the public.

Council President said we have until September 30, 2008 to fill out an application. Then it is up to the County. Councilman Quinn asked if they have public hearings. Council President said I don't know. Councilman Mack said we should find out and you people on Broadview should be present with your water bottles, your dirty shirts etc. Council President said we will lobby for as much money as we can get. There was a little more discussion about acquiring CDBG funds.

Mrs. Morgan said I believe it was three meetings ago, the interested Citizens came here with some information and we told you that we formed a Citizens group. Council President said we will be discussing the issue a little later in the meeting.

*Agenda*

*New Business*

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to approve Resolution 2008-655 appointing Philip Keilbach to the Zoning Hearing Board.** The motion carried.

**A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by James Mack to acknowledge a vacation request for Melvin Steele, Jr. for September 2 and 3, 2008.** The motion carried.

Council President said these are on the two tax bills. The first one we talked about the mineral rights involving the New Stanton Assembly of God. We sent a letter to New Stanton Assembly of God and they did not respond but Mary Ann contacted them and they have applied to the County to buy those rights and they are now the prospective buyers listed on that parcel. The County is asking for our consent.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith giving consent to let the New Stanton Assembly of God purchase the coal interest on tax map number 64-04-00-0-051-90-130.** The motion carried.

Council President said we have another parcel with the same situation. It is the coal interest on tax map number 64-03-00-0-032-90-130. The property is owned by Mr. Pastorius but the coal interest is owned by Mr. Celio. There is a prospective buyer for the coal interest.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Robert Quinn to send a letter to the County denying the sell of the coal interest to Megan Leonard and notify Mr. Pastorius that it is available.** The motion carried.

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Councilman Todd Bartlow said we got back the appraisal on the Fire Hall and we do have an estimate on erecting a Public Works portion of a building and I think we have enough information to have a meeting. I would like to have it Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. There was some discussion about the time. The meeting will be Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office. Councilman Bartlow asked the Mayor if he had the appraisal on the building by Bruster's. Mayor Kazan said there was no appraisal done on that building, there was a marketing evaluation done it. Councilman Bartlow said we will discuss it at the meeting.

***Announcements***

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| Concert in the Park | August 31, 2008   | Noon to 8:00 p.m. |
| Community Picnic    | September 6, 2008 | Noon to 6:30 p.m. |

Mayor Kazan gave Council and those in the audience some information on the Concert in the Park.

***Reports***

***Mayor***

***Joseph Kazan***

Mayor Kazan spoke a little bit about the truck that we bought. There was some discussion about the truck.

**A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 8:39 p.m.**

**A motion was made by James Mack to come out of executive session at 8:52 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

***Mary Ann Roll***

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Secretary