

## **Borough of New Stanton Council meeting September 3, 2009**

The September 3, 2009 Council meeting of the Borough of New Stanton was called to order by Council President Scott C. 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 after which there was a moment of silence for our former Tax Collector Lee Todd who passed away Tuesday evening.

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

### **General Business**

**A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$12,607.96.** The motion carried.

**A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Sally Kintigh to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2009 special meeting.** The motion carried with Todd Bartlow abstaining.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2009 council meeting.** The motion carried with Scott Sistik, Todd Bartlow and Robert Quinn abstaining.

### **Carl Miller – Alley Vacation**

Mr. Ron Regola addressed Council about the Carl Miller Alley Vacation. Mr. Campfield told him what they need to do in order to vacate the alley.

### **Robert Cammarata – Proscapes**

Mr. Cammarata addressed Council about his parking lot and told them that his goal is to get everything done next year. I can give you an answer the first meeting of the year as to when I will have the parking lot finished.

Mr. Bitar addressed Council and the audience and said that the Borough did nothing wrong with the Sports Complex.

### **Council additions to agenda**

Council President Scott Sistik added to the agenda a discussion on the basement door lock and a donation to Westmoreland Cleanways.

### **Public Comment**

Joy Bartlow addressed Council and the Audience with a dissertation about her husband's absence from the council meetings and the accomplishments of the girl's Little League World

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Series. Council President Scott Sisteck said I want to state one thing, and this is a neutral statement and that is the former Mayor Russ McHugh asked me to run for Council and he told me that you have to have priorities and you put these in order. First of all God, then Family, then your Job and then Council and that's the priorities.

**Announcements**

- 1 Concert in the Park (NSBA) – September 6, 2009 Noon to 8:00 p.m.
- 2 WCBA meeting at Westmoreland Conservation District (Barn) - September 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Echard said I liked your words and I would like to go on record in saying that for almost two years, I've attended just about every meeting here and in the beginning I stood up and said that it was very insecure to be a Borough resident having a Council conduct themselves the way they do at meetings like this and we haven't advanced a whole lot more than that. When you are sitting in one of those seats, I know that is sometimes a very vulnerable position to be in because I too am in a leadership capacity and I know that sometimes things are said, opinions are given; right or wrong whatever they are. It is always our job whenever we are an elected official or in a leadership position that we treat everyone with respect whether we agree with what they are saying or not. There were some comments that were made this evening by Council members that were not very respectful because the residents of the Borough are the customers and that old customer service attitude that helps companies to advance when they stick to their core values where the customers are right. We are the taxpayers and regardless of what is being said when it comes to this table it should be very professional, no matter what goes on out here because you were chosen by the people to represent this community and if you can't hold your anger put aside your personal feelings when you are sitting up there sometimes people are going to say things that you are not going to like but the way you respond makes all the difference in the world.

**Administrative Reports**

**Code Enforcement Officer**

**Melvin F. Steele, Jr.**

Code Enforcement Officer Melvin F. Steele, Jr. reported to Council that the Public Works Department is continuing with basin work in the Borough and that there were six (6) permits issued resulting in Borough fees of \$690.00. Mr. Littlefield of LEFF Electronics was notified that he does not have a driveway permit to be using that property.

**Solicitor**

**John Campfield**

Mr. Campfield said that the Super Valu appeal is close to being resolved. Last month we discussed the First Commonwealth Bank tax appeal case and Council authorized a settlement of that at a particular number based upon the School District likewise approving that same number. The School District is seeking a higher number and they have been doing the negotiations with that. So far it has not moved. Hopefully it is going to be resolved here if not it is scheduled for trial in the near future. I am optimistic that it is going to get resolved.

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**Engineer**

**Bove Engineering**

Mr. Bove said the all the paved work is done and the seal coat is to be done next Tuesday.

Mr. Bove said we will still be using the same application for the MS4 Permit. We were to use new applications for next year but the DEP does not have them ready.

Mr. Bove said the aerial photography has been done. I have already given him the authorization to proceed with the topography for the Broadview Road sewer area and Arona Road. We need to meet with HTMA to go over details. They will be requiring flow monitoring of the Broadview sewer area. That is still pending. They have not provided us with our planning modules back with the signatures so that cannot be submitted until they finish their study of the area. There was some discussion and Scott, Joe and Emil are going to meet with HTMA.

Mr. Bove gave Council a drawing of the Fire Hall and the changes that he made for the Borough office. There was some discussion and the plan needs to be given to the Fire Hall for their review and approval. Council President said there is a meeting on September 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Mr. Bove addressed Council about the storage building. There was a discussion about the storage building.

**A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to award the bid for the storage building to Scottdale Builders for \$21,709.00.** The motion carried with Scott Sistik abstaining and James Mack voting no.

Mr. Bove said that Council needs to provide to the County a list of projects that could be funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program by the end of October. After some discussion Council came decided on two projects to submit.

**A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Robert Quinn to have Emil prepare the paperwork and submit School Street as the first project on the list and Marginal Road as the second project for CDBG Funds.** The motion carried.

Mr. Bove said Dorso L.P. has submitted application for street opening permits for Arona Road and Northeast Drive for the installation of gas lines. Mr. Campfield said we can give them a road opening permit but we are not giving them a right of way. There was a letter and an agreement sent out last November and we never received anything back. There was some discussion about Dorso L.P.

**Reports**

Council President said we got from the DEP a recycling performance grant in the amount of \$1,462.00.

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**Finance**

**Scott C. Sistek**

Council President Scott Sistek read the following financial report for August 2009.

Checkbook	\$575,216.66
Savings	\$278,011.84
Taxes	\$ 8,088.97

**Public Works**

**Wilbur Bussard**

Councilman Wilbur Bussard said Mel is trying to clean some of the roadwork with the project that has been done. We have some additional catch basins that we need to do some work on. We started to extend the parking lot at the Park. There was some discussion about projects that need to be done at the Park and at the corner where Mr. Hawley lives.

Mayor Kazan said I know you are making progress with getting the millings off the Jamieson property but I noticed today two or three big piles of stone there and was wondering whose stone is it. Mr. Steele said that stone is for the road project for the seal coating. Mayor Kazan said why don't we offer the millings that are on the Jamieson property to residents who need it for driveways. Mr. Campfield said we need to look at the contract. Mayor Kazan said why can't we turn in the millings that we have accumulated from our recent road projects to anyone in the Borough who would have use for them to try and move the millings along. Mr. Campfield said you have a procedure in place for the disposal of surplus property. There was discussion about the millings.

Mayor Kazan said at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting there was a motion made by Jim and second by Tom and approved to get a dumpster for the Borough. Today one of our neighbors had a pickup truck full of stuff and I suggested that he take it to the dumpster and he was told he should not be dumping it there. There was a discussion about the dumpster and what could be put in the dumpster and some discussion about the mowing of the Jamieson property.

**Business Development**

**James Mack**

Councilman James Mack said I am working on an accounting firm who is thinking about establishing a branch office.

Council President said there is a winter maintenance seminar in Ebensburg.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Wilbur Bussard to send John Rhoades to a winter maintenance seminar on September 17, 2009.** The motion carried.

Council President said we have a letter from Kim Ward who is hosting a workshop, September 16, 2009 with PEMA to be held at the Adamsburg Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Todd Bartlow said some of the World Series Girls started in New Stanton Recreation.

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**Planning Commission**

**Robert Quinn**

Councilman Quinn said the Planning Commission is working on revising the Zoning to try and make it easier to understand and I would like to mention to them to take in to consideration the problem we are having with the time frame for plans.

**Agenda**

**New Business**

**WCTA Contract for 2009-2010**

**A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Todd Bartlow to approve the 2009-2010 contract with payment of \$550.00 to be made in January 2010. The motion carried.**

**Rat Bait**

There was a discussion about the purchase of Rat Bait.

**A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to purchase one case of Rat Bait at \$214.50 a case at Penn State. The motion carried with Robert Quinn and James Mack voting no.**

**Discussion on lock for basement door**

There was some discussion about the panic bar for the basement door. Council decided to wait.

**A motion was made by James Mack second by Todd Bartlow to donate \$50.00 to Westmoreland Cleanways. The motion carried.**

**Old Business**

**A motion was made by Robert Quinn second by Todd Bartlow to approve Resolution 2009-677 designating Scott C. Sitek as the delegate and Joseph Kazan as the alternate to the Westmoreland County Tax Collector Committee. The motion carried with Scott Sitek abstaining.**

**A motion was made by Wilbur Bussard second by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Ann Roll**

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Secretary