

Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
April 16, 2009

The April 16, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Council President Scott Sistek. 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 Scott Sistek, Todd Bartlow, Wilbur Bussard, Sally Kintigh, Thomas Smith, Robert Quinn, and James Mack. Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. arrived at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Joseph Kazan was absent

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve bills in the amount of \$9,667.08. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried with Sally Kintigh abstaining.

Council addition to agenda

Councilman Mack said this is out of the Tribune Review. This is an article stating that Jeannette is mulling over their zoning code modifications. There have been questions in the past from residents asking what the zoning is about. Just a few quotes here. "Jack Brown, director of Westmoreland Community Action, said strict code enforcement promotes a safer community, enhances property values and helps a community better compete for grants. His group is a partner with the city on a \$5 million project. Code Enforcement is responsible for preserving the quality and value of public and private property and maintaining a high standard of living by eliminating conditions that threaten the life, health, safety and general welfare of your public. People can refer to the minutes of this meeting. There have been questions in the past why do we have zoning.

Public Comment

Mr. Keilbach asked if we have heard anything about the utilities on Broadview Road. The Borough Secretary said she spoke to a gentleman at the Water Authority; they are handling everything and they said everything is under control.

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Agenda

New Business

Zoning Amendment

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to adopt Ordinance Number 2009-229 on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried.

Community Picnic

Council President asked when the date is for the Community Picnic. The Borough Secretary said it is August 8th. Council President said I would like some volunteers for a picnic committee. Rob Quinn, Scott Sistik, Wilbur Bussard said he would help the best he could, Thomas Smith I will help if I am in town and Sally Kintigh said they would volunteer to be on the picnic committee. There was a brief discussion about letters for donation and how much food was purchased last year.

Hunt Club Anniversary Booklet-advertising

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to place a ½ page ad which is \$50.00 in the Hempfield Hunt Club Anniversary Booklet. The motion carried.

Vacation Requests

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Wilbur Bussard to acknowledge a vacation request for Anita Hoffman for May 13, 2009 and May 14, 2009. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Robert Quinn to acknowledge a vacation request for Mary Ann Roll for May 26 through May 28, 2009. The motion carried.

Drag Box for Paving Projects

Mr. Steele said that John has some friends in the business and they said not to use a drag box because they are too hard on the trucks. They recommended a mini paver. I put some information in your mailbox for future reference. There was a lot of discussion about a drag box and Councilman Mack said you can build one.

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Extra help for Public Works

Council President we might need some extra help with all the road projects we have this year. I would like to talk to Youngwood and see how they get these people and where. There was some discussion about the extra help.

Old Business

Security Issues with Borough Building

There was some discussion about security cameras at the Borough building and at the shop where all the vehicles and equipment are kept.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Sally Kintigh to purchase Netrome Security System with 4 cameras from Sam's Club for \$997.00 with one camera in the front parking area, one in the back parking area, one in the main part of the office and the 4th camera to be determined if we indeed can put the camera at the Public Works area. The motion carried.

Storage at Salt Bin

Councilman Bussard said I went and looked and Tom went to South Greensburg and looked that the storage building that they have. Councilman Smith said I spoke to Don Miller who is council president and another gentleman and they said the building has been there ten years or so and there are no problems. I looked around the bottom and I did not see any problems and the building is approximately 27feet from the salt storage area. There was some discussion.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to go out for bid on a storage building to be next to the salt bin. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to authorize Emil Bove to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the storage building to be next to the salt bin. The motion carried.

Bagging system for the Grasshopper Lawnmower

Council President said we received three quotes.

Moose's Mower	\$2,031.70
Burk's Lawn and Saw, Inc.	\$2,142.00
Fulton's Lawn & Garden Equipment	\$1,942.25

There was a lot of discussion about the bagging system for the mower.

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A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to purchase a bagging system for the Grasshopper Lawnmower from Moose's Mower for \$2,031.70. The motion carried with Councilman Mack voting no.

Announcements

WCBA Annual Banquet April 24 @ 7:00 p.m.—Youngwood Fire Hall

**May 7, 2009 Council meeting will be at the New Stanton Fire Hall
Guest speaker from the Southwest Regional Police Department-Chief
John Hartman**

Annual Community Yard Sale-June 6, 2009

Annual Community Picnic-August 8, 2009

Reports

President

Scott C. Sistek

Council President said the United Methodist Church is going to have a Chicken n' Biscuit Dinner on Election Day and they would like to donate the proceeds to the Borough for a Borough project. Councilman Bussard said we need some new tables at the Park. Councilman Smith said the park is nice but my oldest granddaughter liked the big slide. The other play equipment is nice but it is a little small for her. There was some discussion about the type of project that it could be used for.

Councilman Quinn said the Recreation Board asked me if there was a way that the Park could be opened in April. Mr. Steele said the Recreation Board is the one that wants it open in April. My suggestion is have them pay the \$450 for the month if it is pretty much for them. There was some discussion about what to do and if we should split the cost.

Councilman Bartlow asked if there was a Porta-John at the park. There was some discussion about ordering a Porta-John for the park.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Thomas Smith to order a Porta-John for the Park. The motion carried.

Council President read a thank you card from the Eberhart Family.

Code Enforcement

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said Emil Bove and I had a meeting with Penn Dot and the people from the Fitness Center. Emil and I were there early and I asked some questions about what was going to happen with I-70 and the ramps. They said they did not hear or know anything. Mr. Bucan came into the meeting and told us everything about widening I-70

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from Madison to three lanes and if Federal Government money comes in the ramps will also be redone and there were several different scenarios. There was a lot of discussion about I-70 and the Fitness Complex.

Mr. Steele said we had a meeting with the Water Authority about the 48" waterline through the Borough. It will run from Bruster's to Fry Hollow. They will give us the final plans to look at when they have them.

Mr. Steele said everyone has a copy of my report.

Mr. Bitar asked if anyone looked at the road in Stanmont. Mr. Steele said yes. The remedy for the flaking of the asphalt at the driveways is to seal it.

Mr. Bitar asked if no littering signs could be put on Thermo Village Road. Mr. Steele said we could put the signs up but the biggest factor is when you call the State Police you need to identify the driver, license plate number, identify the car and the time of day in order for them to get fined.

Mr. Bitar said did we put a sign up saying hidden driveway. I did not see it when I came by there. Mr. Steele said we did put one up but someone might have taken it.

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard said Mel has been doing some catch basins and we are starting to get caught up. The worst ones have been taken care of. Another thing Sewickley Township has been hauling millings and they have completed what they hauled and I asked them if they would clean up around it and we are now going to haul the millings to the park to extend the parking area. Last week I mowed the grass on the Jamieson property.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary