

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
January 6, 2009**

The January 6, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott Sisteck 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 Sisteck, Todd Bartlow, Thomas Smith, Wilbur Bussard, Sally Kintigh, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Also present was Mayor Joseph Kazan, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin Steele, Emil Bove of Bove Engineering and Borough Solicitor John Campfield.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to approve paying bills in amount of \$34,780.29. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2008 Council meeting. The motion carried.

Council additions

Council President moved the Stanmont Development down under the agenda to number thirteen. Also under executive session I am canceling Personnel-Tax Office. Councilman Bartlow said he would like to add under executive session, Litigation-Sewage.

Audience Comments

Mr. Philip Keilbach asked Council about the water and sewage on Broadview Road. The Borough secretary told them that she spoke to the County and that we would have something from them for the February 5, 2009 meeting. There was some discussion and information given by Mr. Campfield and Emil Bove.

Agenda

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to appoint John Campfield as Solicitor for the Borough. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to appoint Bove Engineering as Engineer for the Borough. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Todd Bartlow to appoint Mary Ann Roll as Chair of the Vacancy Board. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to appoint Emil Bove as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the Borough. The motion carried.

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A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to appoint Dallas Leonard as the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer for the Borough. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve resolution 2009-658 on the appointment of Hoffman Kennels as Animal Control Officer. The motion carried with James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to approve resolution 2009-659 on the appointment of Willy Bitar to the Planning Commission. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to approve resolution 2009-660 on the reappointment of Frank Balistreri to the Planning Commission. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to approve resolution 2009-661 on the reappointment of Phil Svesnik to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Wilbur Bussard to approve resolution 2009-662 on the appointment of Julie Showman to the Recreation Board. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to approve resolution 2009-663 on the Electronic Access License Agreement with Penn DOT. The motion carried.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Robert Quinn to prepare and advertise for the February 5, 2009 meeting an Ordinance for sewage pre-treatment. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to sign a contract for Sodium Chloride with COSTARS for the 8/09 to 7/10 season. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard to approve pay resolution 2009-664 for the Secretary Treasurer with the following corrections and that is that mother, father, and grandchildren be added to the section on bereavement. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-665 for the Assistant Secretary with the same changes to the section on bereavement. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

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A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-667 for the Public Works Supervisor/Code Enforcement Officer with the same changes to the section on bereavement. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-668 for Public Works 1st Class Laborer with the same changes to the section on bereavement. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-669 for Public Works 2nd Class Laborer with the same changes to the section on bereavement. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-666 for the Public Works Part-time Laborer. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-670 for the Park Maintenance/Part-time Seasonal Employee. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

Dr. Edge said the main issue that I have is with the bonds. Is there any reason why the Borough can't hold the \$33,000.00 bond for the eighteen (18) month Maintenance Bond? Mr. Campfield said the \$33,000.00 bond is a Performance Bond so the bonding amount would have to be shifted over to an eighteen (18) month Maintenance Bond. It is a different bond. You cannot hold a Performance Bond as a Maintenance Bond. Mr. Bove said since December 4, 2008 the only outstanding items were the pipe cleaning of all the storm sewers which was done and the other issue was regarding the drywells on lots 207 and 208 which in my letter of December 18, 2008 explains that at that time there is no problems with the configuration of the downspouts discharging near the top of the hill. I did check them on a Friday, December 19, 2008 when we had a sever downpour and the amount of water coming out of those was minimal and there was actually more water on the flat areas than what was coming out of the pipes. Although there are no drywells in place as for the plan, the current configuration of those is not posing any problems. The other issue is a sink hole that appeared after the fact in lot 108 and I was not sure if the sink hole was caused by the fact that the ground was saturated and naturally compacted or whether there may have been a problem with the storm sewer. I have checked it several times since then and that sink hole has not done anything. The bottom line is that all the issues are resolved. I have talked with his engineer, we are ironing out a couple of minor details with the as built. There was some discussion between Dr. Edge, Mr. Campfield and Emil Bove.

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A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an Ordinance to accept the streets and the storm drainage system except for the pond and the facilities on the Turnpike for adoption at the February meeting of Council contingent upon Dr. Edge performing those items that are contained in the memorandum. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to continue winter maintenance on Edgewood Drive until the February meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by James Mack to authorize the release of the remaining Performance Bond contingent upon these items being provided; the Maintenance Bond, the agreement, payment of fees and the inspection deposit. The motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said these are the permits issued in December which resulted in fees amounting to \$1,770.00. I spoke to Rob Cammarata and he is going to be putting new stone and geo-textile down to keep the mud from going out on the street. Everything is under review.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve pay resolution 2009-671 for UCC Building Inspector contingent upon his accreditation. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield said the only other thing I have is the memorandum that I sent down today on the Ultimate Fitness Complex that was dropped off at my office on December 31, 2008. It is just a preliminary review and I have some questions. I have not had a chance to thoroughly look at all the plans. There was some discussion about the variance that they applied for and there was a recommendation that the Fire Department be invited to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting for the variance on the height of the building.

Engineer

Emil Bove

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the Planning Module Exemption for the section on Broadview Road that CDBG Funds were applied for is ready to be signed by the Borough Secretary. There was some discussion about the project on Broadview Road.

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A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to direct Emil to prepare the other Planning Module Exemptions for the other two portions of Broadview Road and submitting them to HTMA. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow and Robert Quinn abstaining.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about having aerial photos taken of the Borough. If the Borough was mapped right now these three projects would be able to be designed more easily instead of starting from scratch. New Stanton Borough is approximately 2,600 acres of land mass. To fly the Borough, just to get the aerial photography done, and March is the time to do that, you are talking about \$3,000 to get just the pictures taken. To map the entire Borough with two foot contours showing roads, streets, buildings, sidewalks, fences etc. you are talking about \$45,000 for the mapping of the Borough. To get smaller portions mapped such as the group B area of Broadview Road costs approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000. You will also need this mapping for your Ms4 program which you are supposed to have all your storm sewer systems mapped. There was some discussion about having aerial photos taken of the Borough.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by James Mack to have the aerial photography taken of the Borough in March for \$3,000.00. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove said I received several emails from Alex Graziani from Smart Growth and one of his comments were are there any plans to improve the walk ability of the New Stanton area especially with the focus on athletics and fitness with this development. I spoke to Alex and their organization likes to give input and advice on planning for the future of various things in general throughout the Borough. There was some discussion about it and Emil asked Council if they would have any interest in having Alex come to the Borough and talk to the Borough about the walk ability of the Borough. Council President suggested having it on a Planning Commission meeting night at the Fire Hall and invite the public.

Finance

Scott C. Sistik

Council President Scott Sistik read the following financial report for December 2008.

Checkbook	\$597,953.25
Savings	\$202,430.15
Taxes remitted	\$ 68,832.73

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said we received a letter from the U.S. Department of Commerce asking if we had any emergency and transitional shelters for people experiencing

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homelessness, soup kitchens and regularly scheduled mobile food vans in our area. Council said they are not aware of anything currently.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 10:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith to come out of executive session and adjourn the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary