

***New Stanton Borough Special Council Meeting  
May 31, 2007***

*Council President Sistek* called the Special Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, Robert Quinn, Jerry Ilgenfritz, Thomas Theis, and James Mack. Also present *Mayor* Joseph Kazan.

*Members absent:* Wilbur Bussard – *Council President* said “Wilbur stated he will not participate in this discussion or in any votes to be taken thereof, it was mentioned at one of the meetings that he should not participate by another Council person so he elected on his own not to be here this evening.”

*Guest’s present:* Evelyn Kauffman, Mary Quinn, Sally Arthurs, Mike Arthurs, Paul Booth, Evelyn Booth, Tom Smith, Peg Kelly, C. Kauffman, Kelly Moore, Paula Fontanazza & David Reese.

*Council President Sistek* said “if anyone would like to speak at this meeting please sign at the back if you’ve not already done so.” He then was given the sign in sheet. *Council President* said “Another matter of record, this is a special meeting the notice was advertised in the Tribune Review on Tuesday May 29, 2007.” He then read the notice.

*Audience Comments*

Resident Tom Smith said “I just have rumors on what’s going on, is there someway you can give us a quick rundown on this or not?” *Council President Sistek* said “at this time all I can say is the issues on the agenda with Personnel Discipline and Legal Action does involve Mary Ann Roll.” Resident Evelyn Kauffman said “I’ve known Mary Ann since she came into our Borough building. I find her personality to be sweet; she’s a very giving, generous person. My husband Wayne before he got sick and died, had a relationship with her, he spoke very well of Mary Ann.” “You know, I’m uncomfortable and I hurt for her right now for what has been put on her, and I hope that justice is done.”

**Agenda Items**

*Personnel Discipline and Legal Action*

***Jim Mack made a motion second by Jerry Ilgenfritz to go into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. for Personnel matters involving Mary Ann Roll.***

A resident spoke up and asked why they had to have a closed session in closed doors, why can’t we hear what’s going on? *Council President Sistek*, said “First of all there’s certain matters that are entitled to be in Executive Session to protect both the Borough and the employees.” “In this case we’re going to have you stay here, invite you to stay until we’re done.” “We are going to go upstairs for this meeting and come back with whatever has to be dealt with.” She went on to say, “I don’t understand, if it’s a public meeting.” *Attorney Campfield* said “Any decision or any action that Council takes has to

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be taken in the open meeting where you're all present." "But because it involves a personnel matter under the Open Meetings act they have a right to discuss that in Executive Session, which is the motion that's been made and seconded." She then asked why they couldn't have Executive Session before they came here, what are they suppose to do while they are upstairs? Maybe someone else would like to say something, you still want to open the floor? *Councilman Ilgenfritz* said "we have done that, we have a motion on the floor and a second, we have to take a vote now, and everyone was given an opportunity to speak. *Council President* took the vote on the motion. *All members said yes with the exception of Todd Bartlow voting no.*

At 7:11 p.m. Council members went upstairs for an Executive Session, inviting Mary Ann Roll and her Council to attend.

***Todd Bartlow made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:21 p.m.***  
*Council President* asked that the audience to withhold comment until the entire motion is read and voted upon. *President Sistik* then asked for a recommendation from the Personnel Committee.

***Jim Mack made a motion seconded by Jerry Ilgenfritz to impose four (4) three (3) day suspensions under the third stage of Borough disciplinary policy, each suspension to take place over the next four (4) weeks. After said four (4) week period Ms. Roll shall return to full time employment, this action is undertaken with the consent and agreement of Ms. Roll and the actions shall be reduced to writing and executed by both the Borough and Ms. Roll.***

The motion passed unanimously

Resident Tom Smith said "I don't know what went on with this, if Mary Ann agrees with that it's her." "But what I don't agree with, go back it doesn't concern this but its disciplinary action." "When you have one Councilman threaten bodily harm on another Councilman and the rest of Council won't do nothing about it." "That was at the Executive meeting, don't stand there looking like you don't know what's going on Jerry." *Councilman Ilgenfritz* said "I don't know what you're talking about." Smith said "There was an Executive meeting which Wilbur was threatened to be taken outside." *Councilman Ilgenfritz* said "Are you talking about that three (3) or four (4) month ago incident?" Smith said "It still, where was the action taken then, shouldn't there have been something done then?" "Council didn't do nothing then." Ilgenfritz said "it was between Council members anyhow."

***A motion was made by Todd Bartlow to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

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