

Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
June 18, 2009

The June 18, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 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, Sally Kintigh, Thomas Smith, Wilbur Bussard, Robert Quinn and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan and Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. Junior Councilperson Joshua Myers was absent.

General Business

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Thomas Smith to approve paying bills in the amount of \$5, 612.92. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Todd Bartlow second by Thomas Smith to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried with Councilman Robert Quinn abstaining.

Council additions to agenda

Council President said I am going to delete item two (2) from the agenda it will be brought up at a later date.

Councilman Mack said I have three things that I would like to add. One is a correction to Council President. Mrs. Morgan said candidates who have bad backgrounds or are being investigated for criminal activity should not be on the ballot and Scott you said you have take that up with the Election Board. Mr. Montini of the Election Board said it is not up to the Election Board it is up to Council to decide who of what moral fiber and legal standings they want on the ballot.

Councilman Mack said we just spent\$1,500.00 on banners when we should form a committee to go out and talk to people and encourage them to come to New Stanton and take over these abandoned properties. We need to attract business to this town and banners are not going to do it. There was some discussion about a Business Development Committee.

Councilman Mack said on the Firehouse building, did we get anything on the inspections or are we doing anything toward getting inspections and are we going to make any of that public. I'm not sure how many people in town what to buy it. Another thing with the financial situation in the whole country, we might be able to go to the bank and offer them half to pay the building off. Some of the banks are willing to make deals right now. If you are dead set on buying that building you should try and get it for as little as you can.

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Councilman Smith said before we buy the building we will have the building completely checked for mold, structural, etc before the money is spent. We are looking at possibly buying land and try to build a new building. With the economy like it is that may not be possible right now.

Mrs. Morgan said don't you think you should form a committee for the citizens to have their input on it. There are a lot of business people in this town that have a lot of good ideas. There was some discussion about forming a committee.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Robert Quinn to appoint James Mack as chairman of the Business Development Committee to attract new business and tax base to New Stanton. The motion carried.

The committee consists of James Mack, Rob Quinn, and Joseph Kazan.

Public Comment

Mr. Echard said the see the tent is going up at the old Texaco station probably for fireworks. Do they have a permit? Mr. Steele said yes they do. Mr. Echard said did the people selling furniture get a permit and Mr. Steele said yes they did. Mr. Echard said do you think it is a good idea to have them setup and sell fireworks near two gas stations. Mr. Steele said we have never had a problem in the past but we can ask that they have fire extinguishers on hand.

Mr. Bailey said with the heavy rain we had Wednesday night some of the rip rap washed away. Mr. Bailey said I am pleased with the way the rip rap worked out. Mr. Steele said he would take care of it.

Agenda

New Business

There was some discussion about the plans for the storage building and the stormwater management plans for the Turnpike.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to approve the Turnpike Stormwater Management Plans, Storage building contingent upon us receiving a copy of an approval letter from the Conservation District. The motion carried.

Announcements

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

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Reports

Council President

Scott C. Sistik

Council President said we have a letter from the Sewage Authority about the Planning Module and that there is a \$600.00 Planning Module fee.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to pay \$600.00 to Hempfield Township Municipal Authority for the Group B, Broadview Road Sewage Planning Module. The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said that he was wondering why the parking signs were not put up on the day of the yard sale. The mail lady said she had a hard time getting to the mailboxes. Council President said as I was walking around I had some people tell me that had we put the signs up they don't think we would have had a lot of people in the area.

Mayor Kazan said he attended the meeting with the Insurance Services Office at the Fire Hall and they did a thorough investigation of the trucks and equipment and training records. We should have a report by the end of summer.

Mrs. Morgan said everyone up there has a habit of speaking to each other instead of to the people. I think you should look into a public announcement system. Council agreed.

Mrs. Smyda asked if we heard from Youngwood or Hunker about the Regional Police Department and Mayor Kazan said we had one scheduled for June 16, 2009, but we had to cancel. We are going to reschedule so that all three Councils and all three Mayors can attend.

A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ann Roll

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Secretary