

Borough of New Stanton Council meeting
August 20, 2009

The August 20, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Vice President Wilbur Bussard. 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 Wilbur Bussard, Sally Kintigh, Thomas Smith, and James Mack. Also present Mayor Joseph Kazan. Members absent were Todd Bartlow, Scott Sistek, Robert Quinn and Junior Councilperson Joshua Myers.

General Business

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Sally Kintigh to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$8,148.14. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by James Mack to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2009 Council meeting. The motion carried with Councilman Bussard and Councilwoman Kintigh abstaining.

Council additions to agenda

Councilman Mack said I have two items. One item is a solution to the problem in one week the current problem with the off ramp of the Turnpike onto I-70 which is to send a letter requesting that Penn Dot paint lines and put up seven signs. There was some discussion.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to send a letter to Penn Dot requesting two merge left signs, a sign that says New Stanton next two exits, a New Stanton exit sign and a New Stanton/Hunker exit sign and white lines painted in the right hand lane starting with the on ramp for the Turnpike and ending at the exit ramp for the Turnpike. The motion carried with Councilwoman Kintigh voting no.

Councilman Mack said the other thing is Mel was complaining about citizens putting too much stuff in the dumpsters. There was some discussion about getting a bigger dumpster or getting a second dumpster.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to get a bigger dumpster or a second one for the Borough. The motion carried.

Councilman Smith said we had a gentleman come into the office and complain about the paving contractor cutting him off and flipping him the finger. Anita Hoffman said she notified Emil and he took care of it.

Ms. Hoffman said a friend of hers is selling a business and has an overhead projector for sale for \$100.00. I have it in my car if you are interested in seeing it.

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Councilman Mack said bring it in we just paid \$55.00 for a pair of pliers; were getting an overhead projector for \$100.00.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to purchase the overhead projector for \$100.00. The motion carried.

Public comment

Mr. Evans asked what Councils actions are on the Regional Police Force. Mayor Kazan said we spoke with Hunker and Youngwood after the meeting and we were thinking of putting a committee together with the Mayors of the three Boroughs and also the Presidents of Council of the three Boroughs and then looking at the arrangements that we might make. Councilman Mack said I would like to make a suggestion, East Huntingdon has a problem and they are thinking about organizing a crime watch. I think we should talk to them and see if they would like to join in.

Mr. Miller of Youngwood said first of all I am not representing Youngwood this is my personal opinion and then he addressed Council about the Regional Police Force.

Mrs. Arthurs said if you do have another public meeting, I think you need to put out better notices.

Mr. Ilgenfritz said at the last meeting Dr. Mack brought up about Proscap and about light industrial issue. This was kind of a deceptive issue. There was some discussion about why they were not at the meeting to explain what was going on. Mayor Kazan said they are scheduled to meet at September 3, 2009 Council meeting. Mr. Bove said they have an approved Storm Water Management plan and a Best Management Practices agreement that has been entered into and they have all been recorded in the Courthouse. We are just waiting for him to install the system.

Reports

Councilman Bussard said I received a letter from Congressman Murphy stating that Southwestern Pennsylvania has been denied disaster relief after the storms that hit the area in June. Mayor Kazan said I asked the secretaries if anyone called to say that they were flooded out and no one here in New Stanton was flooded or had any major damage done. I don't think New Stanton was hit that hard. Councilman Bussard said I think we should send a letter to let him know that we did not have any major damage done from the storm.

Mayor

Joseph Kazan

Mayor Kazan said we received a letter from the DEP that we are receiving a recycling performance grant in the amount of \$1,462.00 for calendar year 2007.

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Mayor Kazan said we received a letter and a certificate of recognition for our donation of \$500 to the Disabled American Veterans Van Drivers.

Mayor Kazan said we had 130 people at the picnic, the Spinnerets put on a little performance for us and I would like to thank Scott, Tom, Mary Ann, Mike & Sally Arthurs, Ron Roll, Cheryl Kazan, Public Works crew and the New Stanton Firemen for all their help. I would also like to recognize those who made donations. They are LEFF Electronics, Kris Feliciani/State Farm Insurance, Bruster's, Super Valu, Pagano's Hepler's Hardware, Subway, New Stanton Veterinary Service, Proscape, Top of the Stairs Ceramics, 4 Star Car Wash, Sunoco, Five Star Trail, New Stanton Pharmacy, McDonalds, Ron & Mary Ann Roll, Cracker Barrel, Eat N'Park, KFC, Suzie's Cut Above, La Tavola Ristorante, B. P. Oil, Szechuan Wok, Pine Center Laundry & Dry Cleaners, John Campfield, and Curves.

Mayor Kazan read a letter from AWK Consulting Engineers, Inc. the Ultimate Fitness Complex. The letter reads as follows.

Dear Council Members/Planning Commission:

As a result of the current business climate, and the anticipated lengthy approval process, J & E Real Estate, L.P. will be unable to move forward at this time with the project referenced above.

Sincerely,

Errol S. Abdulla, P. E.
President

Mr. Bove said the last he spoke with Penn Dot which was approximately two months ago they had not submitted any applications to Penn Dot. Mayor Kazan said so it was not the Borough who was holding them up.

Agenda

New Business

Council Vice President read a letter from Council President on his opinion about the appointment of a Tax Collector for the short term position. There was some discussion about appointing a Tax Collector for the short term position. Each of the applicants for the Tax Collectors position that were present told Council a little bit about themselves. The applicants present were Lucinda Steinmeyer, Kathy Ryce, Carol Umbel, Karen Rattanni, and Angela Coldren.

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A motion was made by Thomas Smith second by Sally Kintigh to appoint Angela Coldren to fill the position as tax collector. The motion carried with Councilman Mack voting no.

A motion was made by James Mack second by Thomas Smith to approve the Carl Miller Subdivision. The motion carried.

Old Business

Storage Building/Municipal Garage

Councilman Mack said I would like to table this vote until all of Council is present. Councilman Mack said I am making a motion to table it. I will do the same thing I did the last time. Meetings adjourned if you don't table it. If you want to continue the meeting fine but if you don't want to table it the meeting ends right now. Councilwoman Kintigh said I will not vote to table it. Councilman Mack said fine the meeting is over then. Councilman Mack walked out of the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Council Vice President Wilbur Bussard said this meeting is adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Roll
Secretary