

*Borough of New Stanton Council Meeting
September 18, 2008*

The September 18, 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 New Stanton Fire Hall, 108 South Main Street, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present were Scott Sistek, Wilbur Bussard, Todd Bartlow, Thomas Smith, Sally Kintigh, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present was Mayor Joseph Kazan and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin Steele.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve paying bills in the amount of \$10,653.05. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow approving the minutes from the September 4, 2008 Council meeting. The motion carried with Rob Quinn and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Mr. Tony Vecchio of the New Stanton Business Association addressed Council about the Concert in the Park that was held on August 31, 2008 and we feel it was a success.

Councilman Mack said I would like to add bridges.

Councilman Quinn said I would like to decline the position of Pro-Tem.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by James Mack to rescind the motion appointing Robert Quinn Pro-Tem. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by James Mack to appoint Todd Bartlow as Pro-Tem. The motion carried with four yes votes. Todd Bartlow, Thomas Smith, and Wilbur Bussard voted no.

Public Comment

Mrs. Stella Morgan addressed Council President about bringing everyone up to light on the September 8, 2008 that you people had at the Borough building that wasn't announced to the citizen's interested group for the purchase of a new Borough building. Council President said that is our monthly meetings of four separate committees. Those are advertised. Mrs. Morgan said you had Mr. Topper there about the ground. Why wasn't our citizen's group notified. Council President said he wasn't there and Mrs. Morgan said yes he was and Councilman Smith said he was not there. Council President said Joe you were there. Mayor Kazan said Mr. Topper was not there that evening. I spoke with him in the afternoon. Mrs. Morgan said I knew that he was going to give you

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ground but my question is why the people weren't notified of the meeting. Council President said they are advertised in January. Mrs. Morgan said in January but the Sunshine Law says you have to post on your door and Council President said no you do not and Mrs. Morgan said yes you do. Council President said no and Mrs. Morgan said how much do you want to bet on it and Council President said I know it and I am not going to argue with you. It is the same thing we do with our Council meetings. Mrs. Morgan said no you had that secret meeting and you have never called a meeting for the independent interested group. Why is that? Council President said I am done talking if you are not going to listen to what I have to tell you. The same as the Council meetings and Mrs. Morgan said I don't care if you talk or not Scott. Council President said if you are not going to let me talk, stop talking for a minute. Council President hit the gavel on the table and said stop talking until I am done. Mrs. Morgan said don't you hit that gavel down to me again or I will slap your face. Council President said I will have you out of here. Councilman Bartlow said it is on tape, she physically threatened you. You need to call 911 and have her removed. I am not going to sit here and be threatened. Council President said you are out of order and no longer recognized. Thank you.

Mr. Clark said I would like to know what the purpose is of buying that building or any other building. Councilman Mack said safety, size and the property is worth more than the building. The building is not a great building. Mr. Clark asked if anyone has done a feasibility study on the building on Paintersville Road. Councilman Mack said Todd was supposed to he does everything he is the whole committee himself. Mr. Clark showed Council a drawing of the building on Paintersville Road. Mayor Kazan said I would appreciate it if Mr. Clark would come to one of our committee meetings on the building and whoever else wants to come too and have a group discussion.

Mrs. Sally Taubken said my question is for Mr. Campfield. Council President said he is only at the first meeting of the month. Mrs. Taubken said is the Borough responsible for this building in the event that the firemen dissolve? I believe that you are and I think when you are discussing buildings, if you go to buy a 700,000, 500,000 or a 200,000 dollar building, I think you need to realize that you may be responsible for this building also whether you want it or not. Councilman Mack said this building would be very easily marketed to some commercial interest, a restaurant, and fast foods whatever. This would be very easily sold. Mrs. Taubken said are we parking the fire trucks at your building Dr. Mack? Mrs. Taubken said I am saying if the firemen dissolve and Councilman Mack said if it does then the Borough could sell the building to a commercial interest and recoup the money. Councilman Mack said get a petition to raise the mileage one more mill for the firemen. I'll sign it. I'll pay taxes for the Fire Department. I will not pay taxes to buy the building. There was some more discussion about the firemen and the fire hall.

Mrs. Umbel said when the smoke alarm went off at my house Youngwood Fire Department came. Dr. Mack said I was there when it happened. Mrs. Umbel said and the reason that happened is they told me that New Stanton Fire Department can't come there is no body that can come; so why are we paying for two trucks? Why do we have a Fire Department?

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Mr. Keilbach asked what the status was on the utilities for Broadview Road. The Secretary said I am waiting for the information from Mr. Bove so that the application can be submitted.

Mr. DeSantis said they are working on the storm system on Edgewood Drive and I was wondering if anyone is inspecting. Mr. Steele said I am.

Agenda

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to send Mary Ann to a seminar on October 9, 2008 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard giving the County consent to sell the coal rights to James and Dolores Pastorius. The motion carried.

Councilman Mack said a few years ago we received money for a bridge on Arona Road. I would like to know what the status is. Council President said we will have to go back out for bids. I will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Announcements

Council President asked if there is a date for Halloween. The Borough Secretary said the Recreation Board told me it will be on Halloween since it is a Friday but they said they would discuss at their October 5th meeting as to what they planned on doing.

Reports

President

Scott Sistik

Council President said we have an appeal for tax reduction by UPS. We need to check with John.

Council President said we have the Westmoreland Transit local share assessment. The past couple of years it has been \$500.00 it is \$525.00 this year. This contract runs from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Wilbur Bussard to proceed with the contract for the Westmoreland County Transit and to pay the \$525.00 in the first pay period of January 2009. The motion carried.

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said I noticed that we had a request from the Youngwood Public Library for a donation and was wondering what our plans were this year. Council

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President said can we hold off one more meeting. They are in the process of doing some consolidations.

Mayor Kazan said I saw Mr. Bove's letter to Dr. Edge about a written commitment to his repairs in Stanmont and I was wondering if we got a response from him yet. Council President said I did not get anything and the last I spoke with Emil he had not received anything either.

Mayor Kazan said I just had the opportunity to meet the Candidate's at Westmoreland Community College this evening and I saw Mrs. Echard there. It was an interesting program and I wish more people would have taken advantage of it and I apologize for being a few minutes late.

Mr. Steele said I have inspected seven (7) catch basins at Stanmont and I hope to inspect seven (7) more tomorrow.

Mr. Steele said the other thing there is a class by LTAP for traffic calming that I would like to attend.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Thomas Smith to send Mel to the seminar on traffic calming. The motion carried.

Mr. Steele said the front end on the number 2 truck needs to be looked at because the tires are wearing unevenly. The backhoe is going to need to front tires.

Mr. Theis asked about the delivery date on the truck that was purchased with grant money.

Mayor Kazan gave a report on the Community Picnic and we are going to have a short meeting after this meeting.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary