

**Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
June 4, 2009**

The June 4, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott Sistik at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the New Stanton Municipal Building, 451 North Center Avenue, New Stanton, Pennsylvania. A Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present were Scott Sistik, Todd Bartlow, Wilbur Bussard, Sally Kintigh, Thomas Smith, and James Mack. Also present Borough Solicitor John Campfield, Borough Engineer Emil Bove, Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. and Mayor Joseph Kazan. Councilman Robert Quinn and Junior Councilperson Joshua Myers were absent.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve paying bills in the amount of \$15,609.20. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried with Scott Sistik abstaining.

A motion was made by Sally Kintigh second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow and Wilbur Bussard abstaining.

Permit discussion Stanwood

Michael Stack

Mr. Stack addressed Council and brought everybody up to date about the permit and the fees for the Stanwood Elementary School renovation. There was some discussion about the fees.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Todd Bartlow to create a permit in the amount of \$188,039.00 for the renovation of Stanwood Elementary School. The motion carried.

Council additions to the agenda

Council President added under new business the resolution for the extension on the Arona Road turn back.

Councilman Mack said we have a security problem. I don't feel that the security cameras should be installed by a gentleman who has defrauded the Water Authority out of millions of gallons of water and the sewage out of 6½ years of not paying any bills. It was mentioned at a previous meeting that you wanted this gentleman to install the cameras and he is under investigation right now; the Water Authority caught him taking water for 6½ years without paying for it and Youngwood did not get any sewage for 6½ years. That is not a person that I really think is an honest up right citizen and I do not think you should allow him to install or have anything to do with security with this

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building. He came to a settlement with the Water Authority and Youngwood is going after him for the sewage.

Public Comment

Mrs. Morgan said I would like to say that what Dr. Mack said is true and I can prove it. Also I don't think he should be allowed to run for Council when he is going to be taken in for stealing water.

Mr. Fox asked Emil about the sewage on Broadview and Emil said it is in my report.

Announcements

- 1. Annual Community Yard Sale – June 6, 2009**
- 2. Annual Community Picnic – August 8, 2009**
- 3. Concert in the Park (NSBA) – September 6, 2009**

Administrative reports

Code Enforcement Officer

Melvin F. Steele, Jr.

Mr. Steele said everyone has a copy of my report for the permits for the month of May. The total fees are \$586.00.

Solicitor

John Campfield

Mr. Campfield said the School District and the County have approved hiring the Appraiser on the 1st Commonwealth Bank tax assessment case. We had a status conference about a week ago and there is another one set for August. The appraisal should be completed before the end of July.

Mr. Campfield said there was a notice sent out to the Borough concerning the New Life Tabernacle Church tax assessment hearing that is coming up. I checked it deals with a request for an exemption. Currently now of the improvements are taxed. The only thing that is taxed is the land so they are requesting an exemption for the land. I don't see that it is in the best interest of anybody from the Borough to go to the hearing.

Mr. Campfield said the Super Valu papers have been prepared to resolve that and are being circulated for signatures. They should be signed fairly soon.

Engineer

Bove Engineering

Mr. Bove said first I would like to start with Broadview Road for group B sewer line extension. I have a Planning Module that is prepared for that project. I need a motion from Council to advertise a Public Notice in the newspaper for this project. Part

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of the Planning Module requirement is to have a Public Notice. There will be a 30 day comment period with that and once that 30 days are over then it is submitted to the DEP. Once we get the Public Notice back, probably at the next meeting we should be able to pass a resolution which designates that area as a sewer area which is currently designated as an on lot septic system area.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by James Mack to advertise a Public Notice for the Planning Module for Broadview Road group B sewer line extension. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

Mr. Bove said for Councils knowledge, next week the Annual report for the Ms4 permit is due and Mel has supplied me with some information that I need to include in the report. This is the last of the first set of permits. The next cycle is going to be the new Ms4 permit which will require the Borough to pass a new Ms4 Ordinance.

Mr. Bove said I had sent a letter to Shamrock Utility Trailers informing them of what is needed to expand their parking lot.

Mr. Bove said I and Mel had met with the Developer of Chanticleer Plan in reference to the Borough accepting three roadways that were part of Phase I and II. We took a drive over the roads with the Developer and evidently these roads were paved five or six years ago, they had put the tops on these three roadways. He is requesting now to start the process for the Borough to take these roads over. Currently the roads are in decent shape but they are not in the shape that the Borough normally considers when they adopt a roadway. There was some discussion about the roads in the Chanticleer Plan Phase I and II.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to send a letter to the Developer of Chanticleer informing him of what needs to be done for the Borough to accept those three roadways. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove asked if Proscap delivered final copies of the B. M. Plan. I spoke to Rob yesterday and he was going to try and get them to the office today. This is for Councils information we are waiting for the final Mylar for the Storm Water Management B. M. Plan which they will need to be signed and recorded. I believe John has already prepared a B. M. agreement which they need to enter into with the Borough.

Mayor Kazan asked about the status of the Ultimate Fitness Complex and Mr. Bove said as of today they have not applied for a highway occupancy permit for the encroachment they are going to be having within the slope easement of the highway.

Borough Committees

Finance

Scott Sistik

Council President read the following totals for the financial report for May, 2009.

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Checkbook	\$612,329.78
Savings	\$279,920.37
Taxes	\$ 96,669.76

Public Works

Wilbur Bussard

Councilman Bussard said Mel and the other guys are enlarging the parking area of the Park. We had a couple of calls up on Fox Road and that was taken care of.

Councilman Bussard said I need from Council permission to put the no parking signs up for the yard sale.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to have the no parking signs put up for the yard sale. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard said every year we add an additional street light. On Center Avenue by Hill Road, I think we need to have a light installed at the stop sign on Hill Road.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to have a street light installed at Hill Road and Center Avenue. The motion carried.

Councilman Bussard said some of our Welcome to New Stanton banners need replaced and I got a price for 15 banners at approximately \$1,500.00.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to purchase 15 banners from Rileighs Outdoor Décor. The motion carried with Councilman Smith and Councilman Mack voting no.

Reports

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said that (I.S.O.) Insurance Services Office is have a meeting with the Fire Department on June 12, 2009 and if anyone is interested in attending the meeting it starts at 10:00 a.m. Councilman Smith said if Council is going to attend to try and keep it to two (2) Council members.

Mayor Kazan said I heard back from Youngwood and they are interested in having another meeting with the Southwest Regional Police Department. I will coordinate things with them and all the Boroughs.

C. O. G.

James Mack

Councilman Mack said the C. O. G. adopted a resolution on the Open Records Act.

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Councilman Mack said at the C. O. G. meeting there was some discussion about Fios and it will probably be in this area in 2010 or 2011 and the C. O. G. can take several communities bundle it and go to Fios and say we have six, eight, ten communities that want to buy in give us a discount. They are coming through North Huntingdon and coming this way and if we sign up with the C. O. G. as a group our area if they want to combine with the surrounding communities then we get a better rate from Fios because they are bringing in eight or ten communities; that might be something we should look into. Council suggested a letter be sent to the C. O. G. informing them that we are interested in signing up for Fios.

Councilman Mack told Council and those present in the audience that the C. O. G. can bundle communities to get Grant money to get water and sewage. If your income is to high to qualify and if they bundle your community that is to high with a neighboring community that is low and they come up with an income average; you can get grants for water and sewage if the C. O. G. bundled it. Council President said what does the C. O. G. have to do in order to bundle it? Councilman Mack said you have to have cooperation from all communities concerned have to say we want it. If they bundle it the proper way you can get grants and I think it is worth looking into and I suggest that we get the C. O. G. people to come and lay it out for everybody. I don't think anyone in this room knew this was available. After some discussion Council President asked Councilman Mack to check with them and see if they would send people out and see if the first meeting in August would be alright and then we could hold the meeting it at the Fire Hall.

Councilman Mack said they also had some information about vehicles, if you are looking to buy a vehicle they can save you money on it.

Agenda

New Business

Opening of 2009 Road Project Bids

Council President opened and read the following road project bids for 2009.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Option 1 matting material</u>
El Grande Industries	Yes	108,955.00	3,000.00
Victor Paving	Yes	87,786.50	4,000.00
Donegal Construction	Yes	100,606.50	3,350.00
Derry Construction	Yes	92,729.50	3,750.00
A. Folino Construction	Yes	88,356.90	1,750.00

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Morgan Excavating, L. P. Yes 82,579.40 3,100.00

Council President said for the record Morgan Excavating is the lowest bid.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to award the road projects to Morgan Excavating, L. P. contingent upon the review of the contract by our Solicitor and our Engineer. The motion carried.

Mr. Bove said would the Borough entertain any interest if everyone is on the same time schedule possibly being interested in a combine project with Youngwood if they would be interested and if they do a project next year.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to approve Resolution 2009-676 on the Arona Road turn back extension. The motion carried.

Councilman Smith made an announcement that the Fire Department is having a Labor Day Special ticket for a Harley Davidson which includes the trailer. Tickets are \$5.00. They also have a winner's choice, 30 cases of domestic can beer or \$600 cash which goes off Friday, July 3, 2009 and the cost of a ticket is \$2.00. Contact the Fire Department for tickets.

Executive Session

Real Estate – Public Works/Municipal Building

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith to come out of executive session at 9:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by James Mack to authorize Emil to make multi-sketches of the Fire Department for Borough use and if it is approved between the Fire Department and the Borough that we get the proper companies down there to check the building out structurally, mold and health and welfare to make sure the building is safe for employees to be there long term with the Fire Departments permission. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary